

# Rule 14 – Notable Changes

- New limits on what may be used as a ball-marker.
- Must remove ball-marker before stroke.
- Ball must be replaced by hand in the “right way”.
- Dropping in the “right way”
  - Player only (but partner may in partner events)
  - Knee height, straight down, must not touch any person or equipment before ground
  - Must land in relief area
- Any dropping procedure involves dropping into a relief area.
- Accidental deflection by person or equipment (after hitting ground) counts – no re-drop if stays inside relief area

# Rule 14.1-14.3 – Key Concepts

## 14.1 Marking, Lifting and Cleaning Ball

- Must mark before lifting under Rule requiring replacement.
- Procedural penalty is one stroke (14.1-14.3):
  - Failure to mark, mark in wrong way, fail to remove ball-marker before stroke
  - Cleaning when not permitted
  - Replaced by wrong person or in wrong way on right spot
  - Dropped in wrong way but played from relief area
- Ball may always be cleaned when lifted except:
  - (1) To see if cut or cracked, (2) to identify, (3) because it interferes or (4) to see if Rule applies.
- Ball may be lifted by player (partner) or person authorized by player.
  - New exception: caddie always authorized when on putting green.

# Rule 14.1-14.3 – Key Concepts

## 14.2 Replacing Ball on Spot

- Player (partner) or person who lifted/moved ball must replace.
- Procedural penalty is one stroke (14.1-14.3):
  - Failure to mark, mark in wrong way, fail to remove ball-marker before stroke
  - Cleaning when not permitted
  - Replaced by wrong person or in wrong way on right spot
  - Dropped in wrong way but played from relief area
- Replacing in right way:
  - (1) Set down on spot and (2) let go so it stays on the spot
- If lie altered, ball always replaced.
- When spot or lie not known, spot or lie is estimated.

# Rule 14.1-14.3 – Key Concepts

## 14.3 Dropping Ball in Relief Area

- Player (partner) must drop.
- Procedural penalty is one stroke (14.1-14.3):
  - Failure to mark, mark in wrong way, fail to remove ball-marker before stroke
  - Cleaning when not permitted
  - Replaced by wrong person or in wrong way on right spot
  - **Dropped in wrong way but played from relief area**
- Dropping in right way:
  - (1) By player (partner), (2) knee height, straight down, no touching person or equipment before ground, (3) into relief area.
- May always substitute under Rule 14.3.
- Ball must stay in relief area. If not, re-drop. If not then place.
- Deliberate deflection = general penalty, unless no chance ball will stay in relief area.

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- Rules now state putting a ball into play is an intentional act.
- One club-length relief area for playing from previous spot in general area, penalty area or bunker.
- If a player is required to drop again and has done something that would be a penalty, he or she might not get a penalty if a ball is dropped again.
- Deadline for correcting a serious breach of playing from a wrong place on the last hole is before the player's scorecard is returned.

## **Rule 14.4-14.7 – Key Concepts**

### **14.4 When Player’s Ball is Back in Play after Original Was Out of Play**

- Ball must be intentionally put into play.

### **14.5 Correcting Mistake in Substituting, Replacing, Dropping or Placing Ball**

- Bigger “eraser”.
- Stuck with what you get right.

### **14.6 Making Next Stroke from Where Previous Stroke Made**

- Teeing Area – Make stroke from teeing area.
- General Area, Penalty Area, Bunker – Drop in relief area.
- Putting Green – Place on previous spot.

# Rule 14.4-14.7 – Key Concepts

## 14.7 Playing from Wrong Place

- Serious Breach defined term – where player could have gained a significant advantage.
- General Penalty.
- No Serious Breach – play out with ball played from wrong place.
- Serious Breach – must correct or DQ in stroke play.