

# 2019 USGA Major Rule Change of the Week...

Major Rule Change - *Ball played from green hits unattended flagstick.*

Rule 13.2a - *Under Rule 13.2a (2)*

- *There will no longer be a penalty if a ball played from the putting green hits a flagstick left in the hole.*
- *Players will not be required to putt with the flagstick not in the hole; rather, they will continue to have the choice to have it removed (which includes having someone attend the flagstick and remove it after the ball is played).*

USGA "Reasons for Change"

- *Allowing a player to putt with the flagstick in the hole without fear of penalty should generally help speed up the pace of play.*
- *When the players do not have caddies, the current rule can result in considerable delay.*
- *On balance it is expected there should be no advantage in being able to putt with the unattended flagstick in the hole.*

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*Each of these rules changes will take effect on January 1, 2019.*

*Our hope is to make as many golfers knowledgeable of the upcoming rules changes before the new year.*

*Good Luck & Play Well!*

