

# **In the Ryder Cup we saw this scenario...**

**Sergio Garcia, playing with fellow compatriot Rafael Cabrera-Bello, was looking to cream a drive down the fairway but hooked it to the left where it bounced off a few tree branches and straight into a Marshall's pocket.**



## **What's the ruling?**

**A player may continue without penalty if a ball they hit is moved, deflected or stopped by an 'outside agency', for example a spectator or animal, then it can be replaced without penalty.**

**You must mark the ball directly under the persons pocket, and proceed with a legal drop.**

### **Side Note:**

**Under the rules of golf, a player incurs a one shot penalty if a ball they played is moved, stopped or deflected either by themselves, their partner, their caddies or their equipment.**

**So thankfully the ball hit the Marshall and not his caddie, or it would have been a penalty!**