

Rule 7-2 – Practice During a Round
(R & A Decisions on the Rules of Golf 2009 – 2010)

7-2 DURING ROUND

A player must not make a practice stroke during play of a hole. Between the play of two holes a player must not make a practice stroke, except that he may practise putting or chipping on or near:

- a. The *putting green* of the hole last played;
- b. Any practice *putting green*, or;
- c. The *teeing ground* of the next hole to be played in the round, provided a practice stroke is not made from a *hazard* and does not unduly delay play (Rule 6-7).

Strokes made in continuing the play of a hole, the result of which has been decided, are not practicing strokes.

Penalty for Breach of Rule 7-2:

Matchplay – Loss of hole; Stroke play – two strokes

In the event of a breach between the play of two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.