

Rules Quiz

18 Hole Quiz



Level: Advanced

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If the wall of a bunker consists of soil, the wall is part of the bunker.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer: A

Explanation: See the definition of [Bunker](#).

Question 2 of 18

During a round, a player runs out of balls. What is the ruling?

- a) The player can discontinue play in order to find or purchase some more balls.
- b) The player must abandon his round.
- c) The player may borrow balls from any player on the course.

Correct answer: C

Explanation: A player may get a conforming ball to play from anyone else, including another player on the course ([Rule 4.2a\(1\)](#))

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The player's caddie is an outside influence.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer: A

Explanation: See the definition of [Outside Influence](#).

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In a match, player A requests player B to lift B's ball that is on A's line of play. B refuses to do so. What is the ruling?

- a) B loses the hole for failing to comply with A's request.
- b) A does not have the right to make this request, so loses the hole.
- c) B does not have to comply to the request and can leave the ball on A's line of play.

Correct answer: A

Explanation: See the penalty to [Rule 15.3](#).

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In stroke play, player A played from outside the teeing area and hit his ball out of bounds. He plays another ball from the correct teeing area. What is the ruling?

- a) The player's next stroke from the tee will be his fifth.
- b) The player's next stroke from the tee will be his third.
- c) The player's next stroke from the tee will be his fourth.

Correct answer: B

Explanation: The player gets only two penalty strokes under Rule 6.1b and so his next stroke from the tee will be his third. The ball played from outside the teeing area was not in play and so the fact that it came to rest out of bounds was irrelevant and the stroke itself did not count.

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A and B are to play C and D in a four-ball match, however A arrives just after B, C and D have teed off at the third hole. A is not allowed to play for the side until the fourth hole but A gives advice to B during the play of the third hole. What is the ruling?

- a) Side AB lose the hole.
- b) There is no penalty.
- c) Player B gets a penalty of two strokes.

Correct answer: B

Explanation: An arriving partner who is not allowed to play on a hole may still give advice or help to the other partner ([Rule 23.4](#)).

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In stroke play, a player removes a post defining out of bounds which interferes with his swing. What is the ruling?

- a) The player gets two penalty strokes unless he replaces the post before making the stroke and eliminates the improvement by doing so.
- b) The player gets two penalty strokes whether or not he replaces the post.
- c) There is no penalty whether or not he replaces the post.

Correct answer: A

Explanation: An out of bounds post is a boundary object which cannot be moved if it improves the conditions affecting the stroke for the player ([Rule 8.1a\(1\)](#)). However, as per [Rule 8.1c](#), there is no penalty if, before making the next stroke, the player eliminates that improvement by restoring the original conditions as detailed by [Rule 8.1c\(1\)](#).

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The position of a player's body is part of the stance.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer: B

Explanation: See definition of [Stance](#).

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In stroke play, a player playing from the teeing area misses the ball completely. He pushes his tee farther into the ground and plays. What is the ruling?

- a) The player gets one penalty stroke.
- b) The player gets two penalty strokes.
- c) There is no penalty.

Correct answer: C

Explanation: If the player's ball in play is in the teeing area after a stroke (such as a teed ball after a stroke that missed the ball) or after taking relief, the player may lift the ball without penalty and play the ball anywhere in the teeing area from a tee or the ground. ([Rule 6.2b\(6\)](#))

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A live insect in a bunker can be moved without penalty.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer: B

Explanation: See the definition of [Loose Impediments](#).

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In stroke play, player A concedes player B's short putt and knocks the ball away. Player B lifts his ball and plays from the next tee. What is the ruling?

- a) Player B gets a penalty of two strokes
- b) Player A and Player B both get a penalty of two strokes.
- c) Player B is disqualified.

Correct answer: C

Explanation: [Rule 3.3c](#) - If the player fails to hole out at any hole: The player must correct that mistake before making a stroke to begin another hole or, for the final hole of the round, before returning the scorecard. If the mistake is not corrected in that time, the player is disqualified.

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A player plays her second shot from the fairway, searches for her ball briefly and then goes back and drops another ball under penalty of stroke and distance. Her original ball is then found within three minutes of when she originally started searching for it, and before she played the dropped ball. What is the ruling?

- a) The player must continue with the dropped ball.
- b) The player may choose whether to continue with the original ball or the dropped ball.
- c) The player must continue with the original ball.

Correct answer: A

Explanation: Once the player put another ball in play under penalty of stroke and distance, the original ball is no longer in play and must not be played ([Rule 18.1](#)).

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After reaching the putting green, a player who has started his round with 14 clubs in his bag places his clubs near the next tee. An opponent's golf cart accidentally strikes the player's clubs, damaging one of them. What is the ruling?

- a) The player must not replace the damaged club but may use the club in its damaged state.
- b) The player may replace the damaged club and must not use it in its damaged state.
- c) The player may replace the damaged club or may continue to use it in its damaged state.

Correct answer: C

Explanation: If a conforming club is damaged during a round, it is treated as conforming for the rest of the round ([Rule 4.1a\(2\)](#)). But, as the club was damaged by a person other than the player or his caddie, the player may replace the damaged club ([Rule 4.1b\(3\)](#)).

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On the putting green, a player addresses the ball with her club anchored directly against her body. However, during her backswing, the player removes the putter from the anchor point and continues with her stroke with the club no longer anchored. What is the ruling?

- a) The player gets one penalty stroke, and the ball is played as it lies.
- b) The player gets two penalty strokes, and the ball is played as it lies.
- c) There is no penalty.

Correct answer: C

Explanation: The prohibition against anchoring in [Rule 10.1b](#) only applies while the player is making the stroke (i.e., the forward movement of the club made with the intentional of striking at and moving the ball.)

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In a match between A and B, A has played 3 strokes and B has holed out for 4. A putts and her ball apparently comes to rest, but is overhanging the hole. After only five seconds, B picks up A's ball to return it to her. What is the ruling?

- a) B wins the hole.
- b) The hole is tied.
- c) A wins the hole.

Correct answer: B

Explanation: As player B moved player A's ball before the 10 second waiting time in [Rule 13.3a](#) ended, the player's ball is treated as holed with the previous stroke, and there is no penalty to the opponent ([Rule 13.3b](#)).

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When playing the 1st hole, the green for the 2nd hole is part of the general area.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer: B

Explanation: See definition of [Putting Green](#).

Question 17 of 18

Manufactured ice is not temporary water.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer: B

Explanation: Manufactured ice is an obstruction. See the Definition of [Temporary Water](#).

Question 18 of 18

In stroke play, a player waiting to play to the putting green dropped a ball on the fairway and hit two putts with her putter. What is the ruling?

- a) The player gets a penalty of four strokes.
- b) There is no penalty.
- c) The player gets a penalty of two strokes.

Correct answer: C

Explanation: A player must not make a practice stroke during the play of a hole ([Rule 5.5a](#)).

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