

## Rules Quiz Answers

1. In stroke play, a player holes a putt with a club in one hand, while holding the removed flagstick with his other hand. What is the ruling?

**Correct answer**                      There is no penalty.

**Explanation**                      [Decision 17-1/5](#)

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2. A player's ball lies outside an area that is marked as ground under repair. High grass growing within the area interferes with his swing, but not with the lie of the ball, or with his stance. What is the ruling?

**Correct answer**      He is entitled to relief because the high grass within the area is part of the ground under repair and the grass interferes with his swing.

**Explanation**                      [Decision 25-1a/1](#)

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3. A boundary fence gate, when closed, is part of the boundary fence and may not be opened to play a stroke.

**Correct answer**                      True

**Explanation**                      [Decision 27/18](#)

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4. A ball is knocked off a tee on the teeing ground with a stroke; if it still lies within the teeing ground, it may be re-teed without penalty.

**Correct answer**

False

**Explanation**

[Decision 18-2a/2](#)

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5. A player's ball lies through the green completely covered by sand. In searching for the ball, he accidentally moves and completely uncovers it. What is the ruling?

**Correct answer** There is no penalty; the ball must be replaced and recovered so that only part of the ball is visible.

**Explanation** [Rule 12-1](#)

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6. A serious breach of the Rules occurs when a player proceeds other than in accordance with the Rules and:

**Correct answer** Gains a significant advantage as a result of playing from a wrong place.

**Explanation** Note 1 to [Rule 20-7c](#)

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7. If a competitor is disqualified from a primarily handicap competition for playing off a higher handicap than he was entitled to, he may still claim the gross prize.

**Correct answer**

True

**Explanation**

[Decision 33-1/13](#)

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8. Which is a player not permitted to do when his ball lies in a hazard?

**Correct answer** Lightly brush the sand in the hazard with his club on his backswing.

**Explanation** [Rule 13-4](#)

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9. In stroke play, a player plays a wrong ball from deep rough onto the putting green. When he reaches the putting green, he discovers his error, returns to the rough and plays another ball that he believes to be his. Then, he discovers that he has played a second wrong ball. What is the ruling?

**Correct answer** There is a total penalty of four strokes.

**Explanation** [Decision 15-3b/2](#)

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10. If a player finds it impossible to repair an old hole plug, he may not discontinue play and request the Committee to raise or lower the plug.

**Correct answer** False

**Explanation** [Decision 16-1c/3](#)

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11. If the player's ball lies off the putting green and casual water intervenes between the ball and the hole, the player is entitled to relief under the casual water Rule.

**Correct answer** False

**Explanation** [Rule 25-1a](#)

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12. In a four-ball match, a player's ball and his partner's ball lie in the same bunker. The opponent's balls are on the putting green. The player forgets that his ball is in a bunker and lifts a stone lying next to it. What is the ruling?

**Correct answer** The player who lifted the stone is disqualified for the hole, and his partner also incurs a penalty, if the infraction assisted the partner's play of the hole.

**Explanation** [Decision 30-3f/1](#)

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13. In stroke play, several days after the competition closes, the Committee discovers that the score card of the winner was not signed by him. What is the ruling?

**Correct answer** The Committee must decide if the competitor knew before the competition closed that he was in breach of the Rules by failing to sign his score card; if he knew, he should be disqualified, but otherwise there is no penalty.

**Explanation** [Decision 34-1b/2](#)

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14. In stroke play, a player picks up during a round because in his view the course is unplayable due to bad weather. For this reason, the Committee disqualifies him. Subsequently, the Committee decides to cancel the round because the course is unplayable due to bad weather. When the round is replayed, may he play?

**Correct answer** Yes, without penalty.

**Explanation**[Decision 33-2d/3](#)

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15. In stroke play, during the first round of a 36-hole event, a player incorrectly substitutes a ball on a putting green, but the Committee advises him that there is no penalty. He completes his round and returns his score card. During play of the second round, the Committee adds two penalty strokes to the player's first round score. What is the ruling?

**Correct answer**      The Committee has ruled appropriately.

**Explanation**[Decision 34-3/1](#)

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16. The ball must be struck at with the head of the club and must not be pushed, scraped or spooned.

**Correct answer**      True

**Explanation**[Rule 14-1](#)

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17. In stroke play, a player thinks that his tee shot is out of bounds and plays a provisional ball. On reaching the place where his ball lies, he is still in doubt about the status of his original ball and announces that he will play a second ball under the Rules. What is the ruling?

**Correct answer**      He should play both the original ball and the provisional ball, which will be the second ball under the Rules and report the facts to the Committee.

**Explanation**[Decision 3-3/1](#)

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18. In the rain, a player holds an umbrella over his head with one hand while holing a short putt with his putter held in the other hand; there is no penalty.

**Correct answer**

True

**Explanation**

[Decision 14-2/2](#)

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