

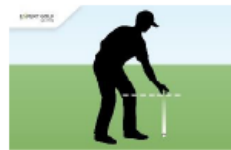
New Rules of Golf for 2019



NEWLANDS GOLF CLUB



Search Time
Search time is 3 minutes



Dropping
Drop from knee height



Double Hit
No penalty – counts as a single shot



Touching Ground in Penalty Area
Is permitted



Ball Moved During a Search
Replace it without penalty



Embedded Ball
You can take a free drop from all embedded balls in the “general area”



Touching Sand in the Bunker
Incidental touching of the sand is allowed



Ball moves on the green after being marked and put back
Replace with no penalty



Identifying a Ball
You no longer have to inform a fellow-player.



Animal Holes
You can take a free drop from holes and tracks left by all animals (except for insects and worms).



Loose Impediments
Can be removed anywhere without penalty, including in bunkers and penalty areas



Ball on the green moved accidentally by the player
Replace with no penalty



Hitting the Flagstick
Hitting the flagstick is without penalty, which means you can always leave the flag in the hole



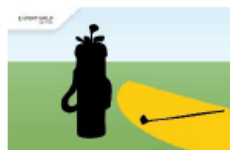
Wrong Green
Take stance relief away from green



Unplayable Ball in Bunker
Option to drop ball directly behind the bunker for a two stroke penalty



Repairing Damage on the Green
Is permitted (including spike marks)



Club Length
A club-length is defined as the longest club in your bag, except for the putter.



Ball Hits Player or Equipment
No penalty



Penalty Area (Definition)
Water hazards are called penalty areas and no longer have to contain water.



Positioning the club to help line up the shot
Is NOT permitted



Assistance from Caddy
The caddy is no longer permitted to stand behind the player and help him to line up.



Ball Wedged on the Flagstick
The ball is classed as having been holed if part of the ball is below the lip.



Distance Measuring Devices
You are always allowed to use distance measuring devices unless this is prohibited by a Local Rule

Further information:

Go to the R&A website:

<https://www.randa.org/RulesEquipment/Rules/20RulesMustKnows>

Alternative to Stroke & Distance (Lost Ball or Out of Bounds)

Newlands GC will NOT be introducing a Local rule allowing golfers to drop the ball in the vicinity of where the ball is lost or out of bounds under a two-stroke penalty