

Quarantine Quiz # 3 Answers and Explanations

1. **Todd score is a 3.** As long as a player has reason to believe the ball lies in a condition in which relief is allowed, he may lift the ball to check. Todd does not need to tell anyone about the procedure, but Rule 16.4 says the ball must be marked or not cleaned. However 16.4 also says, if relief is allowed then the player is not penalized for failing to mark the ball or for cleaning it. The fact relief is different than what he was checking for is irrelevant. **Strokes: (1) Tee shot, (2) Shot to green, (3) Putt Holed.**
2. **Doug's score is a 5.** Doug has played from outside the teeing area and is in violation of 6.1b(2) and gets the general penalty. The stroke itself does not count, so the result of the ball going out of bounds also does not matter. He simply must correct the mistake by playing from the teeing area. **Strokes: (1 & 2) Ball played from outside the teeing area (6.1b(2)), (3) Corrected tee shot, (4) Ball played to green, (5) Putt holed.**
3. **Taylor is Disqualified.** When Taylor's ball is at rest out of bounds, it is no longer in play. Therefore, her stroke at it was a wrong ball. She is required to correct the wrong ball error before teeing off the next hole which she does not and gets disqualified under Rule 6.3c(1). Had she not teed off the next hole, her next correct step would be to return to the teeing area playing 5, with all strokes after the original tee shot disregarded. This scenario would include her original ball being out of bounds requiring stroke and distance as well as 2 strokes for playing a wrong ball.
4. **Jacque's score is a 3.** When Jacque's ball was at rest on a movable obstruction, she is entitled to free relief under 15.2a(2). In taking relief, since she is required to drop the ball, she may substitute a new ball if she wants. **Strokes: (1) Tee shot, (2) Shot to the green, (3) Putt holed.**
5. **Nelson's score is a 4.** Since the Central Links Hard Card is in effect, the Local Rule (E-12) for a Ball Played from Outside Relief Area When Taking Back-On-the-Line Relief is in play. He dropped the ball in the right way and the ball rolled less than a club length from where it struck the ground, so it may be played without penalty even though it is not in the relief area. He would also have the option of re-dropping if he wanted. If the Local Rule was not in place, he would get an additional 2-stroke penalty for playing from a wrong place. **Strokes: (1) Tee Shot, (2) Relief from penalty area (17.1d(2)), (3) Stroke to green, (4) Putt holed.**
6. **Casey's score is a 5.** When Casey made a stroke with a non-conforming tee, he breached Rule 6.2b(2) and gets the General Penalty for his first breach of this Rule. A subsequent breach (another stroke) of the same Rule will result in disqualification. A tee cannot be more than four inches in length (see definition of tee). His practice strokes in another bunker are not a breach of any Rule. Casey may touch the sand in any bunker his ball is not in, as long as play is not delayed, or a breach of conduct occurs. The text of Rule 12.2b(1) reads: "...a player must not: deliberately touch sand in **THE** bunker..." Since the word 'the' is used, it refers only to the bunker in which the ball lies. **Strokes: (1,) Tee shot, (2 & 3), Use of a non-conforming tee, first breach (6.2b(2)), (4) Stroke from fairway bunker, (5) Putt holed.**
7. **Ryan's score is a 3.** Ryan may take relief in the general area for an embedded ball if he decides to. The reference point for relief is directly behind the original position of his ball and the relief area is one club length from that spot, no nearer the hole and in the general area. When he fixed the pitch mark in the fringe, he violated no Rule. The pitch mark is out of his relief area and not on his line of play as he played from a spot 3 feet left of the pitch mark. Had the repaired pitch mark been on his line of play after dropping, he would get the general penalty for improving his CATS (Conditions Affecting the Stroke) under Rule 8.1a(3). **Strokes: (1) Tee shot, (2) Chip shot, (3) Putt Holed.**

8. **Todd's score is a 3.** When Todd accidentally touches his ball in play, the ball did not move. According to the definition of moved, the ball must leave its original spot and come to rest on a different spot. If a ball wobbles, it does not move if it returns to the original spot. If the act of touching the ball in play is deliberate, a penalty would apply. **Strokes: (1) Tee Shot, (2) Shot to green, (3) Putt Holed.**
9. **Baile's score is a 6.** When Baile takes relief from the penalty area, she is not allowed to improve her CATS, the surface of the ground in her relief area in this case (8.1 and 8.1a). She gets the general penalty as well as the penalty for taking relief from the red penalty area (17.1d(3)). **Strokes: (1) Tee shot, (2) relief from penalty area (17.1d(3)), (3 & 4) Improving Relief Area (8.1a), (5) Stroke to green, (6) Putt Holed).**
10. **Doug's score is a 2.** When Doug set his bag on the fringe, it was not for the purpose of an aiming point. The player may be questioned to why the bag was set in such a position, but if it is incidental, there is no penalty. The text for pointing out a line for a ball on Putting Green in Rule 10.2b(2) reads; "The player or caddie must not set down an object anywhere off or on the putting green to show the line of play..." This did not occur and therefore no penalty is applied. **Strokes: (1) Tee shot, (2) Putt Holed.**