



## Canterbury Golf Referee Association

### RULE OF THE MONTH - April 2025

#### **Advice:**

During a round a player must not make a verbal comment or action ( such as showing what club was just used to make a stroke) that is intended to influence another player in:

- choosing a club
- making a stroke or
- deciding how to play during a hole or round.

The Penalty for this breach is the *General Penalty* on the hole being played or just completed or if a player asks for or gives advice between the play of two holes the player gets the *General Penalty* on the next hole. *General Penalty* = loss of hole in Match Play and 2 penalty strokes in Stroke Play.

**But advice** does not include public information, such as:

- the location of things on the course such as the hole, the putting green, the fairway, penalty areas, bunkers or another player's ball
- the distance from one point to another
- wind direction or
- the Rules

#### **Who is allowed to give advice:**

- a caddie ( a player may only have one caddie) but a caddie may advise more than one player
- an 'Advice Giver' to a Team, but must be identified to the committee and could be the team captain, a team coach or another person. The advice giver may not give advice if playing in the team until their game is over.