

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

Major Rule Change - *Use of damaged clubs during round*

## Under Rule 4.1

- *A Player will be allowed to keep using and/or to repair any club damaged during the round, no matter what the damage and even if the player damaged it in anger.*
- *A player will not be allowed to replace a damaged club, except when it is damaged during the round by and outside influence or natural forces or by someone other than the player or his or her caddie.*

## USGA “Reasons for Change”

*This rule change will greatly simplify the complex rules on damaged clubs.*

*Allowing a player to keep using or to repair any damaged club, regardless of the nature or cause of the damage, will benefit players in several ways.*

*The potential downside from a player’s perspective is outweighed by the ability to use or repair any damaged club, as well as by the significant simplification that results.*



[Click here to read the explanation of Rule 4.1](#)



*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!*