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| 1. ***DROPPING THE BALL*** *- A drop is now to be made from Knee Height (****NOT*** *Shoulder Height)* **RULE 14.3b** 2. ***MEASURE THE AREA TO DROP*** *- In 2019, you will measure the area to drop with the longest club in your bag (except a putter). Remember if you use a shorter club, your longest one still determines the size of the Reference Area.* **Def. Club Length** 3. ***RELIEF AREA*** *– Drop ball in relief area and play from the relief area.* **RULE 14.1** 4. ***DROPPING THE BALL ON A LINE*** *- When dropping back-on-the-line, your ball cannot be played from nearer the hole than your chosen reference point. A player should mark the reference point with a tee or other small object (i.e. coin).* **RULE 17.1d(2), 19.2b, 19.3b** 5. ***TIME TO SEARCH FOR A LOST BALL*** *- The allotted time to search for a lost ball is 3 minutes (NOT 5 minutes).* **RULE 18.2a** 6. ***ACCIDENTALLY MOVING THE BALL WHILE SEARCHING*** *- If you accidentally move your ball when searching for it, replace it without penalty.* **RULE 7.1, RULE 7.4** 7. ***DOUBLE HIT*** *- No penalty for an ‘accidental’ double hit. It only counts as one stroke.* **RULE 10.2b** 8. ***BALL ACCIDENTALLY HITS YOU OR YOUR EQUIPMENT*** *- No penalty if your ball accidentally hits you or your equipment after a stroke.* **RULE 11.1** 9. ***BALL STRIKES THE FLAGSTICK*** *- No penalty if your ball strikes the flagstick when you have chosen to leave it in the hole.* **RULE 13.2a** 10. ***REPAIRING DAMAGE ON THE GREEN*** *- Spike mark(s) and other shoe damage on the putting green can be repaired.* **RULE 13.1c** 11. ***BALL or BALL MARKER ACCIDENTALY MOVED ON PUTTING GREEN*** *- Ball or Ball Marker accidentally moved on putting green – no penalty and ball replaced.* **RULE 13.1d** | 1. ***BALL MOVED BY WIND ON PUTTING GREEN*** *Ball marked, lifted and replaced on putting green is moved by wind to another position – replace ball on the original spot.* **RULE 13.1d(2)** 2. ***PENALTY AREAS (PA)*** *- replace water hazards, and you can move/remove loose impediments, ground your club and take practice swings in a PA without penalty, just as you can in the general area 🡪 provided you do not cause your ball to move.* **RULE 17.1 – Def. Penalty Area** 3. ***RELIEF FROM PENALTY AREAS*** *- You can’t take relief from a penalty area unless you are 95% certain your ball is in the penalty area.* **RULE 17.1d** 4. ***LOOSE IMPEDIMENTS IN BUNKERS*** *- In bunkers you can move loose impediments, provided it does not cause your ball to move.* **RULE 12.2a** 5. ***GROUNDING YOUR CLUB IN BUNKERS*** *- In bunkers you* ***cannot*** *touch the sand with your club in the area right in front of or right behind your ball, during your backswing or in taking practice swings.* **RULE 12.2b** 6. ***FREE RELIEF FOR EMBADDED BALL*** *- Free relief is allowed if your ball is embedded on the general area (but “embedded” means part of your ball is below the level of the ground).* **RULE 16.3** 7. ***UNPLAYABLE BALL IN BUNKER*** *- Unplayable ball in bunker – extra option to drop outside the bunker for 2 penalty strokes, back-on-the-line.* **RULE 19.3b** 8. ***CADDIE OR PARTNER STANDING BEHIND YOU*** *- You cannot have your caddie or your partner standing behind you once you begin taking your stance.* **RULE 10.2b** 9. ***PACE OF PLAY*** *- Pace of Play – it is recommended a player takes no longer than 40 seconds to make a stroke (and usually you should be able to play more quickly than that) and Ready Golf in stroke play is encouraged.* **RULE 5.6b** |