

GOLF'S NEW RULES: KEY CHANGES

The USGA and The R&A released golf's new Rules, effective January 1, 2019. Below are the most significant changes.

How to Drop a Ball



Leaving Flagstick in the Hole

You may make a stroke from the green with the flagstick in the hole.



Other Key Changes

You may:

- Search for up to 3 minutes
- Repair spike marks
- Ground your club in penalty areas
- Remove loose impediments in penalty areas and bunkers
- Play ready golf

For more information, please visit [usga.org/rules](https://www.usga.org/rules) and download the **USGA Rules of Golf App** available for FREE on iOS and Android devices.

