Golf Rules for Business: Know the Basics, Play with Flexibility

Key Concepts Covered

- Play the ball as it lies-no moving or improving its position.
- You can remove loose impediments (leaves, twigs, stones) but not if it moves your ball-a penalty applies.
- In sand traps, don't ground your club before striking the ball.
- Water hazards usually incur a one-stroke penalty-take a drop.
- Lost balls not found in 3 minutes are considered lost-replay with a stroke penalty.
- Out of bounds means returning to the previous spot with a one-stroke penalty.
- Free relief is allowed from manmade objects like cart paths-one club length.

Pro Tips

- In business golf, consider allowing free drops for tough lies to keep things moving.
- Forgive water hazard penalties-just drop and continue to maintain the flow.
- Use one mulligan per 9 holes to encourage fun and reduce tension.
- The goal isn't strict rule enforcement-it's connection and conversation.
- Respect the game, but don't let rules get in the way of business momentum.

Next Step: Watch the 'Golf Rules for Business' video in your Golf4Biz Learning Center