

# Rules 9 – Notable Changes

- Known or Virtually Certain Standard for determining:
  - Whether or not Ball Moved
  - What Caused Ball to Move
- Definition of Moved includes the “naked eye” standard.
- If ball already lifted and replaced on putting green, ball is replaced even when natural forces thereafter move ball.
- Player protections from getting a penalty for moving a ball extended to cover “while taking reasonable actions”
- “Directly attributable” limitation eliminated.
- Specific governance of the ball-marker when ball has not yet been replaced.

# Rule 9 – Key Concepts

## 9.1 Ball Played as It Lies

- Ball must be played as it lies, except when the Rules allow you to play from somewhere else.
- If ball starts moving once backswing has begun and stroke is made, play ball from where it comes to rest.

## 9.2 Deciding What Caused Ball to Move

- Known or Virtually Certain Standard used.
- Only Four Causes recognized:
  - 1) Player (or caddie), 2) Opponent (or caddie), 3) Outside Influence or 4) Natural Forces
- If one of first 3 did not cause, natural forces did.

## 9.3 Ball Moved by Natural Forces

- No penalty and play from new spot, unless
  - Ball was already lifted/moved and replaced on putting green.

# Rule 9– Key Concepts

## 9.4 Ball Lifted or Moved by Player

- Ball must be replaced (2 exceptions).
- One stroke penalty, unless
  - 1) Allowed to lift, 2) Accidentally before found, 3) Accidentally on putting green, or 4) Accidentally while applying Rule not on putting green.

## 9.5 Ball Lifted or Moved by Opponent in Match Play

- Ball must be replaced, unless conceding or lifted by request.
- One stroke penalty, unless
  - 1) Allowed to lift, 2) By mistake on putting green, or 3) Numbers 2, 3 and 4 above.

## 9.6 Ball Lifted or Moved by Outside Influence

- Known or Virtually Certain Standard.
- No penalty, ball must be replaced.

# Rule 9 – Key Concepts

## 9.7 Ball-Marker Lifted or Moved

- Ball or Ball-Marker Must be Replaced, no matter how it is moved.
- One stroke penalty to player or opponent, unless
  - 1) Any one of the exceptions that apply under 9.4 or 9.5 apply.
- Applies only to ball-marker in place for a ball that
  - Has been lifted and
  - Has not yet been replaced.