

JANUARY 2008 RULES REMINDER

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2008 brings some significant changes to the Rules of Golf. If you have not purchased a new rules book they are available online at usga.org for only \$1.00. You may want to check our Golf Shop first to see if they have new copies available.

Among the changes to The Rules of Golf for 2008: ***It is now a penalty to play a wrong ball from a hazard.*** As of January 1 we must take care to identify our ball in a hazard. The ***penalty*** for hitting the wrong ball in a hazard (bunkers included) is ***two strokes or loss of hole in match play.*** Under the previous rule you were not penalized.

Rule 24-1: Movable Obstruction. This rule has been amended to allow a flagstick to be moved while a ball is in motion. That's right, even if it is lying on the ground. Previously, the person who picked up the flagstick to get it out of the way of that putt which was rolling toward it was penalized two strokes. As of January 1st there is no longer a penalty, so please feel free to get that flagstick out of the way.