

2010 EWGA Championship

Guidelines for Rulings and Disputes

Stroke Play Division



If you believe there has been a breach of a rule or that a player may breach a rule, you should:

- Use your USGA Rules Book to look up the ruling.
- Approach the player and explain that you believe she may be in violation of a rule. If you are unable to come to a clear decision, request that she play two balls (Rule 3-3) so a ruling can be made at a later time.
- If a rules official is nearby, ask them to assist. **Do not hold up play while looking for an official.**
- If you have completed the round and need a ruling, notify the official at the scoring area **before** signing and turning in the scorecards.
- *Remember:*
 - Always treat other players with respect.
 - Make good mental and/or written notes if you need a ruling. Details like where the ball was located, what happened when she hit and what was said will help the official make a fair ruling.
 - Never sign a scorecard until you are confident that no rulings are needed.
 - Always report a possible breach before turning in the scorecards. It is every player's responsibility to make sure that the rules are followed. When you sign another player's scorecard, you are attesting to the entire field that her score is correct. It is **YOUR** duty to protect the field and report any possible breaches.

When you do not know the rule and are doubtful as to how to proceed you should:

- Ask a Rules Official to assist if he/she is nearby. Do not hold up play while looking for an official.
- If an official is not close by and you are unsure of how to proceed, follow Rule 3-3 and play 2 balls. The correct procedure is:
 - Announce that you are going to play 2 balls
 - Announce to your fellow competitors the ball with which you wish to score.
 - Make good mental and/or written notes of what happened. The official will need details to make a fair ruling.
 - Notify the official at the scoring area that you need a ruling. Do that **before** you sign and turn in the scorecards.

If another player has suggested that you did or may break a rule, you should:

- Check your rules book.
- Request assistance from a nearby rules official.
- If no rules official is nearby, play two balls according to Rule 3-3 as detailed above
- Be sure you have the ruling finalized **before** you sign and turn in the scorecards. Tell the official at the scoring area that you need a ruling before proceeding.
- *Remember:*
 - It is every player's responsibility to protect the field. If a player believes you may have breached a rule, it is her duty to report it.
 - A player that questions the rules may be saving you from additional strokes or disqualification. Be thankful.