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.
Rule 14 – Notable Changes

• 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.