

Rules 23, 27-2a and 27-3: Ball should be lifted by owner, his partner or either of their caddies. In match play, if opponent or his caddie lifts player's ball, penalty is one stroke, under Rule 27-2a, not loss of hole under present Rule 23-1. In stroke play, if fellow-competitor or his caddie lifts player's ball, there is no penalty (Rule 27-3); present penalty is two strokes under Rule 23-1. Present Rule 23-1 ceases to be a Rule and becomes a preamble.

Rule 24-1a; Except on putting green, opponent's ball may be temporarily lifted when within two club-lengths (presently one club-length) of player's ball. Only the player may direct this; the opponent no longer has any say in the matter.

Rule 28: Permission to replace a dam-

aged ball is limited to a ball damaged during play of the hole. This prohibits changing after a ball known to be damaged is driven from the tee.

Rule 30-1a: A provisional ball must be identified as such before it is played. Play of a provisional ball covers all contingencies except that player may exempt its application to a ball in a water hazard.

Rule 35-1, Note: New recommendation for marking ball to be lifted on putting green by placing small coin immediately behind ball's position; if it interferes with another player, it should be moved one or more putterhead-lengths to one side.

Rule 35-2d: On putting green, player may knock away opponent's ball at any time to concede next stroke.

USGA COMPETITIONS FOR 1956

International Matches

Curtis Cup — June 8 and 9 at Prince's Golf Club, Sandwich, England.

Women's amateur teams: British Isles vs. United States.

Americas Cup — in Mexico, dates and place to be fixed.

Men's amateur teams: Canada vs. Mexico vs. United States.

Championships

(Dates entries close mean last dates for applications to reach USGA office. For possible exceptions in dates of Sectional Qualifying Rounds, see entry forms.)

Championship	Entries Close	Sectional Qualifying Rounds	Championship Dates	Venue
Open	May 18	June 4	June 14-15-16	Oak Hill Country Club Rochester, N. Y.
Amateur Public Links	*June 1	xJune 17-23	Team: July 7 Indiv: July 9-14 July 26-27-28	Harding Park Golf Course San Francisco, Cal.
Women's Open	July 13	none	July 26-27-28	Northland Country Club Duluth, Minn.
Junior Amateur	July 6	July 24	Aug. 8-11	Taconic Golf Club Williams College Williamstown, Mass.
Senior Amateur	July 20	Aug. 7	Aug. 20-25	Somerset Country Club St. Paul, Minn.
Girls' Junior	Aug. 10	none	Aug. 27-31	H'ather Downs Country Club Toledo, Ohio
Amateur	Aug. 10	Aug. 28	Sept. 10-15	Knollwood Club Lake Forest, Ill.
Women's Amateur	Aug. 31	none	Sept. 17-22	Meridian Hills Country Club Indianapolis, Ind.

* Entries Close with Sectional Qualifying Chairmen.

x Exact date in each Section to be fixed by Sectional Chairmen.

(NOTE—Girls' Junior Championship, originally scheduled September 10-14, has been changed to August 27-31)