

## RULES THAT HAVE LIMITATION ON PENALTY [ex RULE 21]

### Rule 1.3c Penalties

(4) Applying Penalties to Multiple Breaches of the Rules. If a player breaches multiple Rules or the same Rule multiple times before an intervening event happens (such as making a *stroke* or becoming aware of the breach), the penalty that applies depends on what the player did:

- When Breaches Resulted from Unrelated Acts. The player gets a separate penalty for each breach.
- When Breaches Resulted from a Single Act or Related Acts. The player gets only one penalty; **but** if the act or acts breached multiple Rules involving different penalties, the higher-level penalty applies. For example:
  - Multiple Procedural Breaches. If a player's single act or related acts breach more than one of the procedural requirements for *marking*, lifting, cleaning, *dropping*, *replacing* or placing a ball where the penalty is one stroke, such as both lifting a ball without *marking* its spot and cleaning the lifted ball when not allowed, the player gets **one penalty stroke in total**.
  - Playing Incorrectly Substituted Ball from a Wrong Place. In *stroke play*, if a player plays a *substituted* ball when not allowed in breach of Rule 6.3b and also plays that ball from a *wrong place* in breach of Rule 14.7a, the player gets **two penalty strokes in total**.
  - Combined Procedural and Substitution/Wrong Place Breaches: In *stroke play*, if a player's single act or related acts breach one or more procedural requirements where the penalty is one stroke and also breach one or both of the Rules against playing an incorrectly *substituted* ball and playing from a *wrong place*, the player gets **two penalty strokes in total**.

**But** any penalty strokes a player gets for taking penalty relief (such as a one-stroke penalty under Rules 17.1, 18.1 and 19.2) are always applied in addition to any other penalties.

## Rule 4.1b Limit of 14 Clubs; Starting, Adding and Replacing Clubs

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE 4.1b:** The penalty applies based on when the player becomes aware of the breach:

- *Player Becomes Aware of Breach While Playing the Hole.* The penalty is applied at the end of the hole being played. In *match play*, the player must complete the hole, apply the result of that hole to the match score and then apply the penalty to adjust the match score.
- *Player Becomes Aware of Breach Between Two Holes.* The penalty is applied as of the end of the hole just completed, not the next hole.

### **Penalty in Match Play - Match Score Revised by Deducting Hole, Maximum of Two Holes:**

- This is a match adjustment penalty – it is not the same as a loss of hole penalty.
- At the end of the hole being played or just completed, the match score is revised by deducting **one hole** for each hole where a breach happened, with a **maximum deduction of two holes** in the *round*.
- For example, if a player who started with 15 clubs becomes aware of the breach while playing the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole and then wins that hole to go three up in the match, the maximum adjustment of two holes applies and the player would now be one up in the match.

**Penalty in Stroke Play - Two Penalty Strokes, Maximum of Four Strokes:** The player gets the **general penalty (two penalty strokes)** for each hole where a breach happened, with a **maximum of four penalty strokes** in the *round* (adding two penalty strokes at each of the first two holes where a breach happened).

## Rule 4.2c Ball Becomes Cut or Cracked While Playing Hole

### PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE 4.2c(1)

If the player lifts the ball without having this reasonable belief (**except** on the *putting green* where the player may lift under Rule 13.1b), fails to *mark* the spot of the ball before lifting it or cleans it when not allowed, the player gets **one penalty stroke**.

If multiple Rule breaches with a one-stroke penalty result from a single act or related acts, see Rule 1.3c(4).

## Rule 7.3 Lifting Ball to Identify It

If the player lifts his or her ball under this Rule when not reasonably necessary to identify it (**except** on the *putting green* where the player may lift under Rule 13.1b), fails to *mark* the spot of the ball before lifting it or cleans it when not allowed, the player gets **one penalty stroke**.

**Penalty for Playing Incorrectly Substituted Ball or Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Rule 7.3: *General Penalty*** under Rules 6.3b or 14.7a.

If multiple Rule breaches result from a single act or related acts, see Rule 1.3c(4).

## Rule 9.1 Ball Played as It Lies

**Penalty for Playing Incorrectly Substituted Ball or Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Rule 9.1: *General Penalty*** under Rules 6.3b or 14.7a.

If multiple Rule breaches result from a single act or related acts, see Rule 1.3c(4).

## Rule 14.2 Replacing Ball on Spot

**Penalty for Playing Incorrectly Substituted Ball or Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Rule 14.2: *General Penalty*** under Rules 6.3b or 14.7a.

If multiple Rule breaches result from a single act or related acts, see Rule 1.3c(4).

### **Rule 14.3 Dropping Ball in Relief Area**

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place or Playing Ball that was Placed Instead of Dropped in Breach of Rule 14.3: *General Penalty*** under Rule 14.7a.

If multiple Rule breaches result from a single act or related acts, see Rule 1.3c(4).

### **Rule 14.7 Playing from Wrong Place**

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Rule 14.7a: *General Penalty*.**

If multiple Rule breaches result from a single act or related acts, see Rule 1.3c(4).

### **Rule 15.2 Movable Obstructions**

**Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Rule 15.2: *General Penalty*** under Rule 14.7a.

If multiple Rule breaches result from a single act or related acts, see Rule 1.3c(4).

### **Rule 15.3 Ball or Ball-Marker Helping or Interfering with Play**

**Penalty for Playing Incorrectly Substituted Ball or Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Rule 15.3: *General Penalty*** under Rules 6.3b or 14.7a.

If multiple Rule breaches result from a single act or related acts, see Rule 1.3c(4).

## Rule 16.4 Lifting Ball to See If It Lies in Condition Where Relief Allowed

If relief is not allowed, or if the player chooses not to take relief that is allowed:

- The player gets **one penalty stroke** if he or she did not *mark* the spot of the ball before lifting it or cleaned the lifted ball when not allowed

**Penalty for Playing Incorrectly Substituted Ball or Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Rule 16.4: *General Penalty*** under Rules 6.3b or 14.7a.

If multiple Rule breaches result from a single act or related acts, see Rule 1.3c(4).