



## 20 Must Know Rules of Golf Changes

1. Search Time – Reduced from 5 minutes to 3 minutes
2. Ball moving during search – replace (no penalty)
3. Embedded Ball – Free relief anywhere
4. Measuring a drop – use longest club
5. Dropping – knee height rather than shoulder
6. Taking Stance on wrong green not permitted
7. Ball hits player or equipment – no penalty
8. Double hit – counts as one stroke
9. Touching sand in bunker incidentally is permitted
10. Loose implements can be removed anywhere
11. Drop a ball out of a bunker – 2 Penalty strokes
12. Water hazards are now Penalty areas (You'll see changes on the course)
13. Touching ground in water / penalty areas acceptable
14. Ball moves on green after being marked – put back without penalty
15. Ball accidentally moved on putting green – replace (no penalty)
16. Can repair all damage on green
17. Positioning a club for alignment not permitted
18. Caddie assisting with alignment not permitted
19. Ball hitting flag stick on putting green allowed
20. Ball wedged against side of hole and flag stick deemed as holed

## Changes to Rules Terminology:

### Old

Through the green

Teeing ground

Water/lateral hazard

Wrong putting green

Outside agency

Abnormal ground conditions

Casual Water

Play prohibited

Nearest point of relief

### New

General Area

Teeing Area

Yellow and red penalty area

Wrong Green

Outside Influence

Abnormal Course Conditions

Temporary Water

No Play Zone

Nearest point of complete relief

In addition to the above new General Golf Rules, Bedfordshire Golf Club has also issued:

- New Local Rules and
- New Temporary Local Rules.

Please familiarise yourselves with these by downloading copies via the links on the 'Rules' page within the 'Member Info' section on the Club Website.

The Committee, Bedfordshire Golf Club - January 2019