

RULES QUIZ 12TH MAY 2022

1. A player's ball lands just off the putting green and the player intends to putt the ball. On the putting green, in front of the ball. And on the line of play, is a gum nutshell firmly embedded in the surface of the green). Which is correct?
 - A. The player's ball is off the putting green and so the player cannot remove the shell.
 - B. The gum nutshell is firmly embedded in the surface of the green so the player cannot remove it.
 - C. The player can remove the shell without penalty
 - D. The player is entitled to free relief from the shell as it is in their line of play and can drop the ball at the nearest point where the shell will not interfere with the player's putt.

2. In a match a player's ball is lost in a red penalty area that closely adjoins the putting green. The player decides to take lateral relief and correctly measures the 2-club length relief area into which the ball will be dropped. The relief area extends from the red penalty area and onto the putting surface. The player drops the ball in the portion of the relief area that extends onto the putting surface. The ball strikes the surface of the putting green within the relief area and then rolls off the putting surface and onto the low fringe of the putting green, but still within the relief area. In addition to the 1-stroke penalty for taking relief, which is correct?
 - A. The player was not entitled to drop the ball on the putting surface and must re-drop the ball in the portion of the relief area that is off the putting green.
 - B. The player must place and not drop the ball, if they wish to use the portion of the relief area that is on the putting green.
 - C. If the player plays the ball from the fringe, they lose the hole
 - D. The player has proceeded correctly and must play the ball where it lies.

3. The player's ball comes to rest on a sprinkler head in the general area. The player correctly measures the nearest point of complete relief and marks it as their reference point. The player then lays their driver on the ground to measure the limit of relief. The player then drops their ball in the relief area. The ball first strikes the ground in the relief area and then rolls forward and comes to rest still in the relief area, but against the driver which is still on the ground. Which is correct?
 - A. The ball is in play and must be played as it lies. The driver may be removed and if the ball moves when removing the driver, the player incurs a 1-stroke penalty for moving a ball in play and must replace the ball.

- B. The ball is in play and must be played as it lies. The driver may be removed and if the ball moves when removing the driver, there is no penalty the ball must be replaced.
 - C. The drop is incorrect and the ball must be re-dropped, without penalty, to ensure that it does not touch the driver or the driver must be removed before the ball is dropped.
 - D. The player is penalised one stroke because their equipment deflected their ball in motion and the ball is played as it lies.
4. In a match, player A and her opponent, player B, tee off on a Par 3 to a green that is surrounded by water which is marked as a yellow penalty area. Player A's ball falls short of the green and finishes in the yellow penalty area. Player B, seeing what has happened to her opponent decides to lay-up short of the water. Player A decides to take back-on-the-line relief and selects a reference point that is back behind player B's ball. Player A correctly drops a ball in the relief area and asks player B who should play first. What is the correct order of play?
- A. Player A's ball is further from the hole, so player A is entitled to play first.
 - B. When the balls initially came to rest, player B's ball was further from the hole, player B is entitled to play first.
 - C. The players should toss a coin to see who plays first.
5. If the player accidentally moves their ball in play, when searching for it, the player incurs a 1-stroke penalty and must replace the ball. True or False?
- A. True
 - B. False
6. Players A and B are playing a match. The match is all square after 5 holes. Player A finishes the 6th Hole with a score of 4, and Player B has a putt for a 3 to win the hole and go one up in the match. Player B putts and the ball comes to rest overhanging the hole. Player A immediately goes up to Player B's ball and states "That's good" and taps the ball back to Player B. Which is correct?
- A. The hole is halved
 - B. Player B wins the hole
 - C. Player A is penalised 1 stroke for moving Player B's ball in play. Player A's score for the hole is now 5 and Player B's score is 4.
 - D. Player A is not penalised but the ball must be replaced on the edge of the hole to see if it falls into the hole within the allowed 10 seconds.
7. A player's ball lands just off the fairway near another ball. The identification marks that the player has placed on their ball are obscured by grass. Without marking it and ensuring that the ball is not lifted or moved, the player carefully

rotates the ball in its current position, until the identification marks can be seen, and she confirms that the ball is hers. The player then plays the ball without returning the ball to its former orientation. Which is correct?

- A. There is no penalty. For a ball to have moved it must come to rest in another spot.
 - B. The player is penalised 1 stroke for touching their ball in play.
 - C. The player is penalised the general penalty for moving their ball in play and not returning it to its identical position, with the same orientation.
 - D. The player is penalised the general penalty for moving their ball in play.
8. In a match on a Par 3, Player A hooks their tee shot into the long rough a considerable distance from the putting green. Their opponent, Player B, plays their ball onto the front of the green. Player A plays a provisional ball which comes to rest about 1 metre from the hole. Player A declares her original ball “lost” and asks Player B not to look for it. Player B ignores this request and starts searching for the ball. While Player B is searching, Player A moves quickly to the putting green and putts their provisional ball into the hole. After Player A has putted, Player B finds A’s original ball within 3 minutes. Which is correct?
- A. Player B cannot look for the ball after being asked by Player A not to look.
 - B. When Player A declared her original ball “lost”, it was no longer in play even if found within 3 minutes.
 - C. When Player B found the original ball within 3 minutes, the provisional ball could no longer be played. Player A’s putt does not count. Player A must go and play the original ball.
 - D. Player B can cancel Player A’s putt and Player A must putt the ball again. The original ball is a wrong ball.
9. Which of the following actions can a player undertake on the putting green WITHOUT incurring a penalty?
- A. The player can have their caddie touch the putting green to point out the line the player should putt on.
 - B. The player can putt with their ball marker in place on the green
 - C. The player can putt with the flagstick in the hole
 - D. The player can putt with their fourball partner standing on an extension of the line behind the ball to observe the putt.
 - E. The player can put a club down on the ground to align their feet, as long as it is removed before putting.
 - F. Without first marking their ball, the player can remove a leaf on the putting green, which causes their ball to move.
 - G. The player’s caddie can mark and pick up the player’s ball on the green without authority from the player.
 - H. The player can repair damage to the hole prior to putting.

- I. A player's putt is likely to strike one of the player's own clubs lying on the green, so the player asks their caddie to quickly move it while the putted ball is in motion.
 - J. After having marked, lifted, and replaced it, a player's ball is subsequently moved by the wind, and the player then plays the ball from its new position.
10. A player finds that their ball has come to rest in a wheel track. There are no model local rules in place. Is the player entitled to free relief?
- A. Yes
 - B. No



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