

(2012-08) Golf NSW Golf Rules Quiz - August 2012



Welcome to the Golf NSW monthly Golf Rules Quiz.

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Good luck and thank you for your interest in the Rules of Golf.

- Q.1) In a stroke round Steve's and Barry's balls both lie on the green on either side of the hole. Steve putts and as his ball is rolling towards the hole Barry realises that the ball will go past the hole and strike his own ball. Barry hurriedly steps in and marks and lifts his ball before Steve's ball rolls over the marker that Barry has just put down. What is the correct ruling?**
- A. There is no penalty and Barry has used correct etiquette to stop Steve's ball being deflected
- B. Steve is penalised two strokes as his ball would have struck Barry's ball and he must play it as it lies
- C. Barry is penalised two strokes for lifting his ball while Steve's ball is in motion
- Q.2) In a stroke round Fred's ball came to rest in a lateral water hazard and after considering his options he decided to play the ball from the hazard. After the stroke the ball came to rest in an unplayable position in the same hazard. Which of the following options is NOT available to Fred?**
- A. Fred may declare his ball unplayable and drop within two club lengths (no nearer the hole) of the spot where the ball lies with a one stroke penalty
- B. Fred may drop the ball in the lateral water hazard at the spot from which he played the previous stroke with a one stroke penalty
- C. Fred may drop the ball outside the hazard within two club lengths of the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the lateral water hazard and no nearer the hole, with a one stroke penalty
- Q.3) In stroke play, Jack accidentally knocks his ball off the tee as he takes a practice swing. The ball travels forward several metres. What is the ruling?**
- A. Jack must place the ball within the teeing ground without penalty and play his stroke. He may re-tee the ball
- B. Jack must play the ball as it lies
- C. Jack incurs a one stroke penalty for moving the ball, must replace the ball on the tee and play his next stroke from there
- Q.4) In a par competition, Ben, with a handicap stroke on the par 4 first hole, takes three strokes to complete the hole and then realizes he has 15 clubs in his golf bag. Ben adds 2 penalty strokes to his score and records a nett 4, which is a half for the hole. He declares the 15th club out of play and reports the facts to the committee before returning his card.**
- A. Ben has not used the 15th club so no penalty is involved. His score for the first hole is three and therefore he has a plus for the hole
- B. Ben proceeded correctly so his score on the 1st hole is a half
- C. The committee must deduct one hole from Ben's total score for the round without making an adjustment for the first hole. His score for the first hole must be recorded as three (nett 2) which is a plus for the hole
- Q.5) In a stableford competition, Sylvia hit a wayward shot, which bounced off a concrete wall and landed back on the fairway. However, when she reached her ball she saw that the concrete had scraped the surface of the ball. She called a fellow-competitor over declaring that the ball was damaged and unfit for play. She marked and lifted her ball and showed it to the fellow-competitor. Which of the following is correct?**
- A. The ball is unfit for play and Sylvia may substitute another ball.
- B. The ball is fit for play and Sylvia must replace the ball on the spot from which it was lifted
- C. Once Sylvia lifts her ball she is committed to replacing it with another ball. She must report the facts to the committee at the end of the round
- Q.6) In a four-ball stroke play competition, Peter's ball is accidentally deflected into the hole by his partner, Paul, who was attending the flagstick without Peter's knowledge. What is the ruling?**
- A. Peter incurs a two-stroke penalty and the ball is holed.
- B. Paul incurs a two-stroke penalty and the ball is holed
- C. Both Peter and Paul incur a two-stroke penalty
- Q.7) During a stroke round the weather worsened and playing conditions were unpleasant. As a result two players in one group and two players in the group behind withdrew after playing nine holes. This left two groups of two. The players in the group behind decided to join the group in front and complete the last nine holes. Which of the following statements is correct?**
- A. The players in the second group are penalized two strokes
- B. All four players are penalized two strokes
- C. All four players are disqualified unless the Committee ratifies the change
- Q.8)**

Cherie's ball lands in an area of sandy waste, which is not a bunker. The impact of the ball buries it in the sand. In attempting to locate it with her hand Cherie moves the ball. What must she do?

- A. Cherie has moved her ball and must replace it under penalty of one stroke
- B. Cherie must replace the ball without penalty and re-create the lie by replacing the sand. She may leave a small part of the ball visible
- C. Cherie is penalized one stroke but must play the ball from the position in which it now lies

Q.9) Denise and Eunice are playing a match. Near the green of the 4th hole they realize that they have each played the other's ball. After much discussion they cannot decide at what point the exchange happened. How must they proceed?

- A. Return to the tee and start the hole again.
- B. Return to where their tee shots landed and continue from there
- C. Play out the hole with the exchanged balls

Q.10) Gerald's ball was on the green and it was his turn to putt. He noticed that someone removing the flagstick in a careless fashion had damaged the hole. Which of the following is correct?

- A. Gerald may repair the damage before he putts
- B. Gerald may not repair the damage before he putts, but he can ask a fellow-competitor to repair it for him
- C. Gerald may repair the damage only after everyone in the group has puttied out