

Reasons for change

The weight of the evidence test under the current Rules is often difficult to apply in ball moved situations:

- Many competing factors need to be balanced, such as what the player did near the ball, the lapse of time before the ball moved, the lie of the ball, the slope and other course conditions near the ball and the presence of wind or weather conditions, and
- There is no prescribed way of prioritising or balancing these factors

Since "known or virtually certain" means more than just possible or probable, this standard will be simpler to apply because it will eliminate most "close calls" where it is hard to know for sure why the ball moved.