

Front Cover: This is the home stretch at the South Bend (Ind.) CC where the Western Amateur championship will be played June 18-24. It's a lovely view except to the contender who happens to dunk a crucial shot into the beautiful lake then the sylvan pool becomes "a hell of a mudhole, etc."

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Reach Agreement on Rules of Golf — Stymie Out

United States Golf Assn., Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews and Royal Canadian Golf Assn. representatives meeting at St. Andrews last month agreed on changes and uniformities in Rules of Golf.

New rules will go into effect Jan. 1, 1952.

Main points of agreement:

General penalty to be loss of hole in match play; two strokes in stroke play. The general penalty applies where no specific penalty is set forth in the Rules of Golf.

Stroke and distance to be the penalty for balls out of bounds, lost or unplayable. The player is to return to tee or other place from which the shot out of bounds, lost or unplayable was hit and be playing three from the original location.

The stymie is to be abolished.

Golf balls of R&A specifications (not heavier than 1.62 oz. and not smaller than 1.62 diameter) may be played in USGA tournaments. The USGA ball specifications are that the ball shall not be heavier than 1.62 oz. or smaller than 1.68 in diameter.

Ban on the goose-necked putter with neck bent to produce a mallet-headed effect, is lifted. That ban has been in effect since shortly after Walter J. Travis won the 1904 British Open. It took a long time to discover that putts also could be missed with that type of a putter.

USGA regulations controlling markings on club faces and prohibiting channels, moldings and furrows on golf grips, were adopted and world-wide controls.

The term "putting green" which previously officially meant area, excluding hazards, within 20 yards of the hole, will mean only surface especially prepared for putting, when new rules go into effect.

Roads and sand not in a hazard will not be regarded as hazards.

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gram on which leading professionals point out the values of golf as a career plus timely tips to young participants, are being made available to Jaycee junior golf chairmen for use on local radio stations prior to local and state tournaments. Hugh Egan, Jr., Dir. of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce sports program reports the transcriptions made by professionals Jack Burke, Jr., Horton Smith, Lawson Little, Lloyd Mangrum, Toney Penna, Skip Alexander and Johnny Revolta which can be obtained from his office at 209 S. State St., Chicago, Ill., will be used in communities in 45 states from which a field of approximately 200 boys will advance to play in the 6th annual Jaycee National Junior Amateur championship to be held at the Hope Valley CC, Durham, N. C., August 13-18.