

(2015-12) Golf NSW Golf Rules Quiz - December 2015 / January 2016

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

Q.1) Bill is playing against Peter in a match. Bill's caddie leaves their cart behind the green. Peter plays a ball from the bunker and it hits the cart and ricochets closer to the green. Which of the following is **INCORRECT?**

- A. Peter may play the ball as it lies.
- B. Peter may replay the stroke from the bunker without penalty
- C. Bill is penalised one stroke

Explanation: Rule 19-3 Ball in Motion Deflected by Opponent, Caddie or Equipment in Match Play – if a player's ball is accidentally deflected or stopped by an opponent, his caddie or their equipment, there is no penalty. The player may, before another stroke is made by either side, cancel the stroke and play a ball without penalty, as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played or he may play the ball as it lies.

Q.2) Charlotte's tee shot lands against a boundary fence and she determines that her ball is unplayable. She invokes Rule 28 (Ball Unplayable) and drops her ball taking a one-stroke penalty in the required area but it rolls more than two club-lengths into some dense bushes and she is not able to see or retrieve her ball. She then drops a new ball into the same area and it comes to rest within two club-lengths of where her original ball lay and not nearer the hole. She then takes a further three strokes to complete the hole. Charlotte's score for the hole is?

- A. 5
- B. 6
- C. 7

Explanation: Rule 28 Ball Unplayable – incurs a one-stroke penalty. Rule 20-2(c)(vi) Re-Dropping the Ball – a ball must be re-dropped without penalty if it rolls more than two club-lengths from where it first strikes the course. Note 2 – if a ball to be re-dropped under this rule is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

Q.3) In which one of the following situations does a player incur a two-stroke penalty?

- A. A player putts his ball from a wrong putting green in stroke play
- B. A player cleans his ball before dropping it when taking relief from a ball embedded in its own pitch mark in a closely mown area through the green
- C. In match play, a player's ball is deflected by his caddie

Explanation: Rule 25-3 Wrong Putting Green – if a player's ball lies on a wrong putting green he must not play it as it lies. He must take relief without penalty. Penalty for breach of this rule is two strokes. A player is permitted to clean his ball when taking relief from an embedded ball. The penalty for a ball deflected by a player in match play is one stroke.

Q.4) Andrew and David are partners in a four-ball stroke play event. They are able to share clubs as long as the total number of clubs does not exceed fourteen.

- A. True
- B. False

Explanation: Rule 4-4b Maximum of Fourteen Clubs – Partners May Share Clubs – as long as the total number of clubs does not exceed fourteen.

Q.5) Doug hits his ball from the tee and sees it enter a ravine, which is not a water hazard, one hundred metres forward of the tee. When he reaches the ravine he cannot see the ball. As he is certain that the ball is in the ravine he declares it unplayable and drops a ball within two club-lengths of the edge of the ravine and plays his next stroke to the green. He then takes two putts to complete the hole. Which of the following is correct?

- A. Doug's score the hole is 5
- B. Doug's score for the hole is 6
- C. Doug has proceeded incorrectly and must correct his error before playing from the next tee

Explanation: Rule 28 Ball Unplayable. The only option available to Doug under Rule 28, if he can't locate his ball, is to proceed under the stroke-and-distance option. The other two options available under this rule require reference to where the ball lies and as he hasn't located the ball he cannot use these options. Also, since he has gained a significant advantage by playing from 100 metres forward of the tee, he must correct the error before playing from the next tee – see Rule 20-7c Note 1 Playing from

Wrong Place

Q.6) Refer to the photo below and answer the following question.



Scott's ball lands in a bunker and then rolls into an adjoining lateral water hazard where it is unplayable. His ball last crosses the margin of the lateral water hazard at point A. Which of the following is INCORRECT?

- A. Scott may return and play from the previous location incurring a one-stroke penalty
- B. Scott may drop his ball in the bunker within two club-lengths of point A (no nearer the hole) incurring a one-stroke penalty
- C. Scott may drop his ball within two club-lengths of point B (no nearer the hole) as he must drop his ball outside of the hazard or any adjoining hazard

Explanation: Rule 26-1c Relief for Ball in a Water Hazard - if Scott does not choose one of the other options available under Rule 26-1 he must drop his ball within two club-lengths of point A (not nearer the hole). The fact that there is a bunker adjoining the lateral water hazard is immaterial and he must drop his ball or a replacement ball in the bunker

Q.7) A practice pitching green on the course is a wrong putting green.

- A. True
- B. False

Explanation: Definitions– Wrong Putting Green

Q.8) Susan is putting her ball from off the putting green and it is deflected by a dog which runs across the green and the ball comes to rest on the putting green. She then putts her ball from its new location. Which of the following is CORRECT?

- A. Susan was required to replay her stroke and is penalised two strokes for playing from a wrong place
- B. Susan has proceeded correctly and does not incur any penalty strokes
- C. Susan may either replay her stroke without penalty or play the ball from where it comes to rest

Explanation: Rule 19-1a - Ball in Motion Deflected by Outside Agency after a stroke not made on the putting green - is a rub of the green and the ball must be played as it lies

Q.9) Jim wishes to putt his ball from off the green and there is some loose soil which lies on the green between Jim and the hole. Which of the following is CORRECT?

- A. Jim is not permitted to remove the loose soil as it is not a loose impediment
- B. Jim is permitted to remove the loose soil as long as he does not touch the line of his putt
- C. Jim is permitted to remove the loose soil because loose soil is a loose impediment on the putting green

Explanation: Definitions – Loose Impediments – sand and loose soil are loose impediments on the putting green, but not elsewhere. Rule 23 Loose Impediments. Definitions – Line of Putt – refers to the line the player wishes his ball to take after a stroke on the putting green

Q.10) Sally and Julie are playing in a stroke play competition. Which situation does not incur a penalty?

- A. Sally's caddie lifts Julie's ball without marking it or receiving permission from Julie
- B. Julie lifts a loose impediment which may deflect Sally's ball while Sally's ball is in motion
- C. Sally marks and lifts her ball to determine whether it is damaged without first telling Julie that she wishes to do this

Explanation: Rule 18-4 Ball at Rest Moved by Fellow-Competitor, Caddie or Equipment in Stroke Play – if a fellow-competitor or his caddie moves the ball in stroke play there is no penalty and the ball must be replaced