

## June 2013 Rules Quiz

1. If a ball lands on a practice putting green, relief is not available under Rule 25-3 Wrong Putting Green

- a) True
- b) False

Answer: (b) Definitions – a wrong putting green includes a practice putting green on the course

2. In a match a player forgets to mark his ball before lifting it on a putting green. What penalty does he incur?

- (a) Loss of hole
- (b) One stroke
- (c) Two strokes
- (d) No penalty

Answer: (b) Rule 20-1 Lifting and Marking

3. Bill is playing in a match against Joe who has two putts to win the hole. Joe putts and Bill, on seeing Joe's ball slow as it nears the hole, says "That's good, you win the hole." However, Joe's ball continues to roll slowly past the hole and down a slope and does not stop until it is over two metres from the hole. Seeing this Bill says to Joe "I didn't think it would roll so far past the hole, I now want you to putt it." What happens next?

- a) Bill's concession stands as you cannot withdraw a concession. Joe has won the hole.
- b) It was not a valid concession as the ball was still moving. Joe now has one putt from where his ball came to rest to win the hole.
- c) The matter must be referred to the Committee to determine.

Answer: (b) See Rule 2-4. Concession of Next Stroke. It is true that a concession cannot be withdrawn. However, a concession can only be made when the opponent's ball is at rest. As Joe's ball was still moving the concession was invalid and does not stand.

4. The Committee has established a dropping zone. During a stroke round a player when using the dropping zone, stands outside the marked area, drops the ball within the marked area but it rolls outside the marked area and approximately 30 centimetres nearer the hole.

What are the consequences?

- (a) The ball should be re-dropped.
- (b) The player incurs a two stroke penalty.
- (c) The ball should be played as it lies, without penalty.

Answer: (c) Appendix 1, Part B 8. Dropping Zones see Note - page 135.

5. A singles knockout match has to be completed by a certain date. The conditions of play do not state that the competition is over 18 holes. Elsie and Moira are having difficulty fitting their match in before the deadline and can only manage a late afternoon start on the last day. Aware that they will run out of daylight hours and rather than forfeit they agree to play 9 holes and if all square after that they will play on until one of them is ahead. After 9 holes Elsie is one up and they both agree that she is the winner.

- (a) Moira has effectively conceded to Elsie and so wins the match
- (b) Elsie and Moira must replay the match over 18 holes.
- (c) Both Elsie and Moira are disqualified for agreeing to play a nine-hole Match.

Answer: (c) Rule 2-1. A match consists of one side playing against another over a stipulated round. Definition of a stipulated round is 18 holes unless otherwise authorised by a committee. As soon as the pair agreed to a 9-hole match they breach Rule 1-3, Agreement to waive the Rules of Golf

6. In a match, Jim leaves his clubs directly opposite a green from where Bob's ball lays. Bob mishits his chip shot and his ball firstly hits Jim; then to make matter worse, strikes Jim's equipment. Does either player incur a penalty?

- (a) Bob loses the hole
- (b) Bob incurs a one stroke penalty
- (c) Jim incurs a one stroke penalty.
- (d) There is no penalty and the stroke may be replayed.

Answer: (d) Rule 19-3 Ball in Motion Deflected or Stopped by Opponent, Caddie or Equipment in Match Play

7. Which of the following statements is **incorrect?**

- (a) In match play if a player plays out of turn he loses the hole.
- (b) In match play if a player plays a wrong ball he loses the hole.

(c) In match play if a player's ball is deflected by his own equipment he is penalized one stroke.

Answer: (a) Rule 10-1c Order of Play, Rule 15-3a Wrong Ball, Rule 19-2 Ball in Motion Deflected or Stopped by Player, Partner, Caddie or Equipment

8. An interclub pennant competition is being played in very heavy rain. Which of the following is not permitted to assist a player?

- (a) Applying powder to her club to assist in gripping the club.
- (b) Wrapping a handkerchief around her grip to assist in gripping the club.
- (c) The player's caddie holding an umbrella over the player as she putts to protect her from the rain.

Answer: (c) Rule 14-3 Artificial Devices, Unusual Equipment and Unusual Use of Equipment

9. Adam and Jason are partners in a four-ball stroke play event. Which of the following is **incorrect**?

- (a) If Adam is late, Jason may play the first hole on his own and Adam may join him at the start of the second hole.
- (b) If Adam discovers that he is carrying 15 clubs in his bag, only he is penalized.
- (c) If Adam is furthest from the hole, they may decide that Jason plays first.

Answer: (b) Rule 31-2,4 and 6 Four-Ball Stroke Play – Representation of Side, Order of Play and Penalty to Side

10. Mark plays his tee shot which lands in a lateral water hazard. He decides to play his next shot from the hazard but he hits it out of bounds. He then decides to go back to the tee and plays his next shot from there. This shot lands on the green and he take two putts to complete the hole.

What is Mark's score?

- (a) 5
- (b) 6
- (c) 7
- (d) 8

Answer: (c) Rule 26-2b(iii) Ball Lost or Unplayable Outside Hazard or Out of Bounds