

Rule 11 – Notable Changes

- No penalty for accidental deflections and ball is played as it lies (exception for putting and striking ball at rest on putting green in stroke play still exists).
- Deliberate deflections under Rule 11.2 are “outcome based”, there is no penalty if ball is not deflected.
- “Might influence the movement of the ball” standard eliminated and replaced by intent-based standard for deliberate acts.

Rule 11 – Key Concepts

11.1 Ball in Motion Accidentally Hits Person or Outside Influence

- No penalty to any player if ball accidentally hits
 - Any person
 - Any outside influence (including equipment and animals).
- Ball is played as it lies except
 - When it comes to rest in or on someone/something
 - When stroke from putting green hits person, animal or movable obstruction
 - Ball-Marker, Ball at Rest and Flagstick/Flagstick Attendant excluded.

Rules 11 – Key Concepts

11.2 Ball in Motion Deliberately Deflected or Stopped by Person

- Ball must not be played as it lies.
 - Estimate the point where ball would have come to rest and take relief using that as reference point.
- Penalty applies to person only if actually deflected.

11.3 Deliberately Moving Objects or Altering Conditions to Affect Ball in Motion

- Must not alter conditions or move loose impediments or movable obstructions
 - Exceptions for flagstick, ball at rest on putting green or other player equipment.
- Penalty applies if these actions are deliberately taken.
 - Ball does not actually need to be affected by actions.
- If ball is actually deflected, 11.2 applies.