

Dear members,

This is not an exhaustive list of the new rules, but a few of them that I feel we should be aware of. I know some members are in touch with some new rules and this is just a quick aide memoir for those who are not familiar. All rule changes come into affect on the 1st of Jan 2019.

- You may now leave the flagstick in the hole whilst putting from anywhere on the course, including the putting green.
- In order to speed up play, the time allowed to look for a lost ball has been reduced to 3 minutes from 5 minutes.
- Should your ball become wedged between the flag and the edge of the hole and if any part of the ball is judged to be below the surface of the green, it is deemed holed.
- When dropping a ball on the course for whatever reason, the ball is to be dropped from knee height and *not* shoulder height.
- There is now *no* penalty if your ball accidentally hits you, your equipment or caddy. The ball will then be played from where it comes to rest.
- A player may now repair almost all damage , including spike marks and animal damage.
- You or your caddy may indicate a line of putt by touching the putting green, providing it does not improve the conditions affecting your stroke.
- You may now ground your club when playing from a penalty area (including water hazards).
- You may now remove loose impediments in a bunker.
- You may now take relief outside the bunker by dropping a ball on the line of the hole through where your ball was in the bunker under a 2 stroke penalty.
- You may now continue using any club damaged during the round, no matter how the damage has occurred.
- It is now recommended that you make each stroke in no more than 40 seconds and usually quicker than that once it is your turn to play.
- Golf clubs are encouraged to adopt the principles of Ready Golf in a safe and responsible way.

Whilst not professing to know all the rules , if I can help with any question that may arise, please feel free to contact me

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