

## Welcome to the monthly Golf Rules Quiz - March 2018



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

- Q.1) **A player's ball lands near an unlocked hinged gate that is part of the boundary fence for the course. The ball is not out of bounds, but the player cannot make a stroke at the ball due to interference by the fence and gate. Observing that the gate is not locked, the player opens the gate thus making it possible to play the ball. The player is careful to stand inside the course boundary while making the stroke. What is the ruling?**
- A.  There is no penalty as the player stood in bounds while making the stroke
  - B.  The player incurs a penalty of one stroke for moving part of the boundary fence
  - C.  The player incurs a penalty of two strokes for opening the gate to facilitate the stroke
- Q.2) **A player's ball lands on the fairway in an area of casual water. The player marks the position of the ball, lifts it without cleaning it and then sets about determining the nearest point of relief away from the casual water. The nearest point of relief is in very long grass where the ball, when dropped, would be impossible to play. The player decides to replace the ball where it was lifted from and continues play from that spot. What is the ruling?**
- A.  The player has proceeded correctly and no penalty applies because the player did not clean the ball
  - B.  The player incurs a penalty of two strokes for playing from a wrong place
  - C.  The player incurs a penalty of one stroke for lifting a ball in play
- Q.3) **During a match play event player A's ball was just short of the green and had accumulated a large lump of mud that would affect the next stroke. The opponent, player B was further from the green in such a position that player A's ball interfered with B's next stroke. Player A was asked to mark and lift the ball. This was done correctly, and the ball was placed to one side to comply with the requirement not to clean the ball. Even though player A had placed the ball well off to one side, player B did not like the ball in his vision and knocked the ball further away towards player A. In the process the mud was removed from the ball. After player B played, player A replaced the ball (minus the mud) and completed the hole. Which of the following is correct?**
- A.  No penalty
  - B.  Player B incurred a one stroke penalty for moving player A's ball.
  - C.  Player A incurred a one stroke penalty for not reconstructing the mud on the ball.

- Q.4) During a match a player tees their ball up using two conforming 3-inch tees, stacked on top of each other to help hit the ball higher. What is the ruling? (Refer Photo)



- A.  The player incurs a penalty of one stroke
- B.  The player incurs a penalty of loss of hole
- C.  The player is disqualified
- Q.5) In a stroke play competition, a player missed a short putt and then holed the ball using the wrong end of the putter. What is the ruling?
- A.  The player incurs a penalty of one stroke.
- B.  The player incurs a penalty of two strokes.
- C.  The player is disqualified.
- Q.6) A player plays from the teeing ground and after a brief search for the ball, returns to the teeing ground and tees another ball. The original ball is found within the five-minute search period and before the player has made a stroke at the teed ball. Is the following statement correct? "When the player teed the second ball, it became the ball in play and the original ball was deemed to be lost."
- A.  Yes
- B.  No
- Q.7) A player's ball comes to rest in an area of casual water during a stroke round. When the player retrieves the ball, it has a lump of mud on it so the player decides to drop a different ball within one club-length of the casual water and not nearer the hole. The player then proceeds to play that ball. What is the ruling?
- A.  The player is penalised one stroke.
- B.  The player is penalised two strokes.
- C.  The player is disqualified.

- Q.8) **A player is playing in a stroke round and plays from the teeing ground and the ball comes to rest in a water hazard. The player plays their next stroke from the water hazard and this ball comes to rest out of bounds. The player then plays their next stroke from the teeing ground and the ball lands on the green. The player putts the ball and it strikes the flagstick which is lying on the ground. The player then plays their ball from where it came to rest after being deflected by the flagstick and it falls in to the hole. The player's score for the hole is?**
- A.  7
  - B.  8
  - C.  9
- Q.9) **In some situations, a player in taking relief from an abnormal ground condition or immovable obstruction when their ball lies in the rough, may be permitted to drop the ball on the fairway.**
- A.  True
  - B.  False
- Q.10) **A player hits their ball into an area of dense trees and scrub where it cannot be seen. While the player searches for their ball they see a bird flying away with a ball in its mouth. Which of the following is incorrect?**
- A.  The player may assume that their ball has been moved by an outside agency and drop a ball, without penalty, as near as possible to where they believe it would have come to rest.
  - B.  If the player cannot find their ball within five minutes of commencing the search for it, then it is lost.
  - C.  The player may only treat the ball as having been moved by an outside agency if it is known or virtually certain that the bird took their ball.