

MATCH PLAY –RULES IN BRIEF		
	1 STROKE PENALTY	RULE
1	Ball at rest moved by player, partner, caddie or equipment (ball must be replaced)	18-2a
2	Ball moved after address (ball must be replaced)	18-2b
3	Ball moved after loose impediment touched * (ball must be replaced)	23-18-2a
4	Ball at rest moved by opponent her caddie or equipment, except during search (penalty to opponent - player must replace ball) *	18-3b
5	Striking ball more than once	14-4
6	Lost ball or out of bounds (plus distance)	27-1
7	Unplayable ball	28
8	Lifting and not marking a ball that is to be replaced	20-1
9	Ball lost or unplayable in a water hazard	26-1
10	Cleaning ball except on putting green when lifted for identification, to determine if unfit for or interferes/assists another player	21
11	Ball in motion accidentally deflected by or stopped by player, her caddie or equipment	19-2
	*If a ball that is required to be replaced is not replaced it is played from a wrong place the Rule 20-1 applies-loss of hole	
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	LOSS OF HOLE	RULE
1	Playing wrong ball	15-3
2	Improving lie, area of intended swing	13-2
3	Touching line of putt	8-2b,16-1
4	Ball played from wrong place	20-7
5	Testing conditions of hazard or bunker, except to prevent falling	13-4
6	Undue delay SLOW Play	6-7
7	Ball striking flag stick or attendant including when removed or held up	17-3
8	Unauthorized attendance/removal of flag stick by opponent or her caddie	17-2
9	Advice- giving or receiving except to/from partner/caddie	8-1
10	Maximum of fourteen clubs (loss of one hole for each hole excess club/s carried: maximum- loss of 2 holes	

Handicapped Match Play Rules

- In Match play the game is played by hole.
- You may practice on the course before the commencement of play
- The person holing the ball in the least number of shots, after handicap is taken into consideration wins the hole
- To determine the handicap's the full differential is used.
- Take the lowest handicap from the highest. The difference is equivalent to the number of shots the higher handicapper has over her opponent, using the Balance Match Index. For example, if the difference is 3, the higher handicapper gets one shot on holes 8,12 and 4.
- The reckoning of holes is kept by the terms "So Many Holes Up", "All Square", etc.
- The term "dormie" is used when a person is the number of holes up as there are left to play i.e. 4 up with 4 to play
- A hole is "Halved" if each person has the same number of strokes after the handicap is taken into consideration.
- A match is won by the person who is leading by a greater number of holes than there are left to play i.e. 5 up with 4 to play
- Concession of the next stroke is when a person concedes to the opponent the next stroke assuming that they would have holed out, usually short putts, although you may concede a hole at any time prior to the completion of the hole(usually done to speed play up).
- If you have a caddie and she/he breach a rule the penalty is the same as if you had breached the rule.
- Listed below is a simple version for the Penalties for match play

NOTE 1Rule 2-4 Concession of Next Stroke, Hole or Match cannot be withdrawn

NOTE 3Rule 2-5 Claims- When no authorized person

Is available to make a decision a player may announce to her Opponent that she wishes to make a claim and state under which rule

NOTE 1Rule 11-4 No penalty if a player hits out of turn, from a wrong tee or from outside the teeing area however, her opponent has the option to recall the shot

Please remember to keep your place in the field call through the group behind if you have lost ground.

When playing in groups of four let one pair putt out and go to the next tee while the remaining two hole out. It helps keep the field moving.

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