

ONLINE GOLF RULES COURSE — LEVEL 1 (R&A St Andrews)

Link official: <https://www.randa.org/en/rules-academy>

Dear member,

The R&A offers the **Level 1 Golf Rules Course** entirely **free of charge** and **online**, allowing participants to study at their own pace and at a time that suits them best.

This course is an excellent opportunity to **develop a deeper understanding of the Rules of Golf** and, once completed, to take the **official Level 1 Exam** and obtain the **R&A Level 1 Rules Exam Certificate**.

Those who wish to progress further may later apply to take the **Level 2 Rules Course**, delivered by the **Portuguese Golf Federation (FPG)**.

How to take part

- 1. Access the R&A website**
Visit www.randa.org, go to the **Rules** section and click on **Rules Education / Rules Academy**.
- 2. Choose your preferred language**
The course is available in English, Spanish and several other languages. (Please note that Portuguese may not yet be available.)
- 3. Create an account or sign in**

Learn, understand, test yourself & enjoy.

The Rules Academy covers the most commonly occurring Rules situations, culminating in the official R&A Level 1 Exam.

To take The R&A Level 1 Exam you need an account

If you have not already signed up for the Rules Academy, set up an account to get started.

Sign Up

Sign In

- If you already have an account, click **Sign In** and enter your details.

- If you are new to the site, click **Sign Up** and complete the registration form.

Register Rules Academy Account here

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Already have an account? [Get a new verification email](#)

Rules Academy Register Form Section

If you do not already have an account, you can create one using this form.

First Name

Last Name

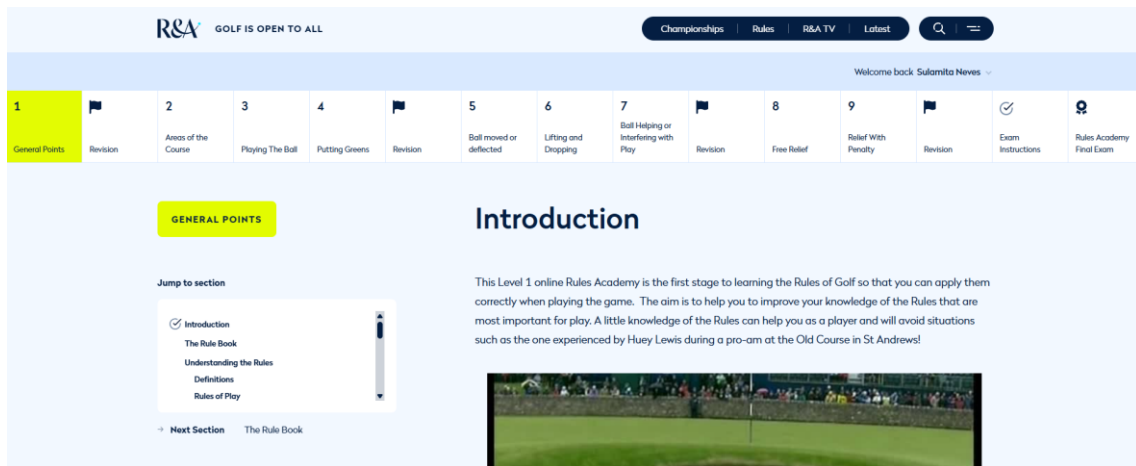
Email address

Password

- You will receive a confirmation email. Follow the link provided to verify your registration and then return to the site to log in.

Course structure

Once logged in, you will find a structured learning area divided into **9 topics**, each covering key aspects of the Rules of Golf.



The screenshot shows the Rules Academy website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the R&A logo and the tagline "GOLF IS OPEN TO ALL". The navigation bar includes links for "Championships", "Rules", "R&A TV", and "Latest". A search bar and a user profile icon are also present. Below the navigation bar, a horizontal menu displays 12 topics, each with a number and a flag icon. The topics are: 1. General Points, 2. Revision, 3. Areas of the Course, 4. Playing The Ball, 5. Putting Greens, 6. Revision, 7. Ball moved or deflected, 8. Lifting and Dropping, 9. Ball Helping or Interfering with Play, 10. Revision, 11. Free Relief, 12. Relief With Penalty, 13. Revision, 14. Exam Instructions, and 15. Rules Academy Final Exam. The "General Points" topic is highlighted in yellow. Below the menu, the "GENERAL POINTS" section is visible, featuring a "Jump to section" dropdown menu with options: Introduction (selected), The Rule Book, Understanding the Rules, Definitions, and Rules of Play. The main content area is titled "Introduction" and contains a paragraph explaining the purpose of the Level 1 online Rules Academy. A video player showing a golf course is also visible at the bottom right of the introduction section.

Every section includes explanations, practical examples and **review exercises** to reinforce your understanding.

You may stop and continue your learning at any time — your progress will be saved automatically.

Final Exam



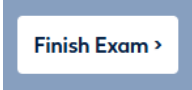
Rules Academy
Final Exam

When ready, select the **Rules Academy Final Exam** tab located at the top right of the Rules Academy page.

The exam consists of **50 multiple-choice questions (A, B or C)** covering all topics studied.

You will have **60 minutes** to complete it and can move freely between pages before submitting your answers.

- Unanswered questions will be highlighted in yellow.
- You can review and amend your answers until you click **Finish Exam**.
- Once submitted, your score will be displayed and, if successful, your **official certificate** will be issued immediately.



Finish Exam >

 **Important:** If you leave the exam and attempt to re-enter, a new set of 50 questions will be generated and the timer will reset.

Completion

Upon successful completion, you will receive the **R&A Level 1 Rules Certificate**, officially issued by the R&A St Andrews — recognising your understanding of the Rules of Golf.

This online course is a great way to build confidence in your knowledge of the Rules, prepare for competitions, or take the first step towards more advanced levels of education in golf officiating.

Good luck and enjoy your learning journey! 