

2019 USGA Major Rule Change of the Week...

Major Rule Change - *Relief for an embedded ball.*

Rule 16.3 - *Rule 16.3 will allow for relief for a ball embedded anywhere in the “general area” (that is currently known as “through the green”), except when embedded in the sand.*

USGA “Reasons for Change”

- *This is an appropriate exception to the principle of playing the ball as it lies because having to play a ball that is stuck in soft or wet ground (whether in the fairway or not) should be considered part of the normal challenge of playing the course.*
- *Allowing relief throughout the general area is consistent with other relief Rules, which do not make distinctions based on the height of the grass in the general area.*

[Click here to watch the USGA Video Explanation of Rule 16.3](#)



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!

