

TEEING GROUND RULE 11

TEEING GROUND:

The "teeing ground" is the starting place for the hole being played. It's a rectangular area two club-lengths in depth, the front and the sides of which are defined by the outside limits of two tee-markers. A ball is outside the teeing ground when all of it lies outside the teeing ground.

TEE:

A "tee" is a device designed to raise the ball off the ground. It must not be longer than 4 inches (101.6mm) and it must not be designed or manufactured in such a way that it could indicate the line of play or influence the movement of the ball.

TEEING:

When a player is putting a ball into play from the teeing ground, it must be played from within the teeing ground and from the surface of the ground or from a conforming tee in or on the surface of the ground. The surface of the ground includes an irregularity of surface (whether or not created by the player) and sand or other natural substance (whether or not placed by the player). If a player makes a stroke at a ball on a non-conforming tee (such as a pencil, tee-marker, etc.) or at a ball teed in a manner not permitted by this rule, she is disqualified.

A player may stand outside the teeing ground to play a ball within it.

TEE-MARKERS:

Before a player makes her first stroke with any ball on the teeing ground of the hole being played, the tee-markers are deemed to be fixed. If the player moves or allows to be moved a tee-marker for the purpose of avoiding interference with her stance, the area of her intended swing or her line of play, she incurs loss of hole in match play or a penalty of 2 strokes in stroke play. (This penalty is for the breach of Rule 13-2 - Playing the Ball as It Lies: Improving Lie, Area of Intended Stance or Swing, or Line of Play)

BALL FALLING OFF TEE:

If a ball, when not in play, falls off a tee or is knocked off a tee by the player in addressing it, it may be re-teed, without penalty. However, if a stroke is made at the ball, whether the ball is moving or not, the stroke counts, but there is no penalty and the ball is in play.

PLAYING FROM OUTSIDE TEEING GROUND:

(Same principles apply for Playing from the Wrong Teeing Ground)

Match Play

If a player, when starting a hole, plays a ball from outside the teeing ground, there is no penalty, but the opponent **MAY** immediately require the player to cancel the stroke and play a ball from within the teeing ground.

Stroke Play

If a competitor, when starting a hole, plays a ball from outside the teeing ground, she incurs a penalty of 2 strokes and **MUST** then play a ball from within the teeing ground.

If the competitor makes a stroke from the next teeing ground without first correcting her mistake or, in the case of the last hole of the round, leaves the putting green without first declaring her intention to correct her mistake, she is disqualified.

The stroke from outside the teeing ground and any subsequent strokes by the competitor on the hole prior to her correction of the mistake do not count in her score.

*Refer to the Decisions Book for situations related to Rule 11.