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Gator Junior Golf Association

Playing Rules Notes

Weeks 2-3 – Chapter 5 (Ball Moved)

**PLAYING - RULES NOTES: CHAPTER 5 - BALL MOVED**

**BALL AT REST MOVED (WEEK 2)**

**See rule #9**

I. Summary – Ball at Rest Moved

* I consider chapter 5 the most challenging chapter in the rules of golf. There are many scenarios you must consider to determine if your ball moved, how your ball moved, and what your options are once your ball moves.
* Summary:
  + If the ball is at rest and is moved by natural forces, play it from the new spot, no penalty.
  + If the ball is moved by anyone or outside forces, the ball is played from the new spot, no penalty.
  + If the ball is moved by the player, a penalty is incurred, except on the putting green.

II. Did the ball move?

* The ball is moved if it is known or virtually certain it has changed positions.

III. What caused the ball to move?

* Natural forces – wind or water – if you aren’t sure WHAT moved the ball but know it has moved, assume it was natural forces (default)
* Player or caddie
* Opponent or opponent’s caddie
* Outside influence – animals, spectators, maintenance workers, object being blown by the wind

IV. Natural Forces

* No penalty, play it from new spot
* Exception: on putting green, replace on original spot

V. Player or caddie

* One stroke penalty, replace on original spot
* Exceptions: no penalty
  + Player is allowed to move the ball (lift/clean/place, dropping ball)
  + Ball moved during search
  + Ball moved on green accidentally
  + Ball moved through the green due to movable obstructions, taking relief

VI. Opponent

* One stroke penalty on opponent, ball is replaced
* Exceptions: see player

VII. Outside influence

* No penalty, ball must be replaced

**BALL IN MOTION DEFLECTED (WEEK 3)**

**See rule #11**

I. Summary

* This rule covers what to do if your ball hits a person, animal, equipment, or anything else on the course. If this happens accidentally, there is no penalty and you play the wherever it ends up. Deliberate deflections is a different story.

II. Ball in Motion *Accidentally* Hits Person or Agency

* No penalty to anyone, play the ball wherever it ends up
* Exception: if the player’s ball hits the opponent’s ball at rest on the putting green, it is a 2-stroke penalty to the player
* Exception: if the ball comes to rest ON a person or outside influence: drop in a relief area (one-club length of free relief)

III. Ball in Motion is *Deliberately* Deflected by a Person

* 2-stroke penalty on whoever deflected the ball, ball must be replaced wherever it was estimated to land after being deflected
* Exception: on the putting green, the stroke is cancelled and must be replayed, the one deflecting is given 2-stroke penalty