

## *Do you know the rule differences.....*

### *.....stroke play vs match play*

Why are the rules sometimes different for stroke play and match play? For example, when a player mistakenly tees up and then hits his ball from outside the teeing ground markers, in match play his opponent has the right to make the player do it over without penalty. However, in stroke play the player incurs a 2-stroke penalty and must re-tee from inside the tee markers.

Another example, in match play a player can concede a putt (maybe it is so close you could blow it in) and the opponent is considered to have holed out. This “gimme” option is not available in stroke play, all putts must be played into the hole.



Stroke and match play are different because in match play, only you and your opponent are involved, but in stroke play every competitor in the field has an interest in the results of your play. In match play, your opponent, being present, can protect his interests whenever they may be jeopardized by your actions. In stroke play, since the other competitors in the field cannot be present to protect their rights, it is essential that the rules serve as a safeguard to their interests.

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(You can find further information on Rules 2 & 3 in the USGA Rules Handbook)