



Study Guide for Divot Derby Rules Quiz: Ages 14-18

- There is a limit to how many clubs you can have in your bag. The highest amount is 14. So, even if you can fit more clubs in your bag, the rules of golf do not let you have any more than this number.
- When teeing your ball up on a tee box, you always need to make sure you are not *in front* of the tee markers. You also *cannot* tee up your ball any further back than two club lengths behind the front edge of the tee markers.
- Penalty areas are defined by the USGA as: “any body of water--or other areas defined by the Committee--where a ball is often lost or unable to be played.” Penalty areas are marked with specific-colored stakes on the course. Yellow stakes or lines define penalty areas, red stakes or lines define *lateral* penalty areas, and white stakes or lines define out of bounds.
- A penalty or free drop must be dropped at knee-height in the new 2019 rules as opposed to shoulder-height as stated in the old rules.
- When taking a penalty drop you must follow certain procedures. *Generally*, a penalty drop offers two club lengths of relief.
- When taking a free drop, you are not given as wide of a range to drop the ball. *Generally*, one club length from the nearest point of relief is standard.
- Sometimes, a golf ball may be difficult to find if it is not clearly in the fairway or on the green. In this case, players are given three minutes to look for the golf ball. If it is not found in this time, the ball is deemed as a “lost ball.”
- A player is not allowed to ground his or her club in the bunker in a practice swing or at address if the ball is in this area. There has always been a two-stroke penalty if a player grounds the club in the bunker during a practice swing or prior to hitting the shot.
- A player is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his or her scorecard. If a player signs (also known as “attesting”) a card in which the score for any hole is lower than their actual performance, the player is disqualified from the competition. This applies even if another person kept that player’s score during the round. If a player signs a card in which the score for any hole is higher than his actual performance, that higher score becomes his official score for that hole/round.