

# 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