

Ball Moved on the Green



The ball is in play when it is at rest on the green, regardless of whether the ball-marker is in use on the green or not. The purpose of the ball-marker is to mark a particular spot on the green, to enable the player to accurately replace his ball.

Billy Horschel was very unlucky at the Masters. After he replaced his ball on the 15th green, it subsequently rolled into the water hazard. As he did not cause the ball to move, there is no penalty and the ball is played from its new position. Should the ball have rolled closer to the hole or even fallen into the hole, he would have been deemed to have holed out with his previous stroke.

Unfortunately, as his ball ended up in the water, he incurred a 1 stroke penalty in taking relief from the hazard.

Had he caused the ball to move, he would have incurred a 1 stroke penalty and would have had to replace the ball on the green.

If the player causes the ball to move, it's a 1 stroke penalty and REPLACE the ball.

If the wind causes the ball to move, no penalty and play the ball from its new position.

Remember, don't just take my word for it and always consult your rule book.

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