

How well do you know the Rules of Golf?

Each year, the SCGA Rules and Competitions Department send a quiz to its committee members. Following are some of this year's questions — see how well you can do. The answers are at the bottom of the page.

1. Ray's ball lies on the putting green. Ray grounds his club and starts his back swing. The ball moves as Ray continues forward and strikes the ball into the hole.

- A. Ray is penalized 2 strokes for striking a moving ball.
- B. Ray is penalized 1 stroke under Rule 18.
- C. Ray is penalized 2-strokes under Rule 18.
- D. Ray is not penalized.

2. Jamie's ball lies up against a water hazard stake defining the hazard. The stake is movable. Jamie wishes to take relief from the movable obstruction but when he lifts the stake, his ball rolls into the hole and is not retrievable.

- A. The ball is considered to be in a hole made by the greenkeeper so Jamie is entitled to free relief under Rule 25-1.

- B. The ball is considered lost in a water hazard and Jamie must proceed under Rule 26-1.
- C. The ball must be played as it lies.
- D. A ball may be substituted for the unrecoverable ball and replaced from where it originally lay in the hazard.

3. After addressing the ball on the putting green, the wind blows the ball a half inch forward, but the ball settles back into its original position. The player incurs a one stroke penalty because he is deemed to have moved his ball.

- A. True
- B. False

4. A player plays a stroke from the putting green which goes into the hole but bounces out unexpectedly. Upon inspection, a ball had been left in the hole by a previous group and was not noticed when the flagstick was removed. What is the ruling?

- A. In equity, the player may cancel and replay his stroke as this is not covered by The Rules of Golf.
- B. This is a rub of the green as the abandoned ball is an outside agency. The player's ball must be played wherever it came to rest.
- C. As the ball fell below the lip of the hole before it bounced out, the ball is deemed to be "Holed".
- D. The player is deemed to have holed out and the player who left his ball in the hole must be disqualified.

5. Wes's ball lies in bounds, two feet from the out of bounds line. Wes removes a twig lying on top of his ball. He then walks back to his cart to retrieve his club. When he returns to the area where his ball originally lay, his ball now lies 1 foot out of bounds. How should Wes proceed?

- A. Wes's ball is now deemed to be out of bounds and must proceed under stroke and distance.
- B. Wes shall replace the ball where it lay prior to him selecting his club.

- C. Wes shall replace the ball incurring one penalty stroke.
- D. Wes shall replace the ball incurring a two stroke penalty.

6. Dennis is playing the 5th hole. His ball lies on top of a large leaf. His fellow competitor, Errol, asks Dennis to lift his ball since it interferes with Errol's next stroke. Dennis removes his ball being careful not to clean it. Errol removes some loose impediments surrounding his ball including the leaf originally lying underneath Dennis' ball. Errol plays his shot. Dennis must then?

- A. Replace his ball.
- B. Replace the loose impediment and place his ball on top.
- C. Replace the loose impediment and drop his ball.
- D. Drop his ball.

7. Owen's ball enters into a burrowing animal hole in a greenside bunker and comes to rest beneath the putting green. Owen may:

- A. Take relief from the abnormal ground condition, dropping in the bunker.
- B. Take relief, placing his ball on the putting green directly above where the ball lies.
- C. Take relief under Rule 25, dropping the ball on the putting green.
- D. Take relief, dropping his ball within one club length from his nearest point of relief through the green.

Answers:

- 1) B. Decision 18-2b, 14-5/1
- 2) D. Rule 24-1 NOTE
- 3) B. Definition of "Moved" (Decision 18/2)
- 4) B. Definition of "Holed"
- 5) C. Rule 18-2c
- 6) B. Decision 23-1/7
- 7) D. Decision 25-1b/25

Upcoming Rules Seminar

March 27 at Desert Princess CC; Cathedral City

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