

WRONG BALL, WRONG PLACE, SUBSTITUTED BALL

WRONG BALL: is any ball other than the player's ball in play, an abandoned ball, the player's original ball when it is no longer in play. Ball in play includes a ball substituted for the ball in play whether or not the substitution is permitted.

SUBSTITUTED BALL: is a ball put into play for the original ball that was either in play, lost, out of bounds or lifted.

BALL IN PLAY: A ball is in play as soon as the player has made a stroke on the teeing ground. It remains in play until it is holed, except when it is lost, out of bounds or lifted, or another ball has been substituted whether or not the substitution is permitted; a ball so substituted becomes the ball in play.

Rule 15-2 A player may substitute a ball when proceeding under a rule that permits the player to play, drop or place another ball in completing the play of a hole. The substituted ball becomes the ball in play. If a player substitutes a ball when not permitted to do so, that substituted ball is not a wrong ball; it becomes the ball in play. If the mistake is not corrected under Rule 20-6 and the player makes a stroke at a wrongly substituted ball, she loses the hole in match play or incurs a penalty of two strokes in stroke play, and, in stroke play must play out the hole with the substituted ball.

Rule 15-3 In match play if a player makes a stroke at a wrong ball, she loses the hole. If a player makes a stroke at a wrong ball in stroke play, she incurs a penalty of two strokes and must correct the error before making a stroke on the next teeing ground or she is disqualified. Strokes made with a wrong ball do not count in her score. **EXCEPTION:** There is no penalty if a competitor makes a stroke at a wrong ball that is moving in water in a water hazard.

Rule 20-7a A Player has played from a wrong place if she makes a stroke with her ball in play on a part of the course where the rules do not permit a stroke to be played or a ball to be dropped or placed; or when the rules require a dropped ball to be re-dropped or a moved ball to be replaced.

Rule 20-7c If a competitor makes a stroke from a wrong place, she incurs a penalty of two strokes. She must play out the hole with the ball from the wrong place without correcting her error, provided she has not committed a serious breach. If she believes she has committed a serious breach, she must, before making a stroke on the next teeing ground, play out the hole with a second ball dropped or placed in accordance with the rules. If a competitor has played a second ball, she must report the facts to the Committee before signing and returning her scorecard. If she fails to do so, she is disqualified. If she has committed a serious breach and fails to correct it, she is disqualified.

A competitor is deemed to have committed a serious breach if the Committee considers she has gained a significant advantage as a result of playing from a wrong place.

Rule 20-6 A ball incorrectly substituted, dropped or placed in a wrong place or otherwise not in accordance with the rules, but not played, may be lifted, without penalty, and the player must then proceed correctly. (eraser rule)

Decision 27-1/2 When a player puts a substituted ball into play at the spot of the previous stroke with the intent to play a ball under Rule 27-1, she has proceeded under an applicable rule and Rule 20-6 does not apply, even if the original ball was found within the five minute search period. She must continue with the substituted ball.

Decision 27-1/2.3 If the player who was required to proceed with the dropped ball, but plays the original because it was found within five minutes, must correct her error. She is assessed a two stroke penalty for hitting a wrong ball and will be DQ'd if she does not correct.

Decision 27/8 A player searches for her ball for more than five minutes, finds the ball and plays it. After five minutes the ball is deemed lost and therefore out of play. She has played a wrong ball and incurs a penalty of two strokes. In stroke play, she is DQ'd if she does not correct the error before playing from the next teeing ground.

Rule 12-2 The responsibility for playing the proper ball rests with the player. Each player should put an identification mark on her ball.

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