

PUBLIC GOLF RULES

Speed-up playing time for Average Golfers

"How Golf Went off Course" In (Apr 2007) there was an interesting article in the Wall Street Journal. It discusses the decline in the USA Golf industry and public interest despite great golf equipment, great golf balls, and even Tiger Woods amazing popularity. In the year 2006 more golf courses closed than opened in 60 years." SOURCE: Wall Street Journal

PROBLEM		SOLUTION(S)	SOLUTION(S)
<p>Attracting Golfers</p> <p>Retaining Golfers</p> <p>Men <u>Women</u> video</p> <p>Children and baby Boomers</p>	<p>EASY</p> <p>HARD</p> <p>HARD</p> <p>HARD</p>	<p><u>MASTER'S Chairman</u></p>	<p>Seek "best ways" to help people learn a golf swing so they become naturally interested in participating in this wonderful form of exercise and competition.</p>
<p>TOO HARD TO LEARN</p> <p>Time and cost to learn basics, to take lessons, to practice, to play well enough to really enjoy playing a round of golf.</p>		<p>USGA on-going research for golf's best teaching practices</p>	<p>USGA adopt best simple teaching concepts.</p> <p>For example see SYT™ GOLF</p> <p>Shrinking Your Thinking</p>
<p>COSTS TOO MUCH</p> <p>(one FULL round)</p>		<p>Reduce Green Fees for selected markets i.e. seniors, women</p>	<p>Okay to play just 3 or 6 Holes</p>
<p>TAKES TOO LONG TO PLAY</p> <p>full 18 holes</p>		<p>Simplify Rules of Golf for the average golfer to where they are self-evident</p> <p>see below</p> <p>Public Golf Rules</p> <p>Not proposed for Official golf competition EVENTS</p>	<p>Make it readily possible for all golfers to play, walk or ride 9 holes or less</p> <p>Better course marshalling and put all players on clock when course is backed up</p>

Original 1744
Rules of Golf

See below -- **Public Golf Rules**
for proposed average golfer rules

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can be confusing

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<p>Many variations of these simplified rules are already used by general the golfing public. Ideally, golf industry would adopt and publish a version of streamlined rules to <i>speed up play</i> on public golf courses, plus it will reduce cheating!</p>	<p>proposed PGR PENALTY RULES</p>	<p>current PGA PENALTY RULES</p>	<p><u>early draft</u> 01-07-11</p>
<p>PENALTY SITUATION</p>	<p>PREMISE: SIMPLIFY Golf Rules to point where they are self-evident</p>	<p>USGA RULES BOOK</p>	<p>USGA</p>
<p>Lost Ball</p>	<p>1- stroke penalty Drop (place) ball back along its path-of-entry</p>	<p>1 -stroke penalty and distance go back to original hitting spot</p>	<p>USGA</p>
<p>Out-of-Bounds (OB)</p>	<p>1- stroke penalty Move ball to any point back along its path-of-entry</p>	<p>1 -stroke penalty and distance go back to original hitting spot</p>	<p>USGA</p>
<p>Water Hazard</p>	<p>1- stroke penalty Move ball to any point back along its path-of-entry</p>	<p>1 -stroke penalty 2 clubs from point of entry into the hazard</p>	<p>USGA</p>
<p>All Hazards Stakes: Red–Yellow–White OB</p>	<p>1- stroke penalty Move ball to any point back along its path-of-entry</p>	<p>1 -stroke penalty 2 clubs from point of entry into the hazard</p>	<p>USGA</p>
<p>Bunker Hazard</p>	<p>1- stroke penalty You may declare ball in bunker “unplayable lie” and move ball back along its path-of-entry</p>	<p>1 -stroke penalty go back to original hitting spot, or drop up to 2 club lengths, but still in bunker</p>	<p>USGA</p>
<p>Unplayable Lie Ball sitting in difficult or dangerous swing path area.</p>	<p>1- stroke penalty Move ball to any point back along its path-of-entry</p>	<p>1 -stroke penalty 2 clubs length from current point of ball</p>	<p>USGA</p>
<p>Loose Impediments</p>	<p>NO penalty - Okay to move loose impediments in both fairway + hazards. NOT okay to break stuff i.e. plants, trees</p>	<p>No penalty Can move impediment only from fairways and greens. Never in bunkers or hazards</p>	<p>USGA</p>
<p>Ball moves at address PUTTING - too much wind blowing</p>	<p>NO penalty -Place ball back where it was before it moved</p>	<p>1 -stroke penalty put ball back to original spot</p>	
<p>Ball moves at address Fairway Rough Bunker Other</p>	<p>1- stroke penalty - Place ball back where it was before it moved</p>	<p>1 -stroke penalty put ball back to original spot</p>	
<p>Optional [PGR] Public Golf Rules</p>	<p>Optional rules outline Agreed upon prior to START</p>		
<p>Playing the Ball down</p>	<p>Bump it - in Fairway only Bump it - any place</p>	<p>NO bumps anywhere</p>	<p>USGA</p>
<p>Mulligan - do over(s)</p>	<p>Mulligan - on 1st TEE only most commonly used already</p>	<p>NO mulligans anywhere</p>	