

TWGA New Local Rule

Accidental Movement of the Ball on the Putting Green

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 only applies 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 in such circumstance is replaced.

Points to remember about this Local Rule

- It only applies on the putting green being played and nowhere else on the course.
- It applies to a *ball in play*, or a ball marker used to mark a ball.
- It only applies to a ball that is **accidentally** moved, **not** when a ball is purposely touched or moved, e.g. struck in anger, or lifted without having been marked.
- The ball or ball marker that was moved must be replaced.
- It does not matter how the ball was accidentally moved e.g., while making a practice putt, kicked or because equipment was dropped on it. Careless= Accidental