



2008 Rules of Golf Quiz

Question 1

A caddie shared by players on opposite sides in a four-ball match accidentally moved a ball belonging to one of the players; there is no penalty.

- A) True
- B) False

Question 2

What is the penalty in stroke play for moving loose impediments that lie in the same hazard as your ball?

- A) No penalty.
- B) One stroke.
- C) Two strokes
- D) Loss of Hole.

Question 3

Objects defining out of bounds are obstructions.

- A) True
- B) False

Question 4

Which of the following are acceptable relief options for a ball hit into a lateral water hazard?

- A) Proceed under stroke and distance.
- B) Drop within two club lengths of the spot at which the original last crossed the margin of the lateral water hazard – no nearer the hole.
- C) Drop a ball behind the hazard, keeping the spot at which the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped.
- D) All of the above.

Question 5

As the final group of the SCGA Amateur Championship prepared to play the par-three tenth at Saticoy, Chris asked his fellow competitor, Ray, what club he used on the previous hole – a par 3 of similar length.

- A. Chris incurs a two stroke penalty for asking for advice.
- B. Chris incurs a two stroke penalty and Ray will also incur a penalty if he replies with helpful information.
- C. Chris should be disqualified under Rule 33-7.
- D. Chris has not breached any Rule by asking Ray this question.

Question 6

A player finds his ball in high rough after two minutes of searching, he leaves the area to get a club and when he returns is unable to find his ball. How long is he allowed to look for his ball?

- A) Three minutes.
- B) Five minutes.
- C) Three minutes, minus the time it took him to retrieve his club.
- D) He is no longer allowed to look for his ball.



Question 7

In a four-ball stroke play, Melanie holes out for a 4. Emily, Melanie's partner, who was lying 3 and had marked and lifted her ball, forgot she had a handicap stroke. She did not replace her ball, or hole out and picked up her ball marker. On the way to the next teeing ground, Emily remembered her handicap stroke, returned to the green, replaced her ball where it previously lay and holed out for a net 3. Was this the correct procedure?

- A) Yes, since Emily had not played from the next teeing ground.
- B) No, because this might hold up play.
- C) No, because they had left the green they must use Melanie's 4 and disregard Emily's 3.
- D) None of the above answers are correct.

Question 8

Mike's ball lies on the fringe of the putting green on a direct line to the hole with Jeff's ball which is 30 yards from the green. May Jeff require Mike to lift his ball on the grounds that the ball interferes with his play?

- A) No, Mike and Jeff are not on the green and so not entitled to this relief.
- B) Yes, and Jeff is also entitled to clean his ball while doing so.
- C) No, instead Jeff should continue to play his ball until it is out of the way of Mike's line of play.
- D) Yes, but Jeff must make sure that he does not clean his ball in the process.

Question 9

A half-eaten pear is directly in front of a ball in a bunker and there is no pear tree in the vicinity of the bunker. In the circumstances, is the pear an obstruction rather than a loose impediment, in which case the player can remove it without penalty?

- A) No, the pear is a loose impediment simply because it is in the bunker.
- B) No, the pear is a loose impediment because to be an obstruction the pear would have to fully impede on the swing of the player.
- C) No, the pear is a natural object and when it becomes detached from a tree it is a loose impediment, irrespective of the location of a pear tree or being half eaten.

Question 10

In stroke play, during the first round of a 36-hole event, Kevin incorrectly substitutes a ball on a putting green, but the Committee advises him that there is no penalty. He completes his round and returns his score card. During play of the second round, the Committee adds two penalty strokes to Kevin's first round score. What is the ruling?

- A) The Committee should reinstate its initial decision.
- B) The Committee should disqualify Kevin for an incorrect score card.
- C) The Committee has ruled inappropriately.
- D) Rule 33-7 allows the Committee to make such a decision and so the penalty strokes are permitted.



Question 11

Bob and Katie are to play a four-ball match against Doug and Teri and schedule a time to play. When Doug and Teri arrive at the tee to play, only Katie is waiting to play. Doug believes that because Bob is late both Bob and Katie are disqualified and so his side wins the match. Teri believes that only Bob is disqualified and Katie is allowed to represent her side and play against Teri and Doug. Katie believes that neither her or Bob are disqualified as she is able to represent her side alone and Bob is allowed to join the match later, at a conclusion of a hole. Who is correct?

- A) Doug.
- B) Teri.
- C) Katie.
- D) No one is correct.

Question 12

Jennie and Phil, in stroke-play both hit their ball into heavy rough. Upon reaching the rough they find two balls lying side by side. Both balls are the same brand, model and carry the same identification number. Neither player put a identification mark on their ball as suggested in Rule 12-2. How are they to proceed?

- A) They should draw a lot to decide who plays which ball.
- B) They should both play either of the balls within five minutes of the start of the search for their balls.
- C) They both should drop a ball no nearer the hole from where their drives landed and play under the penalty of one stroke.
- D) They must both play a ball under penalty of stroke and distance, as both balls are lost.

Question 13

In an 18 hole Stableford competition, a player omitted two holes of the round and returned a score for 16 holes; he should be disqualified.

- A) True
- B) False

Question 14

Any small object, such as a coin or a tee, used to mark an area in which a ball can be dropped is not equipment of the player.

- A) True
- B) False

Question 15

A player's ball is embedded in a fairway. He lifts the ball, cleans it and drops it in the fairway as near as possible to where it lay. The ball rolls into and comes to rest in a bunker. What is the ruling?

- A) He has proceeded correctly and must play the ball as it lies.
- B) He must redrop the ball without penalty.
- C) He must place the ball as near as possible to where it lay.
- D) None of the above are correct.



Question 16

A player starts his round with fourteen clubs, breaks his putter in anger on the 18th green, and, as the match was all square, replaces it at the start of the 19th hole. In a separate stroke play event at another course, a player starts with fourteen clubs, breaks his putter in anger on the 18th green and replaces it at the start of the 19th hole for a hole-by-hole play-off. In each of these separate situations, the players are putting on the green of the 19th hole, when other players question their procedures. What is the ruling?

- A) Both of the players incur a penalty.
- B) The player in match play incurs no penalty but the player in stroke play does.
- C) The player in stroke play incurs no penalty but the player in match play does.
- D) Neither of the players incur a penalty.

Question 17

Which of the following actions are not permissible when a player's ball lies in a hazard?

- A) Leaning on a rake while waiting to play out of a bunker.
- B) Grounding one's club on a sprinkler head directly behind the ball.
- C) Lightly taking a stance for a practice swing at a spot in the bunker away from where the ball lies.
- D) All of these actions are permissible.

Question 18

Matt began his round with 13 of his typical golf clubs. In addition he was also carrying his young daughter's 17" driver that they used at the driving range the night before. After six holes, a rules official spotted the club in Matt's golf bag. How should the official proceed?

- A) As long as Matt doesn't make a stroke with the club there is no penalty.
- B) Matt incurs a total of two penalty strokes for carrying this club.
- C) Matt incurs a total of four penalty strokes for carrying this club.
- D) Matt should be disqualified.

Question 19

Jeremy consistently and intentionally talks on his cell phone while his fellow competitors are teeing off, he also talks, moves, makes unnecessary noise and shows a blatant disregard for other players. He repeatedly causes damage to the course every time he plays by not repairing divots and slamming his clubs into the ground when angered by his golf game. How is the committee entitled to act in relation to Jeremy's actions?

- A) They can prohibit Jeremy from play for a limited time on the course.
- B) They can prohibit Jeremy from play for a limited time in competition.
- C) They can disqualify Jeremy if he is acting in this way in during a competition.
- D) All of the above.

Question 20

In four-ball match play, a player practiced putting after he and his partner holed out, but before the opponents have completed play; the player is penalized.

- A) True
- B) False



2008 Rules of Golf Quiz – Answers

1	B	Decision 30/1
2	C	Rule 13-4 and Rule 23-1
3	B	Definition of "Obstructions" and "Out of Bounds"
4	D	Rule 26-1
5	D	Decision 8-1/6
6	A	Decision 27/2
7	A	Decision 3-2/3
8	D	Decision 22/2
9	C	Decision 23/3
10	D	Decision 34-3/1
11	C	Rule 30-3a
12	D	Rule 27-1 c. and Decision 27/10
13	B	Decision 32-1/2
14	A	Definition of "Equipment"
15	B	Rule 20-2c
16	C	Rule 2-3, Rule 4-4a, and Decision 4-3/12
17	D	Decision 13-4/0.5 and Rule 13-4 (note)
18	C	Rule 4-1a and Appendix II I-c
19	D	Section I of the Rules "Etiquette" and Decision 33-7/8
20	B	Decision 7-2/1