

2019 USGA Major Rule Change of the Week...

Major Rule Change - *Touching line of play on putting green...*

Rule 16.1 (a) - *The Prohibition of touching the line of play on the putting green will be eliminated:*

- *There will no longer be a penalty for merely touching the line of play on the putting green (the term "line of play" will apply everywhere on the putting green, and the term "line of putt" will no longer be used).*
- *But the player will be subject to the prohibition on improving his or her line of play on the putting green (see Rule 8.1a, as limited by 8.1b).*

USGA "Reasons for Change"

- *No advantage is gained if a player or his or her caddie merely touches the surface of the putting green on the line where the ball will be played.*
- *Over time, the prohibition on touching the line of putt has become subject to many exceptions.*
 - *Current Rule 16-1a lists seven different situations in which a player is allowed to touch the line of the putt.*

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[Explanation of the prohibition of Rule 16.1a](#)



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!

