

# DECISIONS ON THE RULES OF GOLF 2008/2009

## NEW DECISIONS

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### REVISED DECISIONS

1–3/1 Players Agree Not to Tee Off in Prescribed Order to Save Time  
*Answer expanded to explain that acting out of ignorance is not an agreement to waive a Rule.*

1–4/9 Bird's Nest Interfering with Stroke

*Amended for consistency with Decision 1–4/10.*

1–4/10 Dangerous Situation; Rattlesnake or Bees Interfere with Play

*Amended slightly for consistency with Decision 1–4/9.*

4–1/5 Material Applied to Top of Clubhead to Reduce Glare or for Protection

*Reasons for application of material expanded. Formerly 4–2/1.*

4–2/2 Playing Characteristics of Club Changed While Play Suspended; Error Discovered Before Play Resumed

*Amended to clarify that the altered clubs may be declared out of play rather than discarded and to reflect the change in penalty for a breach of Rule 4–2.*

4–3/12 Replacing Club for Stroke-Play Play-Off

*Amended to refer to a "hole-by-hole" play-off.*

4–4a/7 Carrying Weighted Training Club

*Amended to reference the possibility that a very heavy club may not conform to the Rules.*

5–1/2 Condition Requiring Use of Ball on List of Conforming Golf Balls; Penalty for Breach

*Amended to provide that a Committee may not change the penalty of disqualification prescribed by the optional condition of competition.*

5–1/4 Status of 'X-out,' 'Refurbished' and 'Practice' Balls

*Amended to refer to "refurbished" balls and balls stamped with "Practice."*

6–2a/6 Wrong Handicap Allowance Used in Match

*Amended to reflect generally recommended handicap allowance in a singles match.*

6–4/5.3 Status of Additional Persons and Items Carried by Such Persons for Player

*Amended to reinforce the revised Definition of "Equipment", which provides that the items carried by the additional persons would also be outside agencies.*

6–4/5.5 Application of Penalty When Player Has Multiple Caddies

*The facts of the situation have been amended for clarification.*

7–1b/3 Competitor Who Practises on Competition Course After

Qualifying Round Subsequently Is in Play-Off on Same Day

*Amended for clarity and to refer to a "hole-by-hole" play-off.*

8–1/2 Exchanging Distance Information

*Amended to address a situation where a player obtains distance information from someone using an artificial device.*

8–1/6 Asking Opponent or Fellow-Competitor What Club He Used at Previous Hole

*Amended to clarify that the answer is the same even if the two holes in question are similar.*

8–1/14 Competitor, After Finishing Hole, Demonstrates to Fellow-Competitor How to Play Shot

*Amended to explain why the penalty is applied to the 7th hole and to clarify the ruling if both players had completed play of the 7th hole.*

9–3/1 Competitor in Hole-by-Hole Play-Off Gives Wrong Information

*Amended to refer to a "hole-by-hole" play-off.*

13–2/27 Probing Near Ball for Tree Roots

*The need for there to be a reasonable possibility that there are rocks or roots in the area has been eliminated as it was unnecessary.*

13–4/4 Touching Grass with Club During Practice Swing in Hazard

*Amended for clarity.*

13–4/19 Condition of Bunker Altered by First Player to Play from It  
*Amended to clarify that there must be a reasonable possibility that the disturbed area could affect the player's subsequent stroke and that anyone may restore the bunker to its original condition.*

13–4/39 Player Smooths Irregularities in Bunker After Playing Out of Turn in Match Play; Opponent Then Recalls Stroke  
*Answer amended to provide for no penalty to the player who raked the bunker, as he did not know his stroke would be recalled.*

14/1.5 Intent to Strike Ball Ceases During Downswing; Club Not Stopped But Path of Clubhead Altered to Avoid Striking Ball  
*Amended to clarify when a player is considered to have made a stroke.*

14–3/8 Adhesive Tape  
*Amended to clarify that the tape must not be excessive.*

15–1/2.5 Balls Inadvertently Exchanged by Players After One Ball Struck and Moved the Other; One Player Substitutes Balls  
*Answer expanded to reference the penalty stroke the opponent incurs for lifting the player's ball without authority.*

16–2/2 Ball Overhanging Hole Knocked Away by Opponent Before Player Determines Status  
*Answer amended to refer to equity (Rule 1–4), rather than Rule 1–2, as the basis for the penalty for the opponent.*

16–2/4 Ball Overhanging Hole Moves When Flagstick Removed  
*Answer amended to refer to equity (Rule 1–4), rather than Rule 1–2, as the basis for the penalty for an opponent or fellow-competitor who removes the flagstick without authority before the ball is deemed to be at rest.*

16–2/5 Ball Overhanging Hole Moves and Strikes Flagstick During Removal of Flagstick  
*Answer expanded to address the situation where an opponent or fellow-competitor removed the flagstick in such circumstances.*

17–1/6 Attended Flagstick Placed on Ground Subsequently Lifted  
*Amended to correspond with the change to Rule 24–1 allowing the movement of a removed flagstick while a ball is in motion.*

18–2b/4 Ball Moves After Player Grounds Club But Before Stance Completed  
*Answer amended to refer to the grounding of the club for consistency with the Definition of "Addressing the Ball".*

18–2b/9 Ball Moves After Address and Comes to Rest Out of Bounds; Player Plays Ball  
*Amended to clarify the answer if the player plays the ball from out of bounds.*

19–2/1 Ball Stopped by Player's Foot Moves When Foot Removed  
*Amended to refer to the revised penalty of one stroke for a breach of Rule 19–2. In addition, the answer has been revised to refer to Decision 1–4/12 and to address the situation where the player does not replace the ball.*

19–2/1.5 Ball Moves Prior to Address and Is Accidentally Stopped by Player's Club; Player Removes Club and Ball Moves Away  
*Amended to refer to the revised penalty of one stroke for a breach of Rule 19–2. In addition, the answer has been revised to refer to Decision 1–4/12 and to include the penalty in match play if the ball is not replaced.*

20–1/0.7 Lifting Ball to Determine Application of Rule  
*Amended to make permission to lift ball more general and to provide for no penalty for failure to follow prescribed procedure if the player is in fact entitled to relief. Formerly 25/21 and 25–2/7.*

20–1/16 Method Used to Mark Position of Ball  
*Expanded to include a reference to the act of moving a ball-marker that interferes.*

20–3b/5 Lie of Ball in Rough Altered by Outside Agency; Original Lie of Ball Known and Spot Where Ball Lay Not Determinable  
*Amended to clarify that if the original lie of the ball is known, Rule 20–3b overrides Rule 20–3c.*

20–5/2 Player Proceeding Under Rule 20–5 Drops Ball on Different Part of Course

*Amended to correspond to change to Rule 20–5 and to clarify that the player does not need to lift the dropped ball when correcting the error under Rule 20–6.*

20–6/3 Ball Mistakenly Substituted When Dropped; Correction of Error  
*Amended to provide that the player is not required to lift the dropped ball when correcting the error under Rule 20–6.*

20–7/2 Ball Deemed Unplayable in Water Hazard Is Dropped in Hazard and Played

*Amended to clarify that Rule 28 did not apply and that the player is therefore considered to have proceeded under Rule 26–1.*

20–7c/4 Competitor's Ball Played by Fellow-Competitor; Competitor Substitutes Another Ball at Wrong Place, Plays It and Then Abandons It and Plays Out Original Ball from Right Place

*Amended to clarify that it is a question of fact who played A's original ball and to amend A's score to reflect the changes to Rules 15–2 and 20–7c.*

20–7c/6 Ball in Bunker Played by Another Player: Ball Not Replaced by Player

*Answer amended to reflect the change to Rule 15–3b and to provide for a penalty for the fellow-competitor. Formerly 18–4/1.*

22/6 Competitor Requests That Ball in Position to Assist Him Not Be Lifted

*Reference to Rule 1–3 eliminated as the disqualification now comes from Rule 22–1 itself.*

22/7 Ball Assisting Fellow-Competitor on Putting Green; Procedure for Committee Member if Competitor Does Not Lift Ball

*Reference to Rule 1–3 eliminated as the disqualification now comes from Rule 22–1 itself.*

23/1 When Loose Impediment Transformed into Obstruction

*Amended to reflect the true origin of a charcoal briquette.*

23/14 Loose Impediments Used to Surface Road

*Expanded to address paths covered with other material.*

23–1/7 Loose Impediment Affecting Lie Moved When Ball Lifted

*Expanded to include a ball lifted in a hazard.*

23–1/10 Removal of Loose Impediments Affecting Player's Play

*Amended to provide for the replacement of the loose impediments that were moved against the player's wishes.*

24/16 Opponent or Fellow-Competitor Removes Obstruction

Affecting Player's Play

*Amended to provide for the replacement of the obstruction that was moved against the player's wishes.*

24–2b/11 Ball Lying on Elevated Part of Immovable Obstruction

*Amended to clarify the procedure if the spot on the ground directly beneath the ball lying on the obstruction still gives the player interference from the obstruction.*

26–1/21 Example of Serious Breach of Lateral Water Hazard Rule

*Expanded to clarify that, when correcting the error of dropping in a wrong place, the player may then proceed under any option of Rule 26–1.*

27/11 Provisional Ball Not Distinguishable from Original Ball

*Amended to provide that, in the case when both the original and provisional balls are in a water hazard, the player must proceed under Rule 26–1 with respect to the original ball.*

27–2b/10 Provisional Ball Lifted Subsequently Becomes Ball in Play; Competitor Then Plays from Wrong Place

*Amended to clarify that, when the player played again from the tee, he had proceeded under penalty of stroke-and-distance, even though the penalty stroke under Rule 18–2a for lifting the provisional ball still applied.*

29/5 Hitting Sand in Bunker with Club After Failing to Extricate Ball; Foursome Match

*Amended for clarity.*

33–1/6 Players in Match Compete Concurrently in Stroke Play Competition

*Amended to coincide with the change to Rule 33–1 and to emphasise that the players did not know that such a procedure is prohibited.*

33–5/1 Score Cards in Hole-by-Hole Play-Off

*Amended to refer to a “hole-by-hole” play-off.*

33–6/4 Players Decide Method of Settling Tie When Committee Fails to Do So

*Amended to refer to a “hole-by-hole” play-off.*

33–8/27 Local Rule Providing Relief Without Penalty from Bunker Filled with Casual Water

*Amended to authorise a Committee, in exceptional circumstances, to deem a bunker filled with casual water to be ground under repair through the green.*

34–3/3 Player in Match Play Makes Stroke from Wrong Place Due to Incorrect Ruling; Procedure for Player When Error Is Discovered  
*Revised for clarity and simplified to address match play only.*

34–3/3.3 Competitor in Stroke Play Plays from Wrong Place Due to Incorrect Ruling; Procedure for Competitor When Error Is Discovered

*Revised for clarity and simplified to address stroke play only.*

34–3/6 Player Proceeds Under an Inapplicable Rule; Committee’s Decision

*Expanded to clarify that a player must intend to use Rule 28 when he lifts the ball and to emphasise that the Committee would assign Rule 18–2a to the player’s actions only when there is no other Rule under which he could have proceeded.*

## **DECISIONS REVISED DUE TO RULES CHANGES AND DECISIONS WITH MINOR REVISIONS**

1–1/4 Player Discovers Own Ball Is in Hole After Playing Wrong Ball

1–2/1 Line of Putt Altered Purposely by Opponent or Fellow-Competitor by Stepping on It

1–4/12 Player Breaches Rules More Than Once Prior to Stroke; Whether Multiple Penalties Applied

2–4/9 Player Concedes Hole After Which It Is Discovered Opponent Had Played Wrong Ball

3–3/0.5 Guidelines for Determining Which Ball Counts When Player Proceeds Under Rule 3–3

3–3/6 Competitor Plays Original Ball After Doubtful Situation Has Arisen and Then Invokes Rule 3–3

4–1/3 Status of a Chipper

4–4a/10 Breach of 14–Club Rule in Stroke Play Discovered at 8th Hole; Where Penalty Strokes Applied

5–3/5 Ball Embedded in Hazard Lifted to Determine Whether Unfit for Play

5–3/7 Ball Thought to Be Unfit for Play; Committee Involvement When Opponent, Marker or Fellow-Competitor Not Readily Available

6–4/1 Meaning of “Specific Directions” in Definition of “Caddie”

6–4/6 Status of Carts Pulled by Double Caddie

6–8d/3 Player Who Drops Ball Immediately After Committee Has Ordered Resumption of Play Subsequently Lifts Ball Under Rule 6–8d(ii)

7–2/1 When Practice Between Holes Permitted

7–2/7 Practice Swing Dislodges Concealed Ball

8–1/1 Seeking Information About Length of Hole

10–2c/1 Ball Played Out of Turn from Tee Abandoned and Another Ball Played in Proper Order

12–2/1 Identifying Ball by Brand, Model and Number Only

13–2/35 Removal of Dew or Frost

13–4/24 Stance in Bunker Taken Without Club

13–4/35 Hitting Sand in Bunker with Club After Failing to Extricate Ball

13-4/35.8 Player Deems Ball Unplayable in Bunker, Announces His Intention to Proceed Under Rule 28a Outside Bunker and Then Rakes Bunker on New Line of Play

13-4/36 Smoothing Irregularities in Bunker After Stroke But Before Ball Extricated

14/6 Ball Popped Up Swung At in Disgust

14-3/0.5 Local Rule Permitting Use of Distance-Measuring Device

14-3/1 Distance Meter Attached to Golf Cart

14-3/2 Pencil or Score Card Used to Assist in Gauging Distance

14-3/3 Eyeglasses and Binoculars

14-3/4 Use of Compass During Round

14-3/5 Booklet Providing Distances Between Various Points

14-3/5.5 Electronic Device Providing Distances Between Various Points

14-3/6 Holding Ball in Hand Against Grip When Putting

14-3/7 Player with Injured Right Wrist Inserts Left Thumb Under Elastic Bandage on Right Wrist and Hand

14-3/9 Player Putts with One Hand and Steadies Himself with Club Held in Other Hand

14-3/10 Use of Training or Swing Aid During Round

14-3/10.5 Use of Stretching Devices

14-3/11 Plumb-Line

14-3/12 Club Used as Plumb-Line

14-3/12.5 Bottled Drink Used as a Level

14-3/13 Hand Warmer

14-3/13.5 Golf Ball Artificially Warmed

14-3/15 Artificial Limbs

14-4/1 Ball Falls on Club Face After Stroke and Sticks to Mud Thereon

15/5 Original Ball Found and Played After Another Ball Put into Play

15/6.5 Ball Changed During Play of Hole to Aid Identification

15/8 Ball Played Under Rule for Ball Lost in Ground Under Repair After Another Ball Played Under Stroke-and-Distance Procedure

15/12 Stray Ball Found Out of Bounds Played Under Stroke-and-Distance Procedure; Original Ball Then Found in Bounds

15/14 Ball in Bunker Deemed Unplayable, Dropped in Bunker and Played; Ball Then Discovered to Be Stray Ball

15-2/4 Competitor Who Lifts His Ball and Fellow-Competitor's Ball Inadvertently Exchanges Balls When Replacing Them

15-3b/1 Competitor Plays Wrong Ball and Loses It; Wrong Ball May Have Been Fellow-Competitor's Ball

16-1e/2 Player Plays from Stance Astride Extension of Line of Putt Behind Ball

17-1/7 Removed Flagstick Placed on Ground Subsequently Lifted

17-1/8 Removed Flagstick Being Held by Opponent or Fellow-Competitor Subsequently Moved

18/7.5 Player's Ball Moved by Ball Accidentally Dropped by Opponent or Fellow-Competitor

18/8 Ball Moved by Golf Cart Shared by Two Players

18-2a/1 Player Who Misses Tee Shot Tees Ball Lower Before Making Next Stroke

18-2a/2 Ball Falling Off Tee When Stroke Just Touches It Is Picked Up and Re-Teed

18-2a/8.5 Ball Played from Ground Under Repair Abandoned and Relief Taken Under Ground Under Repair Rule

18-2a/11 Tee Shot Wrongly Thought to Be Out of Bounds Lifted; Competitor Plays Another Ball from Tee

18-2a/13.5 Ball Lifted and Thrown into Pond in Anger

18-2a/21 Ball Moved Accidentally by Player in Playing Wrong Ball

18-2a/21.3 Ball Moved Accidentally and Original Lie Altered; Player Places Ball in Wrong Place and Plays

18-6/2 Ball Moved by Flagstick When Measuring

19/1 Ball Deflected or Stopped by Golf Cart Shared by Two Players

19/2 Status of Person in Shared Golf Cart

19-1/3 Ball Played from Putting Green Deflected by Moving Outside

Agency; Stroke Not Replayed  
19–2/2 Player’s Ball Strikes Own Caddie and Comes to Rest Out of Bounds  
19–2/3 Player’s Ball Strikes Own Caddie Standing Out of Bounds and Comes to Rest on Course  
19–2/4 Player’s Ball Strikes Own Caddie Standing Out of Bounds and Comes to Rest Out of Bounds  
19–2/5 Ball Deflected or Stopped by Clubs Belonging to Different Side But Carried in Same Bag  
19–2/6 Ball Deflected or Stopped by Player’s Golf Cart Being Pulled by Opponent or Fellow-Competitor  
19–2/7 Ball Strikes Player’s Golf Bag and Then His Caddie  
19–2/8 Player’s Ball Strikes Opponent’s or Fellow-Competitor’s Bag Left Ahead By Shared Caddie  
19–3/2 Dropped Ball Accidentally Deflected by Opponent or His Caddie  
19–3/3 Player’s Ball Strikes Opponent’s or Fellow-Competitor’s Trolley Then Own Trolley  
19–5/1 Player Lifts His Ball on Putting Green and Sets It Aside; Opponent’s or Fellow-Competitor’s Ball Played from Green Subsequently Strikes Player’s Ball  
19–5/1.7 Ball Dropped on Putting Green by Opponent or Fellow-Competitor Falls on Player’s Moving Ball  
20–2c/3.5 Dropped Ball Comes to Rest and Then Rolls Out of Bounds  
23/5.5 Status of Insect-Like Creatures  
23–1/11 Ball Moved Accidentally by Foot During Removal of Loose Impediment on Putting Green  
24–2b/9.5 After Relief Taken from Obstruction for Stroke Towards Green, Obstruction Interferes with Stance for Necessary Sideways Stroke  
24–2b/12 Ball in Drainpipe Under Course; Entrance to Drainpipe Is Out of Bounds  
24–3b/1 Ball Lost in Underground Drainpipe  
25/9.5 Tree Falls onto Fairway During Stipulated Round  
25/11 Grass Cuttings  
25–1/1 Ball in Casual Water Difficult to Retrieve  
25–1b/4 Casual Water Covering Teeing Ground  
25–1b/13 Casual Water Mistaken for Water Hazard; Substituted Ball Played Under Water Hazard Rule  
25–1c/1 Ball Not Found Is in Casual Water or Rough  
25–1c/2 Ball Dropped and Played Under Ground Under Repair Rule in Absence of Knowledge or Virtual Certainty That Original Ball in Ground Under Repair  
25–1c/2.5 Ball Dropped Under Rule 25–1c with Knowledge or Virtual Certainty That Ball Is in Casual Water; Original Ball Then Found  
26/1 When Ball Is in Water Hazard  
26/3.5 Lateral Water Hazard Defined as Water Hazard  
26/6 Ball Assumed to Be in Water Hazard Found Outside Hazard After Another Ball Played Under Stroke-and-Distance Procedure  
26–1/1 Meaning of “Known or Virtually Certain”  
26–1/3 Ball Played Under Water Hazard Rule; Original Ball Then Found Outside Hazard  
26–1/3.5 Ball Dropped Under Water Hazard Rule with Knowledge or Virtual Certainty; Original Ball Then Found  
26–1/4 Ball Played Under Water Hazard Rule Without Knowledge or Virtual Certainty That Original Ball in Hazard; Original Ball Then Found in Hazard  
26–1/16 Point Where Ball Last Crossed Margin of Lateral Water Hazard Determined and Ball Dropped; Point Then Proves to Be Wrong Point  
26–1/19 Permissible Dropping Area Under Lateral Water Hazard Rule So Narrow Player Has Difficulty Dropping Within It  
27/7 Ball Found in Burrowing Animal Hole After Five-Minute Search  
27–1/2 Original Ball Found Within Five-Minute Search Period After Another Ball Dropped

27-1/2.5 Lost Ball Treated as Moved by Outside Agency in Absence of Knowledge or Virtual Certainty to That Effect  
27-2a/2.5 Player Plays Provisional Ball in Belief Original Might Be Lost Outside Water Hazard Then Discovers There Is No Possibility of Its Being Lost Outside Water Hazard  
27-2b/5 Original Ball Played After Provisional Ball Played from Point Nearer Hole Than Original Ball Is Likely to Be  
27-2c/1.5 Whether Provisional Ball Becomes Ball in Play If Original Ball Lost in Ground Under Repair  
28/14 Stray Ball Deemed Unplayable Under Stroke-and-Distance Procedure; Original Ball Then Found  
28/15 Stray Ball Deemed Unplayable, Dropped Within Two Club-Lengths and Played Before Error Discovered  
29-1/9 Both Player and Partner Drive at Same Tee in Foursome Play  
30/1 Caddie Shared by Members of Opposite Sides in Four-Ball Match Moves Ball  
30/3 Determination of Honour in Four-Ball Match in Which Points Awarded for Both Better-Ball and Aggregate Scores  
30-3/1 Examples of Rulings in Four-Ball Match with Concurrent Singles Matches  
30-3/2 Effect of State of Match Penalties in Four-Ball Play  
30-3b/1 Player Entitled to Putt Stands on Another Player's Line of Putt  
30-3b/2 Waiving Turn to Putt in Four-Ball Match  
30-3c/1 Player Plays Partner's Ball  
30-3c/2 Player Wins Hole with Wrong Ball and Partner Picks Up; Error Discovered at Next Hole  
30-3c/3 Players on Opposite Sides Exchange Balls During Play of Hole and Their Partners Pick Up; Error Discovered at Next Hole  
30-3c/4 Player Plays Partner's Ball; Error Discovered After Opponents Have Played Next Strokes  
31-3/1 Gross Score of Partner with Better Net Score Omitted from Card  
31-4/1 Player Waives Turn to Play; Circumstances Under Which He May Complete Hole  
31-4/2 Extent to Which Side May Play in Order It Considers Best  
33-2a/9 Part of Lateral Water Hazard Where Impossible to Drop Not Nearer Hole  
33-2a/10 How to Mark Island Green  
33-8/2 Local Rule Allows Drop on Green Side of Water Hazard When Ball Fails to Clear Hazard  
33-8/18 Local Rule Providing Line-of-Sight Relief from Protective Fence Near Line of Play  
33-8/19 Local Rule Permitting Relief on Specified Side of Paved Path  
33-8/21 Local Rule for Damage Made by Insects  
33-8/26 Local Rule Altering Ground Under Repair Relief Procedure  
33-8/31 Local Rule Providing Relief from Accumulation of Leaves Through the Green  
34-2/6 Referee Reverses Ruling After Player Subsequently Plays a Ball  
34-3/1 Correction of Incorrect Ruling in Stroke Play  
34-3/1.5 Committee Error and Scoring in Stroke Play

#### **WITHDRAWN DECISIONS**

1-2/3 Flagstick Lying on Putting Green Removed by Player to Prevent Another Player's Ball from Striking it  
1-4/6 Two Balls Lie Together in Hazard and Neither Is Identifiable  
2-4/9.5 Player Concedes Hole After Which It Is Discovered Opponent's Last Stroke Was Played with a Wrong Ball from a Hazard  
4-1/1 Non-Conforming Club Carried But Not Used  
12-2/3 Touching and Rotating Half-Buried Ball in Hazard for Identification Purposes  
13-4/20 Umbrella or Rake Placed in Hazard Before Stroke  
13-4/22 Rake Handle Stuck in Bunker Before Stroke  
13-4/25 Taking Firm Stance in Bunker Some Distance from Where Ball

Lies in Bunker to Simulate Next Stroke  
13-4/27 Player in Bunker Takes Firm Stance and Then Smooths Footprints  
When He Decides to Play Different Type Shot  
18-1/1 Treating Ball as Moved by Outside Agency Rather Than Lost  
18-5/1 Ball Moved by Wrong Ball Played by Opponent  
26/5 Unidentifiable Ball Played in Water Hazard and Lost  
27/17 Status of Original Ball if Another Ball Played Under Stroke-and-  
Distance Procedure  
32-1/3 Determination of Honour in Handicap Stableford Competition  
33-8/34 Local Rule Establishes Ball Drop or Dropping Zone; Procedure  
for Player

#### **RE-NUMBERED DECISIONS**

4-1/5 Material Applied to Top of Clubhead to Reduce Glare or for  
Protection (Formerly 4-2/1)  
18-6/2 Ball Moved by Flagstick When Measuring (Formerly 18-2a/24)  
20-1/0.7 Lifting Ball to Determine Application of Rule (Formerly 25/21 and  
25-2/7)  
20-7c/6 Ball in Bunker Played by Another Player: Ball Not Replaced by  
Player (Formerly 18-4/1)  
27-2a/2.2 Possibility That Original Ball Is in Water Hazard May Not  
Preclude Play of Provisional Ball (Formerly 27-2c/1)  
30-3b/1 Player Entitled to Putt Stands on Another Player's Line of Putt  
(Formerly 30-3c/1)  
30-3b/2 Waiving Turn to Putt in Four-Ball Match (Formerly 30-3c/2)  
30-3c/1 Player Plays Partner's Ball (Formerly 30-3d/1)  
30-3c/2 Player Wins Hole with Wrong Ball and Partner Picks Up; Error  
Discovered at Next Hole (Formerly 30-3d/2)  
30-3c/3 Players on Opposite Sides Exchange Balls During Play of Hole and  
Their Partners Pick Up; Error Discovered at Next Hole  
(Formerly 30-3d/3)  
30-3c/4 Player Plays Partner's Ball; Error Discovered After Opponents  
Have Played Next Strokes (Formerly 30-3d/3.5)  
31-3/1 Gross Score of Partner with Better Net Score Omitted from  
Card (Formerly 31-4/1)  
31-4/1 Player Waives Turn to Play; Circumstances Under Which He May  
Complete Hole (Formerly 31-5/1)  
31-4/2 Extent to Which Side May Play in Order it Considers Best  
(Formerly 31-5/2)