



Rule of the Month

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From Start to Finish

2019 Rules: The Teeing Area and Putting Green

Correctly starting the play of a hole from the teeing area and properly completing the hole on the putting green are so important that these two areas of the course have special Rules governing play. A breach of a Rule in these two areas could easily result in a player being disqualified. Test your knowledge of the new Rules pertaining to the teeing area and putting green with the following quiz.

Questions: True / False

1. When starting the play of a hole, the entire ball must be within the teeing area.
2. In stroke play, a player is disqualified if she makes a stroke in a round with a non-conforming tee.
3. In 2019, a stroke that misses the ball within the teeing area doesn't count in the player's score.
4. When a ball is in play after a stroke and remains in the teeing area, such as when the ball is missed or just knocked off the tee by the stroke, it may be played as it lies or re-teed anywhere within the teeing area without penalty.
5. Dew may be removed from the teeing area and the putting green without penalty.
6. In stroke play, if a player begins a hole by making a stroke from outside the teeing area, he or she gets a two-stroke penalty and must correct the mistake by playing a ball from within the teeing area.
7. Only old hole plugs and damage caused by the impact of a golf ball may be repaired on the putting green.
8. In stroke play, every player is required to hole out at every hole.
9. There is a one-stroke penalty for accidentally causing your ball to move on the putting green and the ball must be replaced.
10. A ball that has been marked, lifted and replaced on the putting green must be played from its new location if subsequently moved by gravity or wind.