



## **20 Most Important Changes to Rules of Golf 2019**

1. Search time – reduced from 5 to 3 minutes
2. Ball moving during search – replace (no penalty)
3. Embedded ball – free relief anywhere
4. Measuring a drop – use longest club (except putter)
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 now penalty areas
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 a flagstick on putting green allowed
20. Ball wedged against side of hole and flagstick deemed as holed