

RULES THAT HAVE LIMITATION ON PENALTY [ex RULE 21]

Rule 1.3c Penalties

(4) Applying Penalties to Multiple Breaches of the Rules. Whether a player gets multiple penalties for breaching multiple Rules or the same Rule multiple times depends on whether there has been an intervening event and on what the player did.

For the purpose of applying this Rule, there are two intervening events:

- The completion of a *stroke*, and
- Being aware or becoming aware of a breach of a Rule (this includes when a player knows they breached a Rule, when the player is told of a breach, or when the player is uncertain whether or not they have breached a Rule).

Penalties are applied as follows:

- Single Penalty Applied for Multiple Breaches Between Intervening Events: If a player breaches multiple Rules or the same Rule multiple times between intervening events, the player gets one penalty.

If the Rules breached have different penalties, the player gets only the higher-level penalty.

- Multiple Penalties Apply for Breaches Before and After Interveneing Event: If a player breaches a Rule and breaches the same Rule or another Rule after an intervening event, the player gets multiple penalties.

Exception – Failure to Replace a Moved Ball: If a player is required to replace a move ball under Rule 9.4 but fails to do so and plays from a *wrong place*, they get only the *general penalty* under Rule 14.7a.

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 During Round

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 3rd 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

Rule 4.2c(1) Lifting Ball to See If Cut or Cracked

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**.

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**.

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