

CHARLESTON NATIONAL ADOPTS NEW LOCAL RULE

“Accidental Movement of a Ball on a 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.

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.”

HOW IT WORKS | The following are examples where the Local Rule would apply:

IF: When preparing to make a stroke, a player accidentally causes the ball to move...



THEN: No penalty, and the ball must be replaced.

IF: A player accidentally drops his/her ball, which hits and moves the ball-marker...



THEN: No penalty, and the ball-marker must be replaced.

IF: A player accidentally drops his/her ball-marker, which hits and moves the ball...



THEN: No penalty, and the ball must be replaced.

IF: A player accidentally kicks and moves his/her ball...



THEN: No penalty, and the ball must be replaced.