

(2012-10) Golf NSW Golf Rules Quiz - October 2012



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

- Q.1) John was playing in a Stroke round and on the 8th hole he hit his drive towards a Lateral Water Hazard situated behind a steep bank and surrounded by long grass. Not being certain that the ball had gone into the hazard, John played a provisional ball and this shot did not reach where the first ball may have finished. John then played another stroke with the provisional ball onto the green. After looking for the first ball for a few minutes the Club Professional on the adjacent practice area indicated that the first ball had indeed gone into the water hazard and was not retrievable. What is the correct procedure for John?**
- A. John may take relief from the Lateral Water Hazard under Rule 26-1 or proceed with the provisional ball
B. John must play the original ball as it lies or take relief from the Lateral Water Hazard under Rule 26-1
C. John must continue play with the provisional ball
- Q.2) Julia shanked her ball off the tee into an area of scrub. She correctly played a provisional ball, which went further than her original. As she walked forward she could see that the original ball was going to be difficult to play if she found it and so she went to her provisional ball. Her playing partner Kevin said he could find her original but Julia said that she did not want to look for it. Kevin insisted but Julia expressly forbade him to look for it. Undaunted Kevin continued the search. Which of the following statements is true?**
- A. Kevin is not allowed to continue on searching once Julia has said that she does not want to play the original ball
B. Julia is not entitled to forbid Kevin to search for her ball since every effort must be made to locate the original ball
C. If Julia moves quickly and plays the provisional ball before Kevin can find her original, the provisional will be her ball in play
- Q.3) Which of the following statements is INCORRECT?**
- A. Par and Stableford competitions are forms of stroke play
B. The marker must write down a score for each hole played in a Par competition
C. c. The scoring for Par competitions is made the same as in match play
- Q.4) Joe has been having trouble reading the line of his putts. His golf professional suggested that he use his putter as a plumb-line to read the breaks. Joe finds this to be of great assistance and decides to use this method during the weekend match he is playing. Which is correct?**
- A. There is no penalty and Joe should thank his golf pro for helping his game
B. Joe is disqualified
C. Joe can use the putter as a plumb-line without penalty only if his opponent agrees
D. Joe is subject to a loss of hole penalty for each hole where he used his putter as a plumb-line with a maximum of two holes
- Q.5) In stroke play, Leonie's ball is on the putting green. She puts too strongly and her ball comes to rest in a Water Hazard. Leonie places a ball where she played her last stroke from on the putting green and plays. What is the ruling?**
- A. Leonie incurs a penalty of two strokes for proceeding incorrectly under the Water Hazard Rule, but no other penalties
B. Leonie incurs the one stroke penalty prescribed by Rule 26-1 (Water Hazard Rule) and an additional penalty of two strokes for proceeding incorrectly under the Water Hazard Rule
C. Leonie incurs the one stroke penalty prescribed by Rule 26-1 (Water Hazard Rule) but no additional penalties
- Q.6) In a stroke play competition, the greens have been cored and heavily sanded. Matt's ball lies just off the putting green, but there is a pile of sand on the putting green directly on his line of play. He clears away the sand on the green so that his putt will not be affected. What is the ruling?**
- A. There is no penalty. Matt has proceeded correctly
B. Matt is penalized two strokes for moving sand and soil, which are not loose impediments
C. Matt is penalized four strokes for both improving the lie of his ball and for moving sand and loose soil, which are not loose impediments
- Q.7) A path through the rough has been closely mown to fairway height for the ground staff to**

access an area of the course. Wayne's ball embeds in the path such that it is impossible to play. Which of the following options is permissible if there is no Local Rule providing relief for a ball embedded anywhere through the green?

- A. Wayne must play the ball as it lies
- B. Wayne's ball is on a path and therefore he may take free relief under the obstruction rule
- C. As his ball is embedded on a closely mown area through the green, Wayne may take free relief
- D. Wayne's ball is embedded but he may only take relief if there is a local rule permitting relief through the green

Q.8) Which of the following statements is CORRECT?

- A. When the unplayable ball rule is used, a ball may be substituted for the original ball, even if the original ball is readily retrievable
- B. A ball declared unplayable in a bunker must always be dropped in that bunker when taking relief under the unplayable ball rule
- C. A ball may be dropped under the unplayable ball rule if it lies in a water hazard

Q.9) Sheila's ball has landed in a bunker but the sand is fluffy and she cannot find it. She feels around with her hand until she locates it. She re-creates the lie of the ball by covering it with sand and then clears a small amount of sand away in order to leave a small part of the ball visible before she plays it out of the bunker. Which of the following is true?

- A. Sheila has proceeded correctly
- B. Sheila is penalized for touching the sand in the bunker with her hand
- C. Sheila may touch the sand in the bunker with her hand to search for the ball, but she is not entitled to leave a part of the ball visible when she plays it

Q.10) Tony is playing in a Stableford event. He collects his scorecard from the Pro shop and incorrectly writes his handicap as 16 instead of 15. He had good scores on all holes except the ones rated 16 and 18, which he wiped. He finishes his round with the winning score and duly signs his card and hands it in to the Committee. What must the Committee do?

- A. Tony is disqualified as he signed for a handicap higher than that to which he was entitled
- B. Tony is awarded the winners prize, as he did not score on the hole rated 16
- C. The Committee must calculate a score using the correct handicap and accept that amended score