

Rules Quiz



18 Hole Quiz

Level: Intermediate - Answers

Question 1

It is permitted for the same caddie to be employed by more than one player.

- a) True
- b) False

Correct answer A

Explanation: Two or more players may share a caddie. See [Rule 10.3a\(2\)](#).

Question 2

A player's ball in the rough lies in the loose material caused by a rabbit digging a hole. The player is entitled to free relief.

- a) True
- b) False

Correct answer A

Explanation: A hole made by an animal is an abnormal course condition. Free relief from an abnormal course condition is available in the general area.

Question 3

A player makes a practice swing and accidentally moves her ball in play on the fairway with her club. What is the ruling?

- a) The player gets one penalty stroke and must replace the ball.
- b) There is no penalty, but the player must replace the ball.
- c) There is no penalty, but the movement of the ball counts as a stroke and the ball must be played as it lies.

Correct answer A

Explanation: If a player causes her ball in the general area to move without making a stroke there is a one stroke penalty ([Rule 9.4b](#)).

Question 4

In stroke play, when playing out of a bad lie, a player accidentally hits the ball a second time on her follow through. What is the ruling?

- a) The double hit counts as two shots but there is no additional penalty.
- b) The double hit counts as only one stroke and there is no penalty.
- c) The double hit counts as one shot and the player gets an additional one stroke penalty.

Correct answer B

Explanation: As per [Rule 10.1a](#), if the player's club accidentally strikes the ball more than once, there has been only one stroke and there is no penalty.

Question 5

The "line of play" always means the direct line to the hole.

- a) True
- b) False

Correct answer B

Explanation: See the Definition of [Line of Play](#).

Question 6

A ball is outside the teeing area when any part of it lies outside the teeing area.

- a) True
- b) False

Correct answer B

Explanation: A ball is in the teeing area when any part of the ball touches or is above any part of the teeing area.

Question 7

In stroke play, a player's ball lies in a penalty area. When taking back-on-the-line relief, she may choose to drop the ball in a bunker.

- a) True
- b) False

Correct answer A

Explanation: The player is allowed to drop her ball anywhere on the course except the same penalty area.

Question 8

In a singles match, Player A has the honour on the 5th hole. He hits his ball towards some thick bushes and decides to play a provisional ball. What is the correct order of play?

- a) Player A must play his provisional ball before Player B hits her tee shot.
- b) Player A may choose to play his provisional ball either before or after Player B hits her tee shot.
- c) Player A must play his provisional ball after Player B hits her tee shot.

Correct answer C

Explanation: When a player will play a provisional ball from the teeing area, the order of play is for all other players in the group to make their first stroke on the hole before the player plays the provisional ball (see [Rule 6.4c](#)).

Question 9

In a stroke-play competition, A, B and C were drawn by the Committee to play together starting at 9.00 am. A and B were present at the appointed time. C arrived at 9.02 am, after A and B had teed off, but just in time to play in the correct order. What is the ruling?

- a) There is no penalty.
- b) C gets a penalty of two strokes.

- c) C is disqualified.

Correct answer B

Explanation: As C arrived and was ready to play within five minutes after his starting time, he gets a penalty of two strokes for failure to be ready to play at the start time established by the Committee (see Exception 1 to [Rule 5.3a](#)). If C had arrived more than five minutes after his starting time, the penalty would be disqualification.

Question 10

A and B are partners in a foursome. Player A drives and there is doubt as to whether the ball is out of bounds or not. If the players decide to play a provisional ball, who must play it?

- a) Player A
- b) Either player may play the provisional.
- c) Player B

Correct answer C

Explanation: If the side decides to play a provisional ball, it must be played by the partner whose turn it is to play the side's next stroke ([Rule 22.3](#)).

Question 11

Temporary water includes puddles caused by rain on a putting green.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer B

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

Question 12

The nearest point of complete relief is the reference point for taking relief under the unplayable ball rule (Rule 19).

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer A

Explanation: The Nearest Point of Complete relief is the reference point for taking relief from an abnormal course condition ([Rule 16.1](#)), dangerous animal condition ([Rule 16.2](#)), wrong green ([Rule 13.1f](#)) or no play zone (Rules [16.1f](#) and [17.1e](#)), or in taking relief under certain Local Rules.

Question 13

A player hits her shot out of bounds from the fairway. When dropping the ball under stroke and distance, she must drop the ball as near as possible to the spot from where the last stroke was made, no nearer the hole.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer A

Explanation: When dropping a ball under stroke and distance in the general area, a ball is dropped within one club-length of the point from which the previous stroke was made, but in the same area of the course as that point.

Question 14

If a player makes his first stroke in a round at a ball on a non-conforming tee, he is disqualified.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer A

Explanation: See [Rule 6.2b\(2\)](#).

Question 15

A player is penalised if his caddie gives wrong information as to the number of strokes the player has taken and the error is not corrected before the opponent makes his next stroke.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer B

Explanation: See [Rule 3.2d\(1\)](#) and [Rule 10.3c](#).

Question 16

In stroke play, a player's ball comes to rest on a gravel surfaced road. He is entitled to relief from the road but decides to play the ball as it lies. He removes some gravel that might interfere with his stroke. What is the ruling?

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

Correct answer A

Explanation: Gravel is a loose impediment, and a player may remove loose impediments without penalty anywhere on the course under [Rule 15.1](#). See also [Loose Impediment](#).

Question 17

In stroke play, a player makes a stroke on the putting green when pressing his forearm tight to his body creating an anchor point against his body. 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 must be replaced and the stroke replayed.
- c) The stroke counts and the player gets two penalty strokes, and the ball is played as it lies.

Correct answer C

Explanation: The player has breached [Rule 10.1b](#), the stroke counts, he gets two penalty strokes, and the ball must be played as it lies. See also Interpretation [10.1b/1](#).

Question 18

A strong gust of wind causes a player's ball to move on the putting green before she has had a chance to mark, lift and replace the ball. The player must replace her ball on the original spot.

- a) False
- b) True

Correct answer A

Explanation: If natural forces (such as wind or water) cause the player's ball at rest to move, there is no penalty, and the ball must be played from its new spot. There is an exception to this which states that if the ball on the putting green moves after it had already been lifted and replaced, the ball must be replaced on its original spot, however as the ball had not been lifted, that does not apply here ([Rule 9.3](#))

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