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THE RULES OF GOLF in PLAIN ENGLISH

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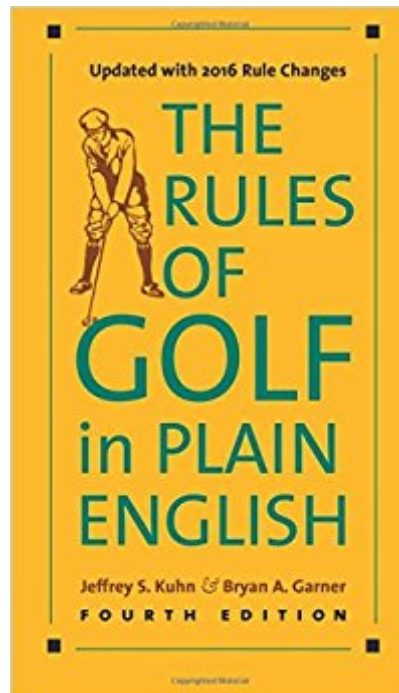
Synopsis

The earliest standards for the game of golf included just 338 words and thirteen rules, which included what to do if your ball had the misfortune of falling into â œwatery filthâ • and how to proceed if your ball was stopped by a horse. The official Rules of Golf have since grown to more than 40,000 words and cover everything from marking a scorecard to determining whether a club has the appropriate roughness. Two hundred years of revisions have rendered these Rules opaque and stylistically inconsistent. Those intricacies can be intimidating for anyone hoping to pick up the game and frustrating for longtime players who just want to settle a dispute. Both lawyers and avid golfers, Jeffrey S. Kuhn and Bryan A. Garner recognized the difficulties that the language of the Rules of Golf has created, especially in a sport that expects players to call penalties on themselves. By reworking the Rules line by line, word by word, they have produced an accessible resource that no golferâ ”from the duffer to the proâ ”should be without. This new edition of The Rules of Golf in Plain English is fully aligned with the latest United States Golf Association updates and continues to be published with their permission and encouragement. Clear and concise, this reference will allow players to spend more time playing through and less time scratching their heads.

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for the previous edition David Fay, former executive director, United States Golf Association)â œIf most of us had a dollar for every time we resolved to read the USGA rulebookâ "and didnâ ™tâ "we could have paid for this godsend from trial lawyer Jeffrey Kuhn and Blackâ ™s Law Dictionary editor in chief Bryan Garner ten times over. Recognizing obscure writing when they see it, the pair have taken on the Rules of Golfâ ™s â ˆsometimes wooden, legalistic and opaqueâ ™ style and translated it deftly, simplifying but not oversimplifying. Itâ ™s a good read unspoiled.â • (Praise for the previous edition Golf World)

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The rules of golf are changing, this is a good book until they are officially changed.

Easier to find answers in this book than the actual rule book. Helped on a couple of rule disputes already.

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Yes I am able to read it it is what I expected.

I am very happy with this purchase.

Great

Great! As expected.

For rules geeks.

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