

SITUATION: Tom messes up a very simple putt ...



QUESTION: How do you count a ball that's knocked away in anger? And where does Tom have to play his next stroke from?

ANSWER: Hitting a ball away from the hole in anger isn't considered a stroke and doesn't count. According to the rules, Tom deliberately caused his ball at rest to move. Therefore, he must put it back on the original spot with 1 penalty stroke. If the ball can't be recovered, Tom may take another ball without an additional penalty stroke for unallowed substitution of the ball being counted in this case. Rules 1.3c(4), 6.3b(3), 9.4b, 14.2a and definition "Stroke."

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