

Rule 8-2(b) – Indicating Line of Play  
(R & A Decisions on the Rules of Golf 2010 – 2011)

**8-2(a) INDICATING LINE OF PLAY (Other than on Putting Green)**

Except on the putting green, a player may have the line of play indicated to him by anyone, but no one may be positioned by the player on or close to the line or an extension of the line beyond the hole while the stroke IS BEING MADE. Any mark placed by the player or with his knowledge to indicate the line MUST be removed before the stroke is made.

*Exception: Flagstick attended or held up (see Rule 17-1)*

**8-2(b) INDICATING LINE OF PLAY (On the Putting Green)**

When the player's ball is on the *putting green*, the player, his partner or either of their caddies may before BUT not during the stroke, point out a line for putting, but in so doing the putting green must not be touched. A mark must not be placed anywhere to indicate a line for putting.

**Penalty for Breach of Rule:**

Matchplay – Loss of hole; Stroke play – two strokes

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Rule 16 – The Putting Green

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**16-1 (d) TESTING SURFACE**

During the stipulated round, a player must not test the surface of any putting green by rolling a ball or roughening or scraping the surface.

*Exception: Between the play of two holes, a player may test the surface of any PRACTICE putting green and the putting green of the hole last played, unless the Committee has prohibited such action (see Note 2 to Rule 7-2).*

**Penalty for Breach of Rule:**

Matchplay – Loss of hole; Stroke play – two strokes