

Email from February 20, 2023 to AZNWGA

I have a few updates for you.

Suggestion Box Questions from 1/10 Welcome Back Gathering. From Jan 24th email.

Q4. Can we have drop areas on holes 4,6, and 12?

A4. The board is still looking into this. We were informed the course was rated without drop areas, so adding them would create an issue with posting an accurate score. **We checked with the AGA and having a drop zone on the 3 holes would not impact posted scores. However, adding a drop zone for 1 day a week for 4 hours on 3 holes does not seem practical since we allow for a provisional ball. The board discussed and decided not to have drop zones on the 3 holes.**

4. Putting Green: From Feb 8th email.

d. Cleaning your ball on the green. You're allowed to lift (mark your ball first) your ball and clean it. You're not allowed to wipe the ball on the putting green surface to clean it. It could be construed that you're trying to deliberately test the green...Best practice...bring a towel to the green to clean your ball.

A member questioned "**You're not allowed to wipe the ball on the putting green surface to clean it. It could be construed that you're trying to deliberately test the green...**" She reached out to a rules official at the USGA and he responded..."The answer here goes to the **intent of the player**. If the player is doing this just to clean the ball, there is no penalty. If they do so to test the condition of the putting green, the action is a breach of Rule 13.1e."

So bottom line, if your intent is only to clean your ball and not to deliberately test the condition of the putting green, you can wipe your ball on the putting green to clean it with no penalty.

Thank you to the member for checking into this for us.

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