

Rule 13.2: Flagstick

13.2: Moving (or not moving) the Flagstick – Stroke Made from the Putting Green

No Penalty*	General Penalty
 Ball hits flagstick left in hole before stroke ➢ Play ball as it lies 	Deliberately remove flagstick from hole or put back in hole to affect ball in motion after stroke (even if ball does not hit flagstick)
 Ball hits removed flagstick accidentally Play ball as it lies 	 Cancel and replay stroke if ball hits flagstick Play ball as it lies if ball does not hit flagstick
Ball hits attended flagstick accidentallyPlay ball as it lies	 Deliberately moving flagstick to position in the hole to gain advantage, and ball hits flagstick Play ball as it lies
Ball hits person attending flagstick accidentally ➤ Play ball as it lies	 Deliberately positioning removed flagstick on green to deflect ball, and ball hits flagstick ➤ Cancel and replay stroke
 Deliberately moving flagstick to position in the hole to gain advantage, but ball does not hit flagstick Play ball as it lies 	Ball deliberately stopped or deflected by person attending flagstick ➤ Cancel and replay stroke
Deliberately positioning removed flagstick on green to deflect ball, but ball does not hit flagstick Play ball as it lies	Deliberately failing to remove attended flagstick to deflect ball, and ball hits flagstick Cancel and replay stroke
Deliberately failing to remove attended flagstick to deflect ball, but ball does not hit flagstick Play ball as it lies	Deliberately failing to move out of the way of the ball when attending, and ball hits person ➤ Cancel and replay stroke
 Deliberately failing to move out of the way of the ball when attending, but ball does not hit person Play ball as it lies 	

*Putting Green + Accident = No Penalty