Rule 12 – Notable Changes

• Walls and lips are not part of the bunker.

• Allowed to touch sand in many cases, with certain exceptions.

• May move loose impediments in a bunker without penalty.

• Restrictions on testing/touching similar bunkers removed.
Rule 12 – Key Concepts

12.1 When Ball Is in Bunker
• Ball must be touching sand (or where sand would be) to be in bunker.

12.2 Playing Ball in Bunker
• Touching sand allowed except:
  – To test the condition
  – With club right behind or in front of ball
  – Making a practice swing or during backswing
• Once ball played out of bunker, restrictions do not apply.

12.3 When Ball Is in Bunker
• Traffic Cop Rule to guide to specific bunker relief situations