

# 2019 USGA Major Rule Change of the Week...

Major Rule Change - *When to replace a ball that moves on the putting green.*

Rule 13.1d, will revise the procedure for when a ball on putting green is moved by wind, water or other natural forces, so that it must sometimes be replaced and sometimes be played from its new spot.

- *If the ball had been lifted and replaced on its original spot before it moved, the ball must always be replaced on its original spot, regardless of what caused it to move.*
- *The ball must be played from its new spot only if the ball had not been lifted and replaced before it moved.*

## USGA "Reasons for Change"

- *When a ball at rest is moved by natural forces such as the wind, normally played as it lies because its movement is considered a continuation of the previous stroke, as no person or object has affected where the ball lies.*
- *But when the moved ball had already been lifted and replaced, the connection to the previous shot is no longer obvious..*

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



*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!*

