

2019 USGA Major Rule Change of the Week...

Major Rule Change - Repairing damage on the putting green.

Rule 13.1c - Under Rule 13.1c (2), allows repair almost any damage on the green:

- “Damage on the putting green” will be defined to include all types of damage (such as ball - marks, shoe damage, indentations from a club or flagstick, animal damage, etc), except aeration holes, natural surface imperfections or natural wear of the hole.

USGA “Reasons for Change”

- Because putting greens are specifically for playing the ball along the ground, the Rules allow the player to do things on the green that are not allowed anywhere else:
 - The player may mark, lift and clean a ball on the green at any time, remove sand and loose soil on the green and repair old hole plugs and ball marks on the green. Given this philosophy there is no conceptual reason to prohibit repair to other types of damage.

[Click here to Watch the Watch the Video Explanation of Rule 13.1c](#)



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!

