

Status of the Ball– Key Concepts

In Play

- Ball in play when hole started
 - Unless lifted, out of bounds, lost or substituted for.
 - Unlifted or replaced ball is in play, even if ball-marker in place

Wrong Ball

- Any ball in the world, other than
 - the player's ball in play,
 - a provisional ball,
 - or second ball when permitted in stroke play

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Substitute

- Substituted Ball becomes the ball in play even if the substitution was not allowed.

Lost

- Ball lost when not found in 3 minutes.
- Search starts when player, player's caddie (or partner or partner's caddie) start to search.
- Temporary interruptions for good reason do not count in search time.

Rule 6.3 – Notable Changes

- Substitution permitted under any relief procedure.
- Determining whether another player has played your ball as a wrong ball is specifically noted as its own known or virtually certain situation.
- Wrong ball moving in temporary water now exempt from penalty.

Rule 6.3 – Key Concepts

6.2 Substitution of Another Ball While Playing Hole

- Player may substitute whenever taking relief, including placing (but not REplacing) on the putting green.
- Substituted ball becomes the ball in play, even if it wasn't allowed.
- General Penalty for incorrect substitution.

6.3 Wrong Ball

- Playing a wrong ball is the general penalty.
- Stroke Play = Must correct or DQ