

2019 USGA Major Rule Change of the Week...

Major Rule Change - Substitution of a ball always allowed when taking relief.

Rule 14.3 - Under rule 14.3, when taking relief, the player will always be allowed the choice to substitute a ball or to use the original ball, including...

USGA "Reasons for Change"

- The requirement to use the original ball in some relief situations but not others is confusing, hard to remember and leads to unnecessary penalties. Taking a consistent approach that always allows a player taking relief the choice to substitute a ball or use the original ball is much simpler.
- There is no need for a different procedure based on whether the player is taking relief with or without penalty.

[Click here to watch the USGA Video Explanation of Rule 14.3](#)



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!

