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Quick Rules Reference for Golfers

Common Rules Situations		Options
1	Out of Bounds (white stakes or lines)	D
2	Lost Ball	D
3	Unplayable Lie	D, E, G
4	Penalty Area (yellow stakes/lines)	C, D, H
5	Penalty Area (red stakes/lines)	C, D, F, H, K
6	Hitting Wrong Ball	J, A
7	Grounding Club in Bunker	A, B
8	Giving or Asking Advice	A, B
9	Immovable Obstruction interferes with swing or stance	C, I
10	Ball (or stance) on Cart Path	C, I
11	Ball (or stance) in Abnormal Ground Condition	C, I

Option	Procedures & Penalties
A	Loss of Hole – Match Play
B	General Penalty – (2 Strokes) – Stroke Play
C	Play the ball as it lies – No Penalty
D	1 stroke and distance – replay a ball within one club length where it was last struck, no closer to the hole
E	1 stroke + drop ball within 2 club lengths of where the ball lies, no closer to hole
F	1 stroke + drop ball within 2 club lengths of where the ball last crossed the margin of the penalty area, no closer to the hole
G	1 stroke and drop a ball as far back as desired on a line between where the ball lies and the hole. Define spot and drop within one club length of that spot no nearer the hole. (2 strokes if used to take ball out of bunker)
H	1 stroke and drop a ball as far back as desired on a line between where the ball last crossed the margin of the penalty area and the hole. Define spot and drop within one club length of that spot no nearer the hole
I	Drop within 1 club length of the nearest point of complete relief from the situation, no closer to the hole – no penalty
J	2 strokes – Stroke Play, player must correct the mistake
K*	1 stroke and drop a ball within 2 club lengths on a point on the opposite margin of the red penalty area equidistant from the hole.

* Only available option when local rule is in place