

## Rules Quiz Answers

1. A player's ball comes to rest in a tree where it is visible but cannot be recovered or played. What is the ruling?

**Correct answer** If he can identify his ball, it may be deemed unplayable and drop within two club-lengths of the spot on the ground below where the ball is located.

**Explanation** [Decision 27/14](#)

[Watch a video on unplayable balls](#)

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2. Which one of the following is the player entitled to do without penalty?

**Correct answer** Step down behind his ball to eliminate an irregularity of surface on the teeing ground.

**Explanation** [Rule 13-2](#)

[Watch a video on playing the ball as it lies](#)

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3. A player walks on his line of putt. When is there no penalty?

**Correct answer** If he does so accidentally and the line is not improved.

**Explanation** [Decision 16-1a/12](#)

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4. Any suggestion which could influence a player in determining his play is advice.

**Correct answer** True

**Explanation** Definition of "[Advice](#)"

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5. A ball is lost when it is declared lost by the player.

**Correct answer** False

**Explanation** Definition of "[Lost Ball](#)"

[Watch a video on lost balls or balls out of bounds>](#)

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6. Except in a hazard, a player has addressed the ball when the club has been grounded immediately in front of or behind the ball, regardless of whether the stance is complete.

**Correct answer** True

**Explanation** Definition of "[Addressing the Ball](#)"

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7. The flagstick is a movable straight indicator centered in the hole to show its position; it may or may not have bunting attached.

**Correct answer** True

**Explanation** Definition of "[Flagstick](#)"

[Watch a video on the flagstick](#)

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8. The player has played from a wrong place in each of the following EXCEPT:

**Correct answer** He finds an abandoned ball in a bunker, assumes it is his ball in play and plays it onto the putting green.

**Explanation** [Rule 20-7](#) and [Rule 15-3](#)

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9. In match play, a player removes a movable obstruction affecting the line of play of his opponent. It was the opponent's turn to play and he asked the player not to remove it. What is the ruling?

**Correct answer** The player incurs a loss of hole penalty.

**Explanation** [Decision 2/3](#)

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10. In stroke play, a player returns his score card with a total score that is correct but with a score missing for one hole. What is the ruling?

**Correct answer** He is disqualified.

**Explanation** [Decision 6-6d/1](#)

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11. A caddie is one who assists the player in accordance with the Rules.

**Correct answer** True

**Explanation** Definition of "[Caddie](#)"

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12. Bad weather is not of itself a good reason for the players to discontinue

play.

**Correct answer**

True

**Explanation**

[Rule 6-8a](#)

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13. The line of play is the direction which a player wishes his ball to take after a stroke plus a reasonable distance on either side.

**Correct answer**

True

**Explanation**

Definition of "[Line of Play](#)"

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14. Stakes or lines used to mark water hazards must be yellow and stakes or lines used to mark lateral water hazards must be red.

**Correct answer** True

**Explanation**

Definitions of "[Water Hazard](#)" and "[Lateral Water Hazard](#)"

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15. The Rules specifically provide that a player must inform his opponent, marker or fellow-competitor that he intends to play a provisional ball. Which statement meets the requirements of the Rules for announcing a provisional ball?

**Correct answer**

"This is a provisional ball."

**Explanation**

[Decision 27-2a/1](#)

[Watch a video on provisional balls](#)

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16. Which of the following does not result in a penalty?

**Correct answer**    Playing a stroke with his ball and dislodging an abandoned ball that was hidden and lay underneath it.

**Explanation**    [Decision 15/2](#)

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17. In stroke play, both the competitor's ball and a large pine cone lie in the same bunker. The pine cone is directly in front of the ball. Which one of the following is correct?

**Correct answer**    The competitor must play the ball as it lies or proceed under Rule 28 (Ball Unplayable).

**Explanation**    [Rule 13-4](#)  
[Watch a video on loose impediments](#)

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18. In match play, what is the penalty if the players fail to determine one another's handicaps before starting a match?

**Correct answer**    There is no penalty.

**Explanation**    [Decision 6-2a/1](#)

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