

Rules Quiz

18 Hole Quiz



Level: Beginner – Answers

Question 1

A player in stroke play started a round with 13 clubs. During the front nine she broke her putter in anger. After the ninth hole she bought another putter in the Pro Shop and used it for the remainder of the round. What is the ruling?

- a) There is no penalty
- b) The player is disqualified
- c) The player gets a two stroke penalty at the 10th and 11th holes.

Correct answer: A

Explanation: Since she started with 13 clubs, she was entitled to add another club under [Rule 4.1b\(1\)](#).

Question 2

A player may ground her club lightly behind the ball in a bunker.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer: A

Explanation: Before a player makes a stroke at her ball in a bunker, she must not touch sand in the area right in front of or right behind her ball. See [Rule 12.2b](#) for further details.

Question 3

The fairway is part of the general area.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer: B

Explanation: The general area covers the entire area of the course except for the teeing area, bunkers, penalty areas and the putting green.

Question 4

A player is asked to lift her ball which lies just off the putting green as it is on her opponent's line of play. She is allowed to clean the ball without penalty.

- a) True
- b) False

Correct answer: B

Explanation: When a ball is lifted from a part of the course other than a putting green because it interferes with play, cleaning is not allowed ([Rule 14.1c](#)).

Question 5

Players who play together with other players in the same group in individual stroke play are "partners".

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer: A

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

Question 6

The 'defined areas of the course' are the fairway, the rough, penalty areas, bunkers and teeing areas.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer: A

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

Question 7

In stroke play, a player's ball lies on the putting green. Before playing his next stroke, he taps down spike marks in the vicinity of the hole. What is the ruling?

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

Correct answer: A

Explanation: Damage on the putting green, which includes spike marks, may be repaired without penalty by taking reasonable actions to restore the putting green to its original condition ([Rule 13.1c](#)).

Question 8

A player's ball lies in a hole made by a rabbit in a bunker. The player is entitled to free relief.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer: B

Explanation: A hole made by an animal is an abnormal course condition.

Question 9

In stroke play, when no draw has been made, the honour on the first hole may be decided by tossing a coin.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer: B

Explanation: See [Rule 6.4a](#).

Question 10

Leaves, twigs, and branches which are not attached or growing are loose impediments.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer: B

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

Question 11

In match play, a player's ball lies in a penalty area, and she takes a practice swing in the penalty area, grounding her club in the process. What is the ruling?

- a) The player loses the hole.

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

Correct answer: C

Explanation: A player may ground his or her club anywhere in a penalty area without penalty ([Rule 17.1b](#)).

Question 12

A player may employ two caddies at the same time during a round.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer: A

Explanation: A player may have only one caddie at any one time. See Rule [10.3a\(1\)](#).

Question 13

The nearest point of complete relief may be nearer the hole than the ball's original spot.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer: A

Explanation: See the definition of [Nearest Point of Complete Relief](#).

Question 14

A player addresses his ball on the fairway, but before playing his shot, changes his mind on his club selection. He returns to his bag, and when changing his club, a gust of wind causes his ball to roll down a slope several feet from its original position. What is the ruling?

- a) There is no penalty, and the ball must be replaced
- b) There is no penalty, and the ball must be played from its new position
- c) The player gets a penalty of one stroke and must replace the ball.

Correct answer: B

Explanation: As natural forces caused the player's ball to move, there is no penalty, and the ball must be played from its new spot ([Rule 9.3](#)).

Question 15

Temporary water is an abnormal course condition.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer: B

Explanation: See the definition of [Abnormal Course Condition](#).

Question 16

Red penalty areas give a player an extra lateral relief option, in addition to the two options available from a yellow penalty area.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer: B

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

Question 17

If a match is tied after the final hole, the match is extended one hole at a time until there is a winner.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer: B

Explanation: See [Rule 3.2a](#).

Question 18

A player drops a ball in the right way in the relief area when taking a drop under a Rule. The ball hits the ground first but then accidentally hits her foot before coming to rest in the relief area. The player must drop the ball again.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer: A

Explanation: A player has completed taking relief when a ball dropped in the right way comes to rest in the relief area. It does not matter whether the ball, after hitting the ground, touches any person, equipment, or other outside influence before coming to rest. If the ball comes to rest in the relief area, the relief procedure is complete, and the ball must be played as it lies.

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