

INTRODUCTION

The new Rules of Golf 2019 take effect on 1st January 2019.

[Click for a video overview of the most important changes](#)

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The links below take you to more detailed videos on specific topics and are often accompanied by additional written explanations:

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PENALTY AREAS

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BUNKERS

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PLAYING THE BALL

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WHEN TO PLAY DURING A ROUND

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NEW LOCAL RULE which golf clubs may adopt

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For more information, see the [**New Rules of Golf 2019**](#) page on this website.