

April 2019 Bay Forest Buzz



Bay Area Championship

May 18-19

The championship is drawing near. Please make every effort to participate. We have moved the date back a couple of weeks this year to give the course a little bit more time to transition and it is working. The course is getting in better shape everyday, so get out and get the rust off your game while the practice facility is dry and enter early!

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NEW RULES OF GOLF SUMMARY CHART [USGA]

Rule Tip Madness?
March Madness 2019

Hey Rules fans, it's "March Madness" time again! No, not the NCAA basketball tournaments that take place this time of year, but rather the fact that you may be going mad trying to figure out the correct answers to the annual quiz issued by the Metropolitan Golf

Association. The MGA issues its diabolical 25-question quiz in early-February, and its answers in mid-March. Here are three excerpts from this year's MGA quiz which can be found, along with the answers, at www.mgagolf.org/rules/quizzes.

1. In match play, a player's tee shot comes to rest on the putting green. He asks his caddie to attend the flagstick and makes a stroke at his ball. The player's ball hits his opponent's ball at rest on the green, then accidentally hits the caddie's foot and is deflected into the hole. The caddie removes the ball from the hole and the player plays from the next teeing area. What is the player's score for the hole? (a) 2 (b) 3 (c) 4 (d) The player incurs a loss of hole penalty.

2. A player decides to take unplayable ball relief from under a bush using the back-on-the-line option. He identifies the proper reference line without choosing a reference point. He drops a ball properly and it first touches the course six inches to the side of the reference line and then rolls forward three inches and comes to rest on the reference line itself. He then realizes that he still has line of play interference from the same bush. He therefore lifts the ball and moves 10 yards further back from the bush on the same reference line. He drops the ball properly and it comes to rest where it first touched the course, 12 inches to the side of the reference line. He plays the ball as it lies. How many penalty strokes has the player incurred? (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) 2 (d) 3

3. A player places a ball on a tee in the teeing area of a par-3 hole and makes a stroke. The ball is grazed, falls off the tee, but remains in the teeing area inches behind a tee-marker. The player moves the interfering tee-marker out of the way and substitutes another ball in place of the original. Thinking he may have violated a rule, the player replaces the tee-marker and re-tees the substituted ball elsewhere in the teeing area.

Answers:

1. (a) Rule 11.1 [Ball in Motion Accidentally Hits Person or Outside Influence] advises that if a player's ball in motion accidentally hits any person or outside influence, there is no penalty to any player, and this is true even if the ball hits the player, the opponent or any other player or any of their caddies or equipment. [Keep in mind that, in stroke play only, the player incurs a two-stroke penalty if his or her ball in motion hits another ball at rest on the putting green and both balls were on the putting green before the stroke.] Furthermore, the ball must be played as it lies. Rule 13.2b(2) [What to Do If Ball Hits Flagstick or Person Attending Flagstick] indicates that there is no penalty if the player's ball in motion accidentally hits the flagstick or the person who removed or is attending it, and the ball must be played as it lies.

2. (b) Rule 19.2b [Back-on-the-line Relief] indicates that if the player drops the ball without having chosen the reference point on the reference line, the reference point is treated as being the point on the line that is the same distance from the hole as where the dropped ball first touched the ground. Since the dropped ball rolled forward, the ball did not come to rest in the required relief area, and the player was required to drop a ball a second time pursuant to Rule 14.3c(2) [What to Do If Ball Dropped in Right Way Comes to Rest Outside Relief Area]. Interpretation 14.5b(3)/1 [Player May Change Relief Areas When Dropping Again for Back-on-the-Line Relief] advises that, when a player is required to drop a ball a second time after using back-on-the-line relief under Rule 19.3b [Unplayable Ball Relief], the player is allowed to change reference points so that the relief area is nearer to or farther from the hole.

3. (a) Pursuant to Rule 6.2b [Teeing Area Rules] and Interpretation 6.2b(6)/1 [Ball That Comes to Rest in Teeing Area Does Not Have to Be Played as It Lies], if a player's ball in play is in the teeing area after a stroke, the player may lift or move the ball without penalty and play that ball or another ball from anywhere in the teeing area from a tee or the ground, including playing the ball as it lies. Also, the player, by restoring the tee-marker to its original position, avoids being penalized for improving the area of her intended swing (see Rule 8.1c [Avoiding Penalty by Restoring Conditions Improved in breach of Rule 8.1a(1) or 8.1a(2)]).



Upcoming

April 11th	La Porte Bulldog Golf Booster	1:00 Shotgun
April 13th	BFHA Individual	9:00 Tee Times
April 15-16	Golf Course Maintenance	Closed
April 24th	La Porte Education Foundation	8 & 1 Shotguns
April 27th	Callaway Demo Day	9:00 - 1:00

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Rain, Rain Go Away

No thanks to the weather, we have got the first two events in even if one was a bit late. A thanks to all of you that participated in the slop and braved the weather.

One day, it will dry out and we will all be praying for rain soon enough. In the meantime, get your equipment in shape, your body acclimated to playing again and your game fine-tuned for the rest of the 2019 BFHA tournament series. One day we will play the ball down again and that thought can be a bit intimidating without a little practice, especially around the green. So, get all your equipment dried out and your golf shoes polished. Once the practice facilities are available again, it will be time to get back in your routine. The Bay Area Championship is less than 3 months away.

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NEW RULES OF GOLF SUMMARY CHART [USGA]

VIEW 2019 RULES SUMMARY CHART

RULE CHANGES IN EFFECT FOR GOLFERS AGE 70+:

This article is meant to only amuse. These are not real rules of play, sorry.

Rule 9.k.34(a): If a tree is between the ball and the hole, and the tree is deemed to be younger than the player, then the ball can be moved without penalty. This is so because this is simply a question of timing; when the

player was younger, the tree was not there so the player is being penalized because of his age.

USGA: 2018 golf rule changes, I can live with:

Rule 1.a.5 - A ball sliced or hooked into the Rough shall be lifted and placed on the Fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the Rough with no penalty. The senior player should not be penalized for tall grass which ground keepers failed to mow.

Rule 2.d.6 (B) - A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed NOT to have hit the tree.

This is simply bad luck and luck has no place in a scientific game. The senior player must estimate the distance the ball would have traveled if it had not hit the tree, and play the ball from there.

Rule 3.B.3(G) - There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the course and will eventually be found and pocketed by someone else, thereby making it a stolen ball. The senior player is not to compound the felony by charging himself with a penalty.

Rule 4.c.7(h) - If a putt passes over a hole without dropping, it is deemed to have dropped. The Law of Gravity supersedes the Rules of Golf.

Rule 5. - Putts that stop close enough to the cup that they could be blown in, may be blown in. This does not apply to balls more than three inches from the Hole. No one wants to make a mockery of the game.

Rule 6.a.9(k) - There is no penalty for so-called “out of bounds.” If penny-pinching golf course owners bought sufficient land, this would not occur.

The senior player deserves an apology, not a penalty.

Rule 7.G.15(z) - There is no penalty for a ball in a water hazard, as golf balls should float. Senior players should not be penalized for any shortcomings of the manufacturers.

Rule 8.k.9(S) - Advertisements claim that golf scores can be improved by purchasing new golf equipment. Since this is financially impractical for many senior players, one-half stroke per hole may be subtracted for using old equipment.

Please advise all your senior friends of these important rule changes and keep multiple copies in your golf bag. Those not following the rules need to be provided a copy.

Golf is.... above all.... a game of integrity

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March 3rd	Callaway Demo Day	10:00 - 2:00
March 11-14th	Spring Break Junior Clinic	8 - 10 AM
March 16th	BFHA Mem/Mem or Mem/Guest	9 AM Tee Times
March 25th	Maintenance Day	Facilities Closed
April 11th	La Porte Bulldog Golf Booster	1:00 Shotgun

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