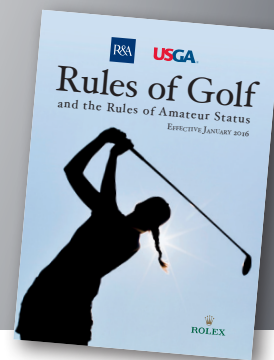


2016 EDITION OF THE RULES OF GOLF: Anchoring the Club — Understanding Rule 14-1b



WHAT CHANGES?

The new entry—**Rule 14-1b**—prohibits strokes made with the club or a hand gripping the club held directly against the player's body or with a forearm held against the body to establish an anchor point that indirectly anchors the club.

WHAT THE RULE SAYS

In making a stroke, the player must not anchor the club, either "directly" or by use of an "anchor point."

NOTE 1:

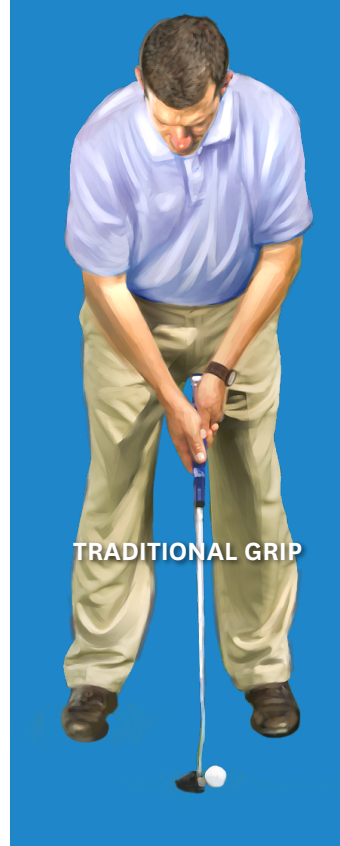
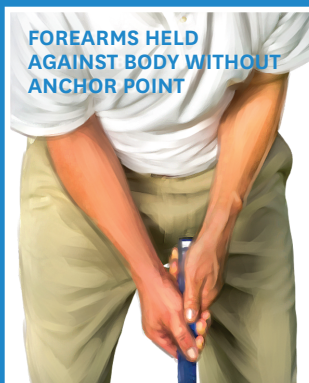
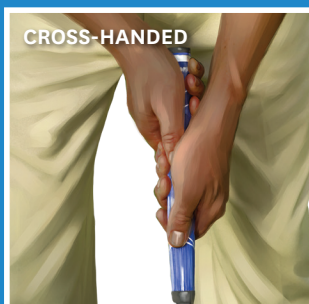
The club is anchored "directly" when the player intentionally holds the club or a gripping hand in contact with any part of his body, except that the player may hold the club or a gripping hand against a hand or forearm.

NOTE 2:

An "anchor point" exists when the player intentionally holds a forearm in contact with any part of his body to establish a gripping hand as a stable point around which the other hand may swing the club.

THIS IS NOT AN EQUIPMENT RULE — Conforming mid-length and long putters remain permissible provided they are not anchored.

PERMITTED



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Penalty

Anchoring the club in making a stroke brings a two-stroke penalty in stroke play and loss of hole in match play (as with any other breach of Rule 14-1).

END OF CLUB ANCHORED AGAINST CHIN

