

Quarantine Quiz # 1 Answers and Explanations

1. **Todd is disqualified under Rule 4.1a(3)**. A player is not allowed to deliberately change a club's performance characteristics during a round. When Todd altered his settings AND made a stroke, he breached Rule 4.1a and the penalty is disqualification. Had he returned the settings (exception under 4.1a(3)) before making the stroke, there would have been no penalty at all.
2. **Doug's score is a 4**. Doug is taking back-on-a-line relief, but improperly drops outside of the relief area when he drops two-club lengths from the reference point. He proceeds correctly in lifting the improperly dropped ball under Rule 14.5. Doug may utilize any of the options of the unplayable ball when correcting a mistake of dropping outside a relief area (see Rule 14.5b(2)). He then dropped correctly in the fairway as he is allowed two club lengths from the original ball's position under Rule 19.2c. The fact he is dropping in the fairway does not matter and is allowed as his relief is in the General Area. **Strokes: (1) Tee shot, (2) Unplayable Ball (19.2c), (3) Shot to green, (4) Putt holed.**
3. **Taylor's score is a 5**. Taylor is allowed free relief (16.1c) when her ball is in a bunker and her stance is interfered by temporary water that is outside the bunker. However, her free relief must keep the ball in the bunker under Rule 16.1c(1). She would be allowed to take the ball out of the bunker for a one stroke penalty under this Rule, but only using the back-on-a-line procedure. In this case she dropped the ball laterally out of the bunker and that is not allowed. When she made her stroke from outside of the bunker, she played from a wrong place and gets the general penalty of 2 strokes under Rule 14.7. This wrong place breach is not a serious breach and she must complete the hole under 14.7b(1). In the very unlikely event the Committee declares a serious breach of a wrong place, Taylor would be disqualified for not correcting the serious wrong place error. **Strokes: (1) Tee shot, (2) Stroke to the green, (3 & 4) Wrong Place (14.7a), (5) Putt holed.**
4. **Jacque's score is a 9**. When Jacque's stance was on a wrong green, she must take free relief under Rule 13.1f(2). When she made the stroke, she gets a general penalty under 14.7 for playing from a wrong place and the stroke counts. The ball came to rest out of bounds so she must proceed under stroke and distance (18.2) by returning to the place of her last stroke. She completes that procedure correctly but plays from a wrong place when her stance is once again on a wrong green and gets another general penalty. These two breaches of the same Rule are separate acts with the intervening act of putting a ball in play (See Rule 1.3c(4)) by dropping it, and therefore each penalty is applied. **Strokes: (1) Tee shot, (2) Shot that went OB, (3 & 4) Wrong Place (13.1f), (5) Stroke and distance (18.2), (6) Stroke from fringe to correct green, (7 & 8) Wrong Place (13.1f), (9) Putt holed.**
5. **Nelson's score is a 6**. When Nelson cannot determine which ball is the original and which ball is the provisional, Rule 18.3c(2) states the player must choose one of the balls and treat it as the provisional with the other ball being treated as lost. Furthermore, since Nelson has doubt in what to do, he is allowed to play both balls without penalty of playing a wrong ball (see Interpretation 20.1c(3/1)). Nelson avoids disqualification when he reported the situation to the Committee. The ball he selected to count satisfies the requirements of Rule 18.3c(2), and the strokes made with the ball now treated as the original (lost) ball do not count. **Strokes: (1) Tee Shot, (2) Stroke and distance (18.2), (3) Provisional became ball in play, (4, 5 & 6) Three strokes to complete hole.**
6. **Casey's score is a 4**. When Casey raked the ball into the hole, that stroke counted as the definition of a stroke was made, but was a violation of 10.1a fairly striking the ball. He gets the general penalty of two strokes and the stroke counts. This error is not to be corrected and the ball is holed. **Strokes: (1) Tee shot, (2) Raked stroke into the hole, (3 & 4) General Penalty (10.1a).**

7. **Ryan's score is a 2.** Ryan placed the flagstick out of the way and his next stroke *accidentally* struck the flagstick. Rule 11.1a says there is no penalty to any player and 11.1b says the ball will be played as it lies. In this case the ball is holed and Ryan has completed the play of the hole. See exception 2 to 11.1b regarding the ball striking the flagstick, Rule 13.2b(2) applies and when a ball strikes the flagstick, while a movable obstruction, does not require a replay. **Strokes: (1) Tee shot, (2) Putt holed with flagstick deflection.**
8. **Todd's score is a 7.** After the ball played from the bunker comes to rest outside the bunker, Rule 12.2b(3) allows Todd to make practice swings touching the sand and rake the bunker, which would also include his relief area. Although he plays from the correct relief area, he must drop the ball into the relief area in the bunker. When he placed the ball instead of the required drop and made a stroke, he gets the general penalty under 14.3b(3). The text in the 4th bullet point reads; “..or after it was placed when required to be dropped (no matter where it was played from), the player gets the general penalty. **Strokes: (1) Tee Shot, (2) Bladed shot OB, (3) Stroke and distance (18.2), (4) Stroke onto green, (5 & 6) General penalty for placing instead of dropping (14.3b(3)), (7) Putt holed.**
9. **Baile's score is a 6.** When her ball in play came to rest in the teeing area, the teeing area Rules apply (6.2b). This also means she cannot improve her CATS (Conditions Affecting the Stroke) under Rule 8.1a(1). The 3rd bullet point states “..a player cannot move any tee-marker for THE teeing area when playing a ball from that teeing area”. When she made the stroke after moving the tee marker, she breached 8.1a and gets the general penalty. Baile had many options at her disposal that would not result in a penalty: moving the ball to any position in the teeing area, teeing the ball anywhere in the teeing area, teeing a different ball and playing from the teeing area, putting a substituted ball in play in the teeing area in any manner such as placing, dropping tossing, kicking, rolling it, as long as it is played from the teeing area. **Strokes: (1) Tee Shot, (2) stroke to the fairway, (3 & 4) general penalty (8.1a), (5) stroke to the green, (6) Putt holed.**
10. **Doug's scores is a 1.** When Doug placed the ball-marker behind the ball, it remained in play (see definition of 'In Play'). When the wind (natural forces) blew his ball in play, Rule 9.3 states the ball must be played from the new spot, in the hole in this case. The exception to replace a ball on the putting green only applies if it is *lifted* and replaced. This did not occur and Rule 9.3 applies. **Strokes: (1) Tee shot, with natural forces moving the ball and coming to rest in the hole.**