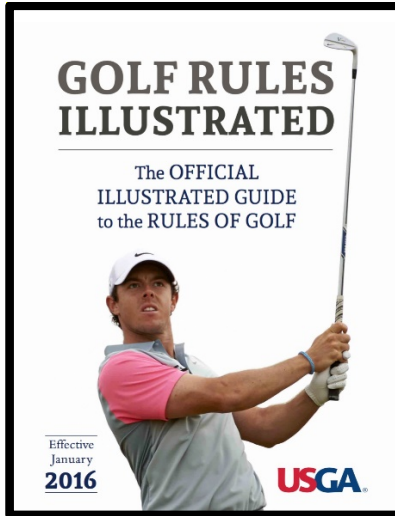


## A SIMPLE AND QUICK WAY TO LEARN THE RULES OF GOLF



Many who wish to learn more about the Rules of Golf seem to never have the spare moments for a program of serious study that would require a great deal of time. This brings to mind the quote from the fictional Mattie Ross, a central figure in the book, *True Grit* – “You must pay for everything in this world one way and another. There is nothing free.”

However, there is an efficient way to develop a reasonable level of mastery of the Rules that will require a minimum amount of time using the USGA publication, *Golf Rules Illustrated, 2016*. This very useful publication is available from the online USGA Publications Store [\$19.95]. Each of the 34 Rules and the four Appendices is illustrated in brief with drawings that show an application of the specific Rule. Further at the end of each Rule, there is at least one Rule’s incident included that relates the details of a situation requiring knowledge of that Rule. By reading through a Rule’s incident that applies the specifics of a Rule, the association of the application with the text of the Rule will help to fix the Rule in memory much more easily than a simple reading of the text of the Rule.

Do this for one Rule every day for a month and start over again the next month. Continue this over a whole year and the depth of knowledge will increase exponentially. This will not equate to detailed, regular study of the *Decisions on the Rules of Golf* but for those with a minimum of time available, it’s a reasonable substitute.