

MAJOR CHANGE IN GOLF RULE

New Rule: Under Rule 13.2a(2):

There is no longer a penalty if a ball played from the putting green hits a flagstick left in the hole.

Players are not required to putt with the flagstick in the hole; rather, they continue to have the choice to have it removed (which includes having someone attend the flagstick and remove it after the ball is played).

CGC 9-Holers Local Modification

If any player in the group wishes to have the flagstick remain in the hole while they are putting, they must announce this when they reach the green. (This is similar to the requirement that you announce the number of strokes you have taken to reach the green.) The flagstick may remain in the hole as long as any member of the group wishes BUT once the flagstick is removed from the hole, no member may request that it be put back into the hole.

The following is an example of this rule:

Player 1, upon reaching the green, announces that she wants the flagstick to remain in the hole. Even though she may not be away, as long as Player 1 wants the flagstick in the hole, she must continue to putt before the other players who want the flagstick removed. Once Player 1 announces that she no longer wishes to have the flagstick in the hole, play should proceed as usual. Once the flagstick is removed, no other member of the group can request that the flagstick be put back into the hole.