

## RULE OF THE MONTH    February, 2010

### Rule 14. Striking the Ball

#### 14-5. Playing Moving Ball

A player must not make a *stroke* at his ball while it is moving.

When the ball begins to *move* only after the player has begun the *stroke* or the backward movement of his club for the *stroke*, he incurs no penalty under this Rule for playing a moving ball, but he is not exempt from any penalty under the following Rules:

- Ball at rest *moved* by player - Rule 18-2a.
- Ball at rest moving after *address* - Rule 18-2b.

### 18-2. By Player, Partner, Caddie or Equipment

#### b. Ball Moving After Address

If a player's *ball in play* moves after he has *addressed* it (other than as a result of a *stroke*), the player is deemed to have *moved* the ball and incurs a penalty of one stroke. The ball must be replaced, unless the movement of the ball occurs after the player has begun the *stroke* or the backward movement of the club for the *stroke* and the *stroke* is made.

#### NOTE:

To summarize: In the process of making a *stroke*, the ball starts moving and you complete the *stroke*, you are not penalized for hitting a moving ball. However, you are penalized for having caused the ball to move. One *stroke* penalty and the ball is not replaced.