



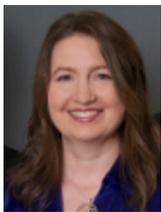
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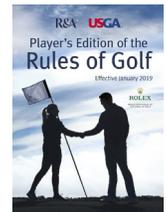
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Rules of Golf 2019 - Major Changes (Part 4)

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We continue this month with Part 4 of our series, breaking down the next set of Rules of Golf changes. These changes went into effect as of January 1, 2019. If you are a snow-bird, remember to pay attention to the change date. You can review Parts 1-3 from previous issues on our website at www.msggagolf.org/newsletter-archive.



These changes are also listed in more detail on the USGA website. You can get your free copy of the *Player's Edition of the Rules of Golf 2019* by clicking [here](#). The USGA Rules of Golf 2019 smartphone app is also available for download. A full table of changes will be listed on the MSGGA website at the end of this series.

	<u>RULE</u>	<u>New in 2019:</u>	<u>(Old Rule:)</u>
	Use of damaged club	Can continue to be used, even if it was damaged in anger	Only if it was damaged in "normal course of play"
	Replacing damaged club	Can't replace a damaged club if you are responsible for the damage	Club you damaged was out of play and not replaced
	Distance-measuring devices	Allowed, unless a Local Rule prohibits their use	Prohibited, unless a Local Rule allows
	Caddy helping player	Not allowed to stand behind player to help with alignment once stance is taken	Allowed to stand behind player during stance, but not when making the stroke
	Caddy lifting ball	May lift and replace ball on green, even without your permission	1 stroke penalty, if done without player's permission
	Encouraging Pace of Play	Player should make stroke in no more than 40 seconds	No recommendations given
	Playing out of turn	Allowed if done safely and responsibly, "ready golf" is encouraged	Allowed, but rule not clear

Remembering Mary Ann Rodman

Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director



Longtime golfer, volunteer, and advocate for junior golf, Mary Ann Rodman of Whitefish, passed away January 21st at the age of 70.

Mary Ann graduated from Whitefish High School and went on to obtain a degree in journalism at the University of Washington. She went from the state of Washington to Washington D.C., where Mary Ann worked for the Federal Communications Commission.

For the past 45 years, Mary Ann has called Whitefish home. In addition to her family, she extended her passions to promoting golf, especially to juniors. She was instrumental in volunteering and leading efforts for Montana's participation in the Girls Junior Americas Cup (GJAC). She attended 26 consecutive GJAC tournaments as a co-captain, and as a captain for 15 years. Rodman relinquished her captaincy, but remained on the GJAC board, serving as treasurer. For more than thirty years, Rodman and her husband, Gary, were active in supporting junior golf efforts in their community and the greater community of Montana.



Mary Ann Rodman

In 2007, Mary Ann and her husband were both elected to the Montana State Golf Association Hall of Fame. Mary Ann is a member of three Halls of Fame: MSGA, MSWGA, and the Whitefish Lake Golf Club Hall of Fame.

Rodman also contributed as a course rater around the state. She competed annually in local and statewide competitions individually... a true lover of golf in all facets and dedicated servant to the game she loved.

We all thank you for being an ambassador for golf in Montana.

Jeff Allen to Lead MSU-Billings Golf Programs

Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director

Jeff Allen, a name familiar to the Billings golf community, was selected as interim head golf coach by MSU-Billings.

Kevin Woodin has guided MSUB since the 2015-16 season. Woodin, the Yellowjacket women's basketball coach for 15 seasons, added golf coaching responsibilities to his plate in the past three years, building a roster of top prep golfers from the Treasure State. Woodin hired Allen as an assistant coach in 2016-17, and this past season he was promoted to associate head coach.



Allen, the assistant pro at Billings' Hilands Golf Club, has increased his involvement in the program over the past three seasons and thanked Woodin and MSUB Athletic Director, Krista Montague, for handing over the reins to MSUB's golf program.

Jeff Allen

"I am excited for this opportunity, and a huge thanks to Coach Woodin and Krista for having the trust in me to take the next step and move the program forward," said Allen. "Thanks to Coach Woodin and the culture he has created, we have a lot of talented players on our team. I am looking forward to getting to work with them in order to reach our potential for the upcoming spring season."

Marcus Drange, who has served as an assistant coach in the golf program since the 2014-15 season, will remain in his current role assisting both programs.

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ONE NETWORK IN 2019

Regardless of handicap vendor, all Associations will be converted to one network before June 1, 2019 **(this date has changed)**.

Here are the benefits:

- ONE network # - multiple states
- ONE handicap record - no linking
- Accessible by anyone in ONE place
- Centralized handicap calculation
- All handicap vendors, same network
- Invisible to golfers, no software or program change

DO YOU HAVE A GHIN# or other record outside the MSGA?

If so, we need to link your records, if this hasn't been done already! With the merge to one network in 2019, this needs to be completed soon to eliminate problems and confusion for both you and anyone searching your record.

Just email your information to support@msgagolf.org, and we'll set you up!

MSU-BILLINGS... from previous page

Allen competed for the Yellowjackets from 2006-10. After concluding his studies, Allen began working in the golf industry in Billings. He completed the PGA PGM program in 2016, and was elected a Class A PGA Professional in February of 2016. He was selected the 2014 Rocky Mountain Section PGA Assistant Golf Professional of the Year, and was the 2018 Rocky Mountain Section PGA Youth Player Development award winner.

Allen is married to Yellowjacket Hall of Famer Kalli (Stanhope) Allen, who competed in women's basketball and women's golf during her time at MSUB.

Woodin will continue his duties as the head coach of MSUB's women's basketball team. "We want to sincerely thank Coach Woodin for stepping up for our golf programs when they needed it most, and for doing such a great job," Montague commented. "He was able to provide important stability and served as an excellent role model for the student-athletes. Our golf programs have seen many positive steps under the direction of Coach Woodin, and we completely support his decision to focus on the women's basketball program moving forward. We are so fortunate to have Coach Woodin on our staff. His character, work ethic, and passion for our department and university are unparalleled."

The Yellowjacket golf teams begin their 2019 spring schedule March 8-9 at the Beaver Invitational at Aliante Golf Club in Las Vegas, Nevada.

U of M Commitment From Jessica Ponce of Oregon

Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director

Jessica Ponce of Beaverton, Oregon, signed a National Letter of Intent to join the University of Montana Golf Team this fall.

Ponce first became familiar with Montana through a Grizzly connection with Shanda Imlay, the director of Oregon Junior Golf. Imlay is a former UM student and high school classmate of current Grizzlies head coach Kris Nord.



Jessica Ponce

Ponce becomes the third recruit to commit to UM for Nord's squad. Tricia Joyce of Butte, and Emmy Sundby of Rapid City, South Dakota, signed in December.

Ponce, a successful competitor of Drive, Chip, and Putt, won local and sub-regional qualifiers at Meriwether National Golf Club in Portland, then claimed the Rocky Mountain regional at The Promontory Nicklaus Course in Park City, Utah, in 2015.

With her family on hand to support her, Ponce would finish fifth out of 10 national qualifiers in the skills challenge at Augusta National in the 14-15 age group.



WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

Plans are being made for the 2019 season, and **the future of the MSGA vTour Series is in your hands!** While we've had participation from a couple hundred of you, we need your opinion whether it's worth continuing the program. Would you like to see the vTour return in 2019? If so, are there any changes you would like to see? We'll base our decision off of your responses. Thanks in advance!

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Congratulations to our newest Ace Club Members!

Did you get a hole-in-one? Go to www.msgagolf.org to see how to get your MSGA Hole-in-One Certificate!



Ramey Lloyd, 9/27/18, Butte CC, Hole #14, 140 yds, Pitching wedge
Addiley Lloyd, 7/30/18, Cottonwood Hills GC, Hole # 17, 78 yds, Sand wedge
Patty Shea, 7/22/18, Riverside CC, Hole #12, 154 yds, 5 Hybrid
Charles Burdette, 5/8/18, Livingston GC, Hole #3, 208 yds, 3 iron

Montana's Official Golf Season: April 1 to October 31

Off-season scores played in Montana should not be posted. Scores played where it is in-season are valid and should be posted, via the online handicap system, smartphone app, or membership linking.

If you need your login information or help linking your account, please contact us at support@msgagolf.org.

QUALIFYING SCHEDULE FOR 2020 DRIVE, CHIP, AND PUTT

The USGA, Masters Tournament, and the PGA of America released the qualifying schedule for the 2019-2020 Drive, Chip, and Putt season. Online registration for interested participants will open March 5, 2019, on drivechipandputt.com.



The schedule includes dates and locations for participants to play in local qualifiers across the country, with the opportunity to advance to subregional and regional qualifying, and earn an invitation to next year's National Finals at Augusta National Golf Club. The full qualifying schedule is available [here](#).

Drive, Chip, and Putt is a free youth golf development initiative that is aiming to help younger generations begin their lifelong connection with golf, by providing a fun, interactive platform for participants of all skill levels. Open to boys and girls ages 7-15, local qualifying will take place throughout all 50 states during the months of May, June, July, and August. Top performers at the local level will advance through subregional and regional qualifiers at some of the country's best championship venues in July/August and September, respectively. The top 80 performers – 40 boys and 40 girls – will earn an invitation to the National Finals at Augusta National on Sunday, April 5, the eve of the 2020 Masters.

Expanding this year to 313 total sites, local qualifying will begin Saturday, May 4, at World Golf Village in St. Augustine, Florida. The breakdown and schedule for 2020 Drive, Chip, and Putt qualifying is as follows:

Local (May/June/July/August):

313 host sites throughout all 50 states
3 juniors advance in each age/gender category from every venue

Subregional (July/August):

61 host sites throughout more than 30 states
2 juniors advance in each age/gender category from every venue

Regional (September):

10 host sites in 10 regions
1 junior advances in each age/gender category from every venue

National Finals (April 5, 2020): 80 total participants at Augusta National Golf Club



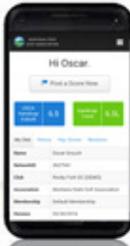
The Local qualifier in Montana will be held on July 11, 2019, at Canyon River Golf Club in Missoula. Entries close July 6, 2019. For a full list of qualifying venues at the local and subregional level or for more information about Drive, Chip, and Putt, including official rules, eligibility, and registration, please visit drivechipandputt.com.



Congratulations to our NEWEST WINNERS!

JANUARY'S DRAWING:
Bigfork, Montana - Linda Mann, Missoula
\$200 cash - Martha Quick, Bozeman

**** FEBRUARY'S TRIP PRIZE is Six Flags over Texas ****



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