

DECISIONS ON NWAGA FOUR-WOMAN SCRAMBLE

Rules of Play

The Rules of Golf do not encompass all situations that may arise in a Scramble format. Where the Rules do apply they will be administered as such. Where they do not apply or do not address potential instances The NWAGA Four-Woman Scramble Committee will decide upon appropriate action including the following decisions.

A violation of the following rules by a member of the team shall result in the applicable penalty being assessed to the team, unless the ball of the player involved is not used.

Rule 11-4b Playing from Outside the Teeing Ground

Rule 11-5 Playing from a Wrong Teeing Ground - If all players on a team play from a wrong teeing ground, and at least one member does not correct the mistake the team will be disqualified.

Rule 12-1 Seeing Ball; Searching for Ball

Rule 12-2 Identifying Ball

Rule 13-2 Improving lie, area of intended swing/stance or line of play - If a player improves his/her lie, area of intended swing or stance, or line of play and such improvement would affect the play of the following team members, then the team would be penalized unless it elects to use a ball played prior to the improvement.

Rule 13-3 Building a Stance

Rule 13-4 Ball in Hazard

Rule 14 Striking the Ball

Rule 15-3 Wrong Ball

Rule 16-2 Ball Overhanging Hole

Rule 17 Flagstick

Rule 18 Ball at Rest Moved

Rule 19 Ball in Motion Deflected or Stopped

Rule 20-7 Playing from a Wrong Place - This rule also covers a ball played from outside the one club length or one putter head length allowances.

Rule 28 Unplayable Ball - If a player's ball is unplayable, the team may select that ball only after the player has dropped ball under penalty of one (1) stroke in accordance with Rule 28.

In Addition to any rules specific to Match Play, the following rules are not applicable to the Scramble Format:

Rule 5-3 Ball Unfit for Play

Rule 10 Order of Play

Rule 21 Cleaning Ball

Rule 25-2 Embedded Ball

In all other cases of a violation of the Rules of Golf, a penalty incurred by any team member shall be applied to the team's score whether that player's ball was used or not.

1 –c/1 Player changes condition from which the ball is to be played.

Q. A player changes the condition he/she is supposed to play from in the act of placing the ball is this permissible?

A. No. The team is penalized two strokes if that player's ball is chosen. If the ball is not chosen then the team is absolved, regardless of whether the change in condition is seen as better or worse.

1 –c/2 Long Putter Used for Measurement

Q. Can a team use a long-putter in measuring the one club length entitlement?

A. Yes. The team may use any conforming club in order to measure.

1 –c/3 Player plays from outside of one club length

Q. What if a player plays from outside the one club length?

A. If any player plays from outside the one club length allowed, and that player's ball is used, the team receives a two stroke penalty.

1 –c/4 Immovable obstruction or abnormal ground condition cause interference

Q. A team consisting of both right and left handed players seeks its nearest point of relief how is this determined?

A. The nearest point of relief is the point on the course nearest to where the ball lies, no nearer the hole, and if the ball were so positioned, no interference would exist for a stroke by all the players on the team that they would have made from the original position if the condition did not exist, i.e. complete relief must be taken for both right- and left-handed players.

1 –c/5 Relief from an Immovable Obstruction/Abnormal Ground condition

Q. The selected ball lies through the green in an area of tall grass near a cart path causing interference of stance or lie. Must the condition be maintained when seeking relief?

A. No. The team may play the ball as it lies in the tall grass within one club length or seek relief. If in taking relief the ball comes to rest in a new condition, other balls in the group must be placed within the club length of the ball in the new condition. Once a player plays from the selected shot relief from the obstruction is no longer available.

1 –c/6 Ball at rest touching two conditions

Q. Where is the ball deemed to lie if it touches two conditions?

A. A ball is on the putting green when any part of it touches the putting green. A ball is in a hazard or bunker when any part of it touches the hazard. If a ball touches two conditions (rough and fairway) the team may have the option of choosing which condition to play from but all members must play from the same condition.

1 –c/7 Player lifts ball without marking, ball subsequently selected for play

Q. A player lifts his ball in play without marking its position, assuming the team will/had selected another shot. The team subsequently selects to play the unmarked ball's position and plays from there. Should the team be penalized under rule 18-2 or 20-1?

A. Yes. Since the player did not select the shot for play or mark the ball's position, prior to lifting, the team is penalized one stroke under 18-2a. When determining which shot to select, a player should not lift without marking its position if that ball may be considered.

1 –c/8 Player alters ground

Q. In playing a stroke from the selected shot a player alters the ground by taking a divot. May a team member yet to play, place their ball in or around the altered area?

A. Yes. The remaining players may play from the altered area without penalty.

1 –c/9 Player misses ball and makes a second stroke

Q. A player makes a stroke at the ball and misses it completely. The player then makes a second stroke at the ball is there a penalty?

A. When the player made the second stroke at the ball the player in effect selected their ball as the team's choice. The remaining team then plays from this position with a two stroke penalty for failure to step aside.

1 –c/10 Team selects a wrong ball to play from

Q. The team selects a ball this is not one of their shots and all players play from there. Must the team correct their mistake for playing a wrong ball?

A. Yes. The team will incur a two stroke penalty. The shot selected must be one of the team's previous strokes. Failure to correct under the Rules of Golf would lead to disqualification.

1 –c/11 Player wants to replace ball before address

Q. Having placed the ball within one club length, the ball moves. May the player replace the ball to the original position or to a new position?

A. Yes. The player may replace the ball prior to the stroke as the ball is not in play until struck.

1 –c/12 Ball moves after address

Q. After having addressed the ball in the fairway the ball moves. May the player replace or play it from its new position?

A. Yes. The ball is not considered in play until it is struck. Therefore the player may play the ball from the new position as long as it remains in the same condition and no closer to the hole.

1 –cii/1 Ball in Bunker

Q. If the selected ball lies in a bunker can the team members rake the bunker between strokes?

A. If the selected ball lies in a bunker after each player has hit the area from which the next stroke will be played may be raked by any member of the team.

1 –d/1 Ball Overhangs a Hole

Q. A player's ball overhangs the edge of the hole. The player walks up to the hole. The player then waits the allowed 10 seconds under 16-2 after which the ball falls into the hole. Is the player/team deemed to have holed out?

A. Yes. However, in equity, any team member yet to play from the previous position may do so, and count the stroke if holed. Otherwise the player's ball counts and includes the penalty stroke under 16-2.

1 –f/1 Ball Assisting Play

Q. Player A plays a ball from an area near the green which comes to rest in a position that may assist fellow team members. May, A, leave the ball there while the rest of the team members play their shots?

A. Player A may leave the ball there. However, if another ball strikes A's ball that had been left in place and it assists the team; they incur a two stroke penalty. Player A receives no penalty and the ball must be replaced if it is to be used. If a ball played from an area near the green is deflected into the hole by another ball in position to assist the team, the ball holed shall count as the team's score plus a two stroke penalty.

Substitution

Teams are allowed a substitution of players before the beginning of the first day of competition. The new player will be given their own handicap to play by since substitution took place before competition began.