

NEW LOCAL RULE

Accidental Movement of a Ball on the Putting Green

The following are the main points to remember about this new Local Rule;

- It only applies on the putting green being played and nowhere else on the course.
- It only applies to a ball that is **accidentally** moved, not when a ball is purposely touched/moved, e.g. struck in anger, or lifted without having being marked.
- It applies to a ball in play, or a ball-marker used to mark a ball.
- It does not matter how the ball or ball-marker was accidentally moved, e.g. while making a practice putt, kicked, or because equipment was dropped on it.
- It applies to a player, their partner, their opponent(s), any of their caddies or equipment.
- The ball or ball-marker that was accidentally moved must be replaced.
- If the ball was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause (including gravity), the ball must be played as it lies from its new location without penalty.



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Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced."