



“On the green, while putting, my ball hit a club that was resting on the green.  
Now what?”



Grab your handy **Player’s Edition of the Rules of Golf** to follow along and learn where to look in the future.

Turn to page 62. It is **Rule 11 –Ball in Motion Accidentally Hits Person, Animal or Object; Deliberate Actions to Affect Ball in Motion.**



As you can see, this rule covers **Accidental** and **Deliberate** actions that affect a ball in **Motion**. So, to be able to answer the question accurately, we need more information. Was this accidental or deliberate? What is the status of what the ball hit?

In this case, it was **Accidental** and it hit a golf club which is *Equipment* which in this scenario is a *Movable Obstruction*.

**Read 11.1a** and you will learn that there is **NO Penalty** to Any Player if your ball in Motion Accidentally hits equipment.



**NO PENALTY – Great! But now, How do we proceed?**

**Continue reading. 11.1b Ball Must Be Played as It Lies**



Continue reading on page 63 – “Exception 2 – When your ball played from Putting Green Accidentally Hits any person, Animal or Movable Obstruction (including Another ball in motion) on the putting Green.”

We have found our scenario in the Rule Book in this Exception, right? Our ball was played from the putting green and Accidentally hit a Movable Obstruction.

If you are following along in your Players Edition of the Rules of Golf, you will see that you now need to see the Full Rules for more information on this exception.



Here is what the Full Rules say for Exception 2:

The **stroke** does not count and the original ball or another ball must be **replaced** on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated) (see Rule 14.2) **Except** in these two cases:

- **Ball in Motion Hits Another Ball at Rest or Ball-Marker on Putting Green.** The **stroke** counts and the ball must be played as it lies. (See 11.1a for whether a penalty applies in **stroke play**).
- **Ball in Motion Accidentally Hits Flagstick or Person Attending Flagstick.** This is covered by Rule 13.2b(2), not by this rule.

**Final answer**



There is no penalty to any player.

The stroke does not count.

The player must replay that shot from its original spot or the spot most closely estimated to be the original spot.