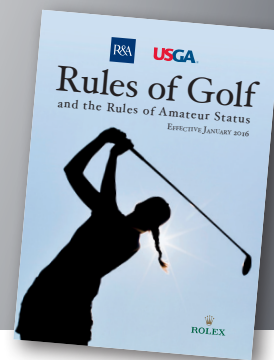


# 2016 EDITION OF THE RULES OF GOLF: Anchoring the Club — Understanding Rule 14-1b



## 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:

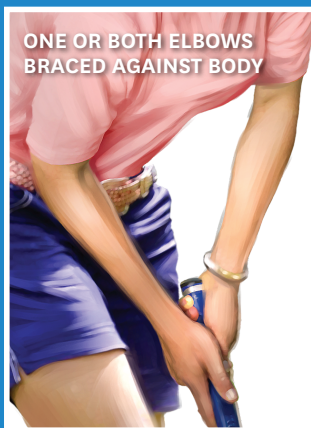
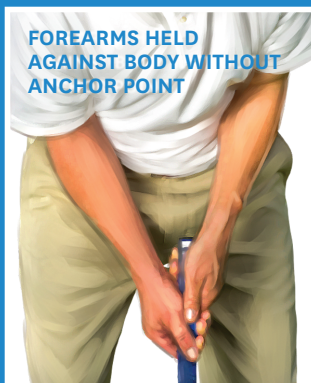
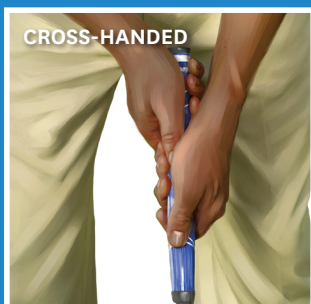
*The club is anchored "directly" when the player intentionally holds the club or a gripping hand in contact with any part of his body, except that the player may hold the club or a gripping hand against a hand or forearm.*

### 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).

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