

USGA Caddie Do's and Don'ts (10.3b)

Actions Always Allowed

- Carry, transport and handle the player's clubs.
- Search for the player's ball. (Rule 7.1).
- Give information, advice, to your own player. (Rules 10.2a and 10.2b).
- Smooth bunkers. (Rules 8.2 Exception, 8.3 Exception and 12.2b(2) and (3)).
- Remove sand and loose soil and repair *most* damage (old hole plugs, ball marks, shoe marks, equipment damage, etc.) on the putting green. (Rule 13.1c).
- Remove or attend the flagstick. (Rule 13.2b).
- Mark, lift, and replace the player's ball. (Rules 14.1b Exception and 14.2b).
- Clean the player's ball (Rule 14.1c).
- Remove loose impediments and movable obstructions (Rules 15.1 and 15.2).

Actions Not Allowed

- Concede the next stroke. (Rule 3.2).
- Decide to take relief under a Rule (such as treating a ball as unplayable under Rule 19, 16.1 or 17). May advise the player, but the player must make the decision.
- Deliberately stand on or close to an extension of the (Rule 10.2b(4)) or take other actions prohibited by Rule 10.2b:

New Rule: Under Rule 10.2b(4);

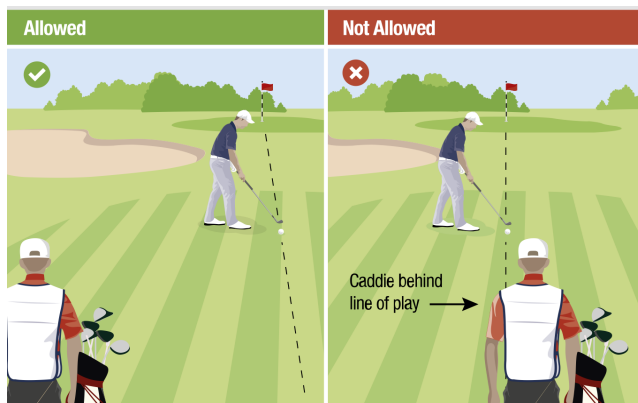
- The previous prohibition is extended so that, once the player begins taking a stance for the stroke, and until the stroke is made, the player's caddie must not deliberately stand on or close to an extension of the line of play behind the ball for any reason.
- There is no penalty if the caddie accidentally stands on or close to an extension of the line of play behind the ball, rather than in trying to help in lining up.

Reasons for Change:

Although a player may get advice from a caddie on the shot to be played, the line of play, and other similar matters, the ability to line up one's feet and body accurately to a target line is a fundamental skill of the game for which the player alone should be responsible.

- Allowing a caddie to stand behind a player taking a stance so as to direct the player how to line up undermines the player's need to use his or her own alignment skills and judgment.

We believe that an appropriate line is drawn between allowing advice from a caddie and prohibiting the caddie from being involved in directing the player in the act of taking a stance to play the ball.



Player Responsible for Caddie's Actions and Breach of Rules

A player is responsible for his or her caddie. If the caddie breaches a Rule or would breach a Rule if the action was taken by the player, the player gets the penalty under that Rule.

A caddie and a player may not ride in the cart at the same time.