



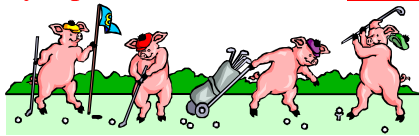
Myths in Golf



1. When on the tee, if you accidentally hit the ball when taking a practice swing, it counts as a stroke plus you have a penalty stroke so you will be playing 3 off the Tee - **Wrong** - There must be an intention to hit the ball when making a stroke which there is not in a practice swing. The ball is re-teed without penalty. This doesn't apply on the fairway, only on the tee.



2. Only the person lifting a ball may replace it. **Wrong** - the **player, partner or the person who lifted it** may replace it. **A ball to be dropped must be dropped only by the player**



3. You can't take relief from an old rabbit scrape – **Wrong** – If it is agreed it is a rabbit scrape it doesn't matter if it is 5mins, 5 weeks or 5 years old.



4. On the green you are only allowed to repair your own pitchmark – **Wrong** – you **MUST** repair your own pitchmark and if you see other un-repaired pitchmarks, then **PLEASE** repair them. It is important all pitchmarks are repaired to maintain the quality of the greens



5. You have to face the hole when dropping or re-dropping a ball – **Wrong** – there is nothing in the Rule Book to say you have to face the hole but you **MUST** stand erect and drop the ball from **SHOULDER** Height. Amazing where some players think their shoulder is!!!

6. You must use the club with which you are going to play your next shot to measure for any relief procedure - **Wrong** - You can use ANY club in your bag to measure, in fact you can use anyone else's club as well as long as it is no longer than any club in your own bag. **However, you should use the club with which you intend to play your next shot to determine your Nearest Point of Relief before you measure out your club length.**



7. The Nearest Point of Relief is the point off any path or obstruction nearest to where the ball lies. **Wrong** - The Nearest Point of Relief is the point where, **after you have taken your address position** on both sides of an obstruction such as a path, the **head of your club** (not your feet) falls **nearest** to where the ball lies.



8. If the Out of Bounds stake is not classed as a moveable obstruction, it must be an Immovable



Obstruction from which you can get relief. – **Wrong** - **All** stakes defining Out Of Bounds are classed as **Fixed** and there is no relief from them.

9. When taking relief from an Unplayable Lie, you measure 2 clubs lengths from the edge of the bush, tree or fence. **Wrong** – You measure 2 club lengths **from the ball**, and if it is so far into a bush that 2 club lengths doesn't bring you back out to a position where you can drop and hit the ball, then you have to consider one of the remaining two options you have under Rule 28. **There is no nearest point of relief in an unplayable lie situation**

10. A Trolley Puller is not a Caddie and therefore cannot attend the flag. **Wrong** –A trolley puller is not defined in the Rule Book, the player decides whether or not she wants the person pulling her trolley to attend the flag. Anyone pulling a trolley is classed as a caddie for whom the player is responsible. Any breach of a rule by the trolley puller could result in the player being penalised.

