

1. A player hits a blind tee shot to an uphill par 3 onto the putting green during a stroke play round. By mistake, the player marks and lifts a ball on the putting green that belongs to another player instead of their own ball. The player replaces that ball, removes the ball marker and holes that putt. The player then tees off on the next hole, what is the ruling assuming there was no serious breach?
 - A. The player has scored a 4 on that hole.
 - B. The player has scored a 5 on that hole.
 - C. The player has scored a 6 on that hole.
 - D. The player is disqualified for playing a wrong ball.

2. A ball in motion that was played from the putting green hits a leaf that is being blown across the putting green. The ball is affected by hitting the leaf and comes up well short of the hole. What is the ruling?
 - A. The player must cancel and replay the stroke without penalty.
 - B. The player may cancel and replay the stroke without penalty.
 - C. The player is penalized one stroke but must now play the ball as it lies.
 - D. The ball is played as it lies without penalty.

3. A player chooses to take an unplayable penalty under Rule 19.2c while keeping the ball in the bunker for one penalty stroke. A Rules official goes into the bunker to help with relief process and creates footprints in the bunker that are also next to the player's footprints. The player then asks if they can rake over the footprints that are now in the player's upcoming relief area for the unplayable ball. Which of the following is correct about each set of footprints?
 - A. The player may not rake the referee's footprints.
 - B. The player may rake the referee's footprints.
 - C. The player may rake their own footprints as well as the referee's footprints.
 - D. The player may not rake their own footprints or the referee's footprints.

4. A player hits their tee shot on a hole with a clearly marked red penalty area running down the entire left side of the hole and the ball is known or virtually certain to be in the penalty area. The player only looks for one minute and then drops a ball to take relief under Rule 17 (Penalty Area). The original ball is then found inside the penalty area by another player's caddie before the three minutes has expired and before the player has played the ball that was dropped. The player abandons the dropped ball and goes on to finish the hole with the original ball and takes 5 more strokes to hole out. What is the player's score for the hole?
 - A. 6
 - B. 7
 - C. 8
 - D. The player will be disqualified if the mistake is not corrected.

5. A player hits his tee shot 300 yards into an area of tall grass in the general area. He begins searching for his ball and after four-minutes he finds a ball that he thinks might be his original ball. Without marking the ball, he picks up the ball and cleans it and identifies it as the original ball he had played from the teeing area. He replaces the ball back where he picked it up from and plays that ball from there onto the putting green and then holes out in two more strokes. What is the ruling based on there being a serious breach?
- A. He must return to the tee and will be playing his fourth stroke.
 - B. He must return to the tee and will be playing his fifth stroke.
 - C. He must return to the tee and will be playing his sixth stroke.
 - D. He is disqualified.
6. Which of the following is not a movable obstruction?
- A. A flagstick.
 - B. A player's putter.
 - C. An abandoned golf ball.
 - D. A large stone.
7. During a match, a player has a quick downhill putt and decides to place the flagstick directly behind the hole to stop his ball should it roll past the hole. The putt rolls just short of the hole and does not hit the removed flagstick. The player taps in and walks to the next tee. What is the ruling?
- A. The player is not penalized.
 - B. The player is penalized one stroke.
 - C. The player is penalized two strokes.
 - D. The player loses the hole.
8. Player A has a quick downhill putt and decides to place the flagstick directly behind the hole to stop his ball should it roll past the hole. Player A putts the ball and while the ball is still in motion rolling towards the hole Player B picks up the removed flagstick. The ball rolls five feet past the hole and Player A requests a ruling because Player B picked up the flagstick to affect the ball in motion. What is the ruling?
- A. Player B is not penalized.
 - B. Player B is penalized one stroke.
 - C. Player B is penalized two strokes.
 - D. Player A is penalized one stroke.
9. In which of the following situations is the ball considered embedded under the Rules?
- A. A player drops a ball and it embeds on impact.
 - B. A player's ball spins out of and back into its own pitch mark on the fringe.
 - C. A player's ball comes to rest in a pitch mark made from the group in front of them.
 - D. A player's ball is ran over by his opponents golf cart.

10. A player's tee shot comes to rest in a penalty area and is found leaning on an abandoned ball. The player removes the abandoned ball and causes her ball at rest to move. The player replaces her ball back on its original spot and takes three more strokes to finish the hole from there. What is her score on the hole?
- A. 4
 - B. 5
 - C. 6
 - D. 7
11. A player's ball lies in a tire rut in the fairway, but the player is unsure if he will get relief for ground under repair. Without a member of the Committee present to make a ruling, the player decides to play two balls and request a ruling from the Committee in the scoring area after the round to see if that area was to be treated as ground under repair. The player does not announce which ball he wants to count and plays the ball from the tire rut first and then the ball dropped as if the area were to be treated as ground under repair. The player scores with both balls and records a 5 for the ball played from the tire rut and 7 for the ball dropped as if it were ground under repair. What is the player's score for the hole if the Committee declares that area ground under repair?
- A. 5
 - B. 6
 - C. 7
 - D. The player is disqualified.
12. The Committee decides to blow the horn due to lightning while Player A is about to tee off on a Par 3. During the delay, the player gets an hour swing lesson from the head professional at the club about how to properly hit his upcoming tee shot on the Par 3. What is the ruling?
- A. No penalty.
 - B. The player is penalized one stroke on the Par 3 hole.
 - C. The player is penalized two strokes on the Par 3 hole.
 - D. The player is disqualified for a serious breach.
13. Player A is putting to make a four on 11th hole of the club's stroke play championship. Player A's ball in motion is deliberately deflected into the hole by Player B. Player A then tees off on the next hole and asks an official about what happened on the previous hole. What is the ruling?
- A. Player A made a four.
 - B. Player A made a five.
 - C. Player A made a six.
 - D. Player A is disqualified.

14. A player will get the general penalty in which instance?
- A. The player picks up his ball in the fairway and cleans large chunks of mud sticking to the ball.
 - B. The player does not pick up his ball but wipes away some loose soil that is in the fringe cut just in front of his ball to improve his upcoming line of play.
 - C. The player picks up his fellow-competitors ball for no apparent reason from the fairway and cleans the ball.
 - D. The player fixes a ball mark on the green when his ball still lies in the fringe.
15. On a windy day, a player hits their tee shot on a par three and it comes to rest just on the fringe of the putting green and on a sprinkler head. The player properly takes relief from the sprinkler head under Rule 16.1 for an abnormal course condition and properly drops a ball that comes to rest in the fringe. A gust of wind then blows that ball down a slope and comes to rest farther from the hole. From the ball's new position, the player takes three more strokes to complete the hole. What is the player's score for the hole?
- A. 4
 - B. 5
 - C. 6
 - D. 7
16. On a windy day, a player hits their tee shot on a par three onto the putting green and it comes to rest one foot from the hole. The player marks, lifts and replaces their ball back on the putting green and then a gust of wind blows their ball at rest down a slope and off the putting green. From the ball's new position, the player takes three more strokes to complete the hole. What is the player's score for the hole?
- A. 3
 - B. 4
 - C. 5
 - D. 6
17. A player makes a stroke from the putting green that rolls off the putting green and strikes another player's club that was at rest in the fairway. The correct ruling is?
- A. Play the ball as it lies with no penalty.
 - B. Cancel and replay the stroke for no penalty.
 - C. Cancel and replay the stroke with one penalty stroke.
 - D. Play the ball as it lies with one penalty stroke.

18. Before playing out of a bunker, the player gets a penalty for which of the following?
- A. The player makes a practice swing and touches sand with a club in a different, nearby bunker to test the condition of that bunker.
 - B. Removes a leaf right behind the player's ball in the bunker.
 - C. The player leans on their club to steady themselves in the bunker.
 - D. Taking relief outside the bunker when there is interference for temporary water.
19. In stroke play, a ball at rest on the putting green is marked by the player and then lifted to be cleaned. He puts that ball in his pocket, which is then mixed in with two other golf balls that he has in his pocket. He grabs a different ball from his pocket, replaces that ball back on the original spot and then holes that putt. Before the player tees off on the next hole, he realizes his mistake. What is the ruling?
- A. The player is penalized two strokes because he has played a wrong ball and must correct that mistake before teeing off on the next hole or he will be disqualified.
 - B. The player has proceeded correctly and is not penalized.
 - C. The player is penalized two strokes for playing an incorrectly substituted ball and the hole is complete.
 - D. The player is disqualified for playing a wrong ball.
20. Jack loses his driver on the 17th hole. He uses Meg's driver on the 18th tee and hits that tee shot out of bounds. Still using Meg's driver, he plays again from the teeing area and hits that shot onto the fairway and then takes three more strokes to hole out. What is his score for the hole?
- A. 7
 - B. 8
 - C. 9
 - D. 10
21. In stroke play, a ball in motion that was played from the putting green accidentally hits another player's ball that is in motion and moving across the putting green. What is the ruling?
- A. The ball is played as it lies without penalty.
 - B. The player must cancel and replay the stroke without penalty.
 - C. The player is penalized one stroke and must now play the ball as it lies.
 - D. The player is penalized two strokes and must now play the ball as it lies.
22. In stroke play, a ball in motion that was played from the putting green accidentally hits another player's ball at rest on the putting green. What is the ruling?
- A. The ball is played as it lies without penalty.
 - B. The player must cancel and replay the stroke without penalty.
 - C. The player is penalized one stroke and must now play the ball as it lies.
 - D. The player is penalized two strokes and must now play the ball as it lies.

23. Greg's ball lies two feet from the hole and in a position to serve as a backstop for his opponent's upcoming pitch shot. The opponent asks Greg to leave his ball where it is so he can try to backstop off his ball. Greg is a nice guy so he happily agrees to leave the ball in place and the opponent's ball does in fact hit Greg's ball and stops right next to the hole. What is the penalty?
- A. Both players are disqualified for agreeing to leave a ball in place to backstop.
 - B. Both players are penalized two strokes for agreeing to leave a ball in place to backstop.
 - C. Greg is penalized two strokes but the opponent is not penalized.
 - D. Neither player is penalized.
24. Due to lightning, the air horn is sounded to immediately suspend play. A player who had already played their tee shot onto the putting green of a par 3 marks and lifts their ball to go inside and seek shelter. After play has resumed, the player goes back out and replaces their special "putting ball" back on the spot and then holes that putt. What is the player's score on that hole?
- A. 2
 - B. 3
 - C. 4
 - D. The player is disqualified.
25. In four-ball stroke play, which of the following procedures may a player not perform for their partner?
- A. Tee up their partner's ball.
 - B. Drop their partner's ball when taking relief for temporary water.
 - C. Tap in a short putt.
 - D. Replace and line up their ball on the putting green.
26. A player starts their 18-hole match with 13 clubs and loses her driver on the 9th hole. The player decides to go in the clubhouse and add another putter to their bag from her locker because the putter she is using is not performing very well. What is the ruling?
- A. There is no penalty.
 - B. She will be penalized two strokes for the first two holes she plays with the added putter.
 - C. She will lose the first two holes for the first two holes she plays with the added putter.
 - D. She will be penalized two strokes for each stroke she makes with the new putter.
27. A player accidentally kicks their ball while searching in the tall grass during a match play championship. The player picks up the ball, cleans mud from the ball and goes to replace it back on the spot from which it was moved. What is the ruling?
- A. The player gets no penalty.
 - B. The player is penalized one stroke.
 - C. The player is penalized two strokes.
 - D. The player loses the hole.

28. Paired together in a stroke play round, Derek and Susan play their second shots onto the putting green of a Par 4. When they arrive at the putting green, Derek putts Susan's ball without having first marked the ball to pick it up to identify it as his own ball. Susan substitutes a different ball back on the original spot from where Derek had played her original ball and holes that putt. What is Susan's score for the hole?
- A. 3
 - B. 4
 - C. 5
 - D. She must replace the original ball back on that spot before starting another hole or she will be disqualified.
29. A player's tee shot comes to rest half submerged in temporary water that has accumulated in a bunker and the player decides to play the ball as it lies. While making his next stroke, he accidentally grazes the temporary water with his club while taking the club back for the stroke and completes the swing. The ball rolls back into the bunker and into a deeper portion of the temporary water. The player then decides not to play that ball and drops a ball outside the bunker using the procedure for back-on-the-line relief for an abnormal course condition in a bunker. From this new spot, the player takes four more strokes to hole out. What is the player's score for the hole?
- A. 6
 - B. 7
 - C. 8
 - D. 9
30. Michael hits his tee shot into an area of tall grass in the general area. His opponent, Carrie Ann, finds his ball after four minutes had passed since Michael started his search. Michael plays the ball from there onto the putting green and then holes out in two more strokes. What is the result of that hole?
- A. 4
 - B. 6
 - C. Michael loses the hole.
 - D. Michael must re-play from the teeing area and will be playing his fifth stroke.

31. In stroke play, a player hits their tee shot on the Par 3 onto the putting green and now has a long uphill putt. The player hits a poor putt and the ball makes it halfway up the slope and then starts to roll directly back to the player. The player walks ten feet towards the hole and deliberately kicks the ball in disgust as it rolls back toward him and the ball ends up in a pond marked as a red penalty area. What is the ruling?
- A. The player must drop a ball under any of the applicable options for a red penalty area and will be penalized two strokes.
 - B. The player must drop a ball under any of the applicable options for a red penalty area and will be penalized three strokes.
 - C. The original stroke from the putting green counts and the player must place a ball back on the spot from where the putt was played from and is penalized two strokes.
 - D. The original stroke from the putting green does not count and the player must place a ball back on the spot from where the putt was played from and is penalized two strokes.
32. Which of the following is not the player's equipment?
- A. The course bunker rake that their caddie is using to rake sand.
 - B. The player's cell phone in their pocket.
 - C. The course bunker rake lying in the sand.
 - D. The player's golf cart parked 50 feet away.
33. A player hits their tee shot into a penalty area and decides to take lateral relief. Before dropping another ball, the player breaks off a limb of a fallen branch so the relief area would not be affected by the fallen limb so the player will have more room for their upcoming swing. The player drops the ball and holes out in three more strokes. What is the player's score for the hole?
- A. 4
 - B. 5
 - C. 6
 - D. 7
34. In stroke play, a player hits their tee shot on the Par 3 onto the putting green and now has a long uphill putt. The player hits a poor first putt and the ball makes it halfway up the slope and then starts to roll directly back to the player. The player walks ten feet towards the hole and in disgust makes a stroke at the ball as it is rolling back toward him. The ball ends up in a red penalty area. Which of the following is incorrect?
- A. The player may play the ball as it lies and will be penalized two strokes.
 - B. If the player places and then plays a ball from where the first stroke was made from the putting green, the player will get three penalty strokes.
 - C. If the player places and then plays a ball from where the first stroke was made from the putting green, the player will get five penalty strokes.
 - D. The player may proceed under any of the applicable options for a red penalty area and will be penalized three strokes.

35. A player tees off from the wrong teeing area to start a hole in a stroke play round. The player takes seven strokes to complete the hole. Before teeing off at the next hole, she realizes her mistake and returns to the correct teeing area and takes four strokes to complete the hole from the correct teeing area. What is her score for the hole?
- A. 4
 - B. 5
 - C. 6
 - D. 7
36. Chris and Oliver are standing next to each other on the tee waiting to tee off on their first hole of the club championship, which is individual stroke play. Chris advises Oliver that he should hit a driver from the tee in order to carry the fairway bunkers. What is the ruling?
- A. Both Chris and Oliver are penalized two strokes on their first hole.
 - B. Chris is penalized two strokes on the first hole and Oliver is not penalized.
 - C. Neither player is penalized.
 - D. Oliver is penalized two strokes on the first hole and Chris is not penalized.
37. A player's ball lies in the general area and next to a boundary object that will interfere with the player's swing. The player hits their next stroke and that ball may be lost or out of bounds long of the putting green. The player correctly declares and plays a provisional ball. Which of the following is correct?
- A. Before playing the provisional ball, the player may remove the boundary object that was interfering without penalty.
 - B. The player must attempt to drop the provisional ball on the exact spot the previous stroke was made.
 - C. The player may drop a ball within one club length from where the last stroke was made to avoid interference from the boundary object as long as it is no closer to the hole.
 - D. The player must place a ball on the spot from where the previous stroke was made.
38. Which of the following situations results in penalty to the player?
- A. Before making a stroke at a ball that is lying in a penalty area, the player removes a red penalty area stake that defines the penalty area because the stake interferes with their area of intended swing.
 - B. Before making a stroke at a ball that lies in bounds, the player may remove a boundary stake that only shows there is a boundary since there is a painted white line on the ground. The player then goes on to make the stroke without replacing the stake.
 - C. The player removes a red penalty area stake that directly causes their ball to move as a result of moving the stake.
 - D. The player breaks a white boundary stake on their follow through while making a stroke at the ball.

39. A player hits his tee shot on the par three 12th hole and it comes to rest on the putting green. The player has a downhill putt with a creek behind just behind the hole. The player hits his putt too hard and the ball gains speed and catches a slope and rolls down towards the creek with good speed. The player thinks the ball has rolled into the creek and places another ball down on the spot where he had just made a stroke from. As the player is about to hit the putt again, his fellow competitor tells him that the ball he had first played is still hanging up on the bank of the creek. The player abandons the ball he had placed on the putting green and goes to play the ball on the bank of the creek. The player chips the ball onto the putting green and then makes the putt and then tees off at the next tee. What is the player's score for the hole?
- A. 4
 - B. 5
 - C. 6
 - D. The player is disqualified.
40. Which of the following situations results in no penalty to the player?
- A. A player accidentally touches their ball with their club at address when the ball lies in the general area, but the ball does not move.
 - B. Without the ball leaving its original spot, a player rotates their ball lying on the putting green to align their logo towards the hole without having first marked it.
 - C. A player deliberately touches their ball with their club in the act of addressing the ball, but the ball does not move.
 - D. A player rotates their ball in tall grass in the general area to identify it without first marking the ball.
41. During a match, Ashley has a putt for a seven from 35 feet from the hole and Kate has a putt for a three but lies 25 feet from the hole. Kate goes ahead and putts and lags the putt up to a foot from the hole. Ashley tells Kate that she played out of turn and wants that stroke cancelled and Kate must now replay the stroke. Instead, Kate ignores her and taps in her putt for a four. Ashley immediately waves over a referee to request a ruling. What is the ruling?
- A. Ashley wins the hole.
 - B. Kate is penalized two strokes but wins the hole with a six.
 - C. Kate is penalized two strokes and must replace her ball where the 25-foot putt was played from.
 - D. Kate wins the hole with a four.

42. After hitting a tee shot towards a row of out of bounds stakes during the 15th hole of the stroke play club championship, the player properly announces and plays a provisional ball that finds the fairway. The player finds the original ball lying just next to a white out of bounds stake and sees that the ball is out of bounds by only a foot. The player removes the stake and plays that original ball onto the putting green and then replaces the stake. The player takes two more putts to finish the hole and tees off on the next hole. What is the ruling?
- A. The player is penalized two strokes for removing the stake and scored a six on the hole.
 - B. The player is disqualified.
 - C. The player must return to the provisional ball and is playing their fourth stroke.
 - D. The player must return to the provisional ball and is playing their sixth stroke.
43. Which of the following is a loose impediment?
- A. A wooden golf tee.
 - B. Loose sand on the putting green.
 - C. Dew in the teeing area.
 - D. An aeration plug.
44. When starting their sixth hole, a player swings at and misses their teed ball in the teeing area. Rather than playing the ball where it still sits on the tee, the player exchanges that original ball for a new ball and retees the ball a few feet to the left and still within the teeing area. From there the player takes four strokes to finish the hole. What is the player's score?
- A. 4
 - B. 5
 - C. 6
 - D. 7
45. A player takes unplayable ball relief in the general area for a ball that lies one club-length from the putting green. Which of the following is correct for taking relief for an unplayable ball and dropping a ball within two club-lengths of the original spot and no closer to the hole?
- A. The player may not drop a ball on the putting green.
 - B. The player may place a ball on the putting green.
 - C. The player may drop a ball onto the putting green.
 - D. The player must use the original ball when taking relief under this Rule.
46. A player is taking relief from a cart path. He leaves the original ball on the path and drops a second (substituted) ball within one club-length of the nearest point of complete relief, not nearer the hole. Before making a stroke at either ball, which ball is in play?
- A. The original ball on the path.
 - B. The substituted ball.
 - C. Both balls.
 - D. Neither ball.

47. In stroke play, Player A correctly tees off from the white tee markers to start the 11th hole. The player walks ahead to find the ball is out of bounds and returns to the tee to play under stroke and distance. Player A accidentally tees up from the blue tee markers that are positioned 20 yards behind the white tee markers and plays from there and that ball comes to rest in the fairway. From there, Player A takes 3 additional strokes to complete the hole. What is the player's score on the hole?
- A. 7
 - B. 8
 - C. 9
 - D. The player is disqualified.
48. A player's ball comes to rest on a sprinkler head in the middle of the fairway. Not being confident that they will carry the next shot over the pond and onto the putting green, the player substitutes a different ball and drops that ball in the prescribed relief area under Rule 16. What is the ruling?
- A. The player is not penalized.
 - B. The player is penalized one stroke.
 - C. The player gets the general penalty.
 - D. The player is disqualified.
49. A player's ball lies on a sprinkler head in the general area just outside of a bunker, but their stance is in the bunker. When taking relief for an abnormal course condition under Rule 16, which of the following is true?
- A. The player must keep their stance in the bunker when taking relief.
 - B. The player must take a one stroke penalty to get their stance out of the bunker.
 - C. The player may drop the ball in the bunker when taking relief under this Rule.
 - D. The player is not required to be standing in the bunker once relief has been taken under this Rule.
50. During an evening stroke play round in low light, a player's tee shot is hit towards a bunker. The player searches for her ball in the bunker and accidentally steps on her ball that was in a perfect lie. The ball is pressed further down into the sand and the player then plays the ball as it lies in her own footprint and gets the ball to the putting green. From there, the player takes two more putts to hole out. What is the player's score on the hole?
- A. 4
 - B. 5
 - C. 6
 - D. 7