

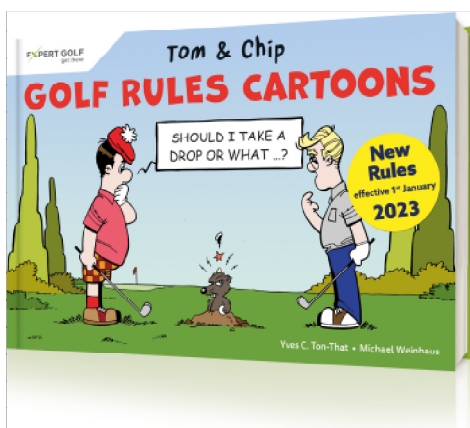
SITUATION: Tom's preparing for his bunker shot ...



QUESTION: Is Tom allowed to touch the sand with his club before the stroke?

ANSWER: Casually leaning on or resting the club in the sand while waiting to play is allowed. However, a player isn't allowed to touch the sand during practice swings, to ground the club behind the ball or to touch the sand during the back swing. Tom gets 2 penalty strokes in stroke play for his practice swing. Rule 12.2b.

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