

2019 USGA Major Rule Change of the Week...

Major Rule Change - New procedure for dropping the ball.

Rule 14.3 - Players will continue to drop a ball when taking relief, but the dropping procedure will be changed in several ways.

How a ball is dropped will be simplified; the only requirement will be that the ball is let go from knee height so that it falls through the air and does not touch any part of the player's body or equipment before it hits the ground

USGA "Reasons for Change"

- The new procedure lowers the height of the drop to increase the chance it stays within the relief area.
- Requiring the player to drop the ball from knee height will retain the desired randomness of where the ball will come to rest, while also preventing embedded lies in relief areas.

[Click here to watch the USGA Video Explanation of Rule 14.3](#)

How to Drop a Ball

You will drop your ball from knee height into the relief area.



Each of these rules changes will take effect on January 1, 2019.

Our hope is to make as many golfers knowledgeable of the upcoming rules changes before the new year.

Good Luck & Play Well!

