

**SITUATION:** Tom's ball is farther away from the hole, but Chip's ball is still off the green ...



**QUESTION:** Who plays first, and if a player plays in the wrong order, is there a penalty?

**ANSWER:** It's Tom's turn to play. The ball that's farther from the hole is played first, regardless of whether it's on or off the green. If Chip played first, there would be no penalty. However, in match play, Tom would be entitled to cancel Chip's stroke and ask him to replay in the correct order. Rules 6.4a and 6.4b.

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