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.

**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.

**WHAT THE RULE SAYS**

This is not an equipment rule — Conforming mid-length and long putters remain permissible provided they are not anchored.

**PERMITTED**

Claw

Cross-handed

Long putter not anchored

Forearms held against body without anchor point

Traditional grip

One or both elbows braced against body

Grip resting against forearm

**PROHIBITED**

Mid-length putter anchored against stomach

Anchored long putter

Anchor point created by forearm

End of club anchored against chin

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).