

Think you know the Rules?

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1. 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?

- The player is disqualified.
- There is a total penalty of four strokes, two for each wrong ball.
- There is no penalty as the balls were played from the rough.
- There is a total penalty two strokes.

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

- Swinging at and missing a wrong ball.
- Playing a stroke at a plastic practice *wiffle ball*.
- Playing a stroke at part of an abandoned ball which had broken into pieces.
- Between the play of two holes, using an opponent's putter to practice putts on the green of the hole last played.

3. Through the green, which of the following is not a loose impediment?

- Loose soil from cast of hole made by a burrowing animal.
- Clod of earth.
- Aeration plug consisting of compacted soil.
- All of the above.

4. In stroke play, a player's ball lies on a putting green. As she approaches the ball, the wind blows it into a nearby bunker. She replaces the ball on the putting

green, holes out and tees off on the next hole. What is the ruling?

- There is no penalty. The player was required to replace the ball.
- There is a one stroke penalty for the ball in play being moved.
- There is a two stroke penalty for playing from a wrong place.
- The player is disqualified for a serious breach of the Rules.

5. In stroke play, a player strikes his tee shot on a par-3 hole into a water hazard. Finding the ball in the hazard, he plays it further into the hazard where it is lost. He drops a ball in the hazard where he last played, but it embeds. He abandons the ball, plays another from the tee onto the green, holes the putt, and tees off on the next hole. What is the player's score for the hole?

- 5
- 6
- 7
- Disqualification

6. A and B are partners in a four-ball stroke play competition. A's ball and B's ball are in the same bunker. A lifts a loose impediment lying in the bunker. A is penalized two strokes for a breach of Rule 13-4. Does B incur a penalty?

- B can never incur a penalty in this case.
- B is disqualified in this case and A must continue alone.
- B is penalized if A's breach assisted B, but not otherwise.
- B is disqualified for the hole.

7. A 36-hole stroke-play competition was scheduled to be played on one day. During the first round a competitor, having holed out at the third hole, plays a practice putt on the third green. What is the penalty for such practice?

- No penalty
- One-stroke penalty
- Two-stroke penalty
- Disqualification

8. During the play of the first hole of the SCGA Amateur Championship, a player has two caddies in breach of Rule 6-4. He does not discover or correct his breach before holing out at the 1st hole. What is the ruling?

- The player is disqualified.
- The player incurs a penalty of two strokes.
- The player incurs a penalty of four strokes.
- The player incurs no penalty. A player may have two caddies.

9. George arrives at the driving range with 14 clubs. On the way to the first tee, George leaves his 6 iron on the range. He tees off the first hole and plays the first 8 holes. On the ninth hole he is disgusted with his putter and breaks it in anger. What is George entitled to do?

- Add a club from the pro shop.
- Repair the putter.
- Use the putter in its damaged state.
- Borrow his partner's putter for the remainder of the round.

10. Kevin hit his tee ball into some ice plant on the left side of the hole. He declares his ball unplayable and proceeds under Rule 28c. When he drops, he drops in more ice plant. Kevin declares the ball unplayable again and operates under Rule 28c once again. Unbelievably, (and I bet you saw this coming) he drops in more ice plant and has to proceed with an unplayable again. Kevin?

- Must operate under Rule 28c only.
- Must operate under Rule 28b only.
- Must operate under Rule 28a only.
- May use any of the options available under Rule 28.

See page 55 for answers.

ANSWERS

1. D Decision 15-3b/2
2. D Decision 4-4a/13
3. A Decision 23/11
4. D Decision 18-4/2
5. B Rule 26-2
6. C Decision 31-8/1
7. A Decision 7-1b/7
8. C Decision 6-4/5.5
9. A Decision 4-3/8
10. D Decision 28/6.5