



## **2019 SPECIAL RULES FOR SAND GREENS: List of differences to previous edition**

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The updated version of the Special Rules for Australian Sand Greens is available from [www.golf.org.au/newrules](http://www.golf.org.au/newrules). This version takes effect on 1 January 2019.

Following is a list of the changes that have been made to the Special Rules for Sand Greens:

- A large number of changes have been made to terminology and Rule references so as to align with all of the terminology and Rule number revisions in the 2019 Rules of Golf. Note: These changes have no practical impact on what a golfer needs to do.
- The definition of Loose Sand has been removed from the Special Rules for Sand Greens. It is no longer needed because of the change to the definition of Loose Impediments in the Rules of Golf (sand and loose soil on the putting green is no longer defined to be a loose impediment). This is essentially a technical change that will have no practical impact on what a golfer needs to do.
- 1.2.1 and 1.2.2 have been changed so that the player when smoothing is now only required to smooth to a minimum of one club-length beyond the hole instead of two club-lengths.
- 1.2.4 has been added to provide relief for a player whose backswing is interfered with by the grass edge to the putting surface.
- Old 1.7 has been removed so that a player is now permitted to repair damage to the putting surface which has been caused by the impact of a ball.