

2019 USGA Major Rule Change of the Week...

Major Rule Change - No penalty for Moving a Ball on the Putting Green

Rule 13.1d - No Penalty for accidentally moving your ball or ball-marker on the putting green.

USGA "Reasons for Change"

- The shape, slope and condition of many putting greens today increases the chances that a ball at rest on the putting green might move, and it can be difficult to determine if the player or natural causes moved the ball.
- Most "Ball Move" situations occur on the putting green and involve minimal movement.
- When a ball moves while a player is doing nothing more than taking normal actions to prepare for a stroke, it can seem unfair for the player to be penalized.

[Click here to watch the USGA Video Explanation 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!

