

Quarantine Quiz # 6 Answers and Explanations

1. **Todd's score is a 5.** Although paint on a golf course is artificial, it is not by definition an obstruction (*see interpretation obstruction/1*). Therefore, Todd is not entitled to relief when his ball comes to rest on the Blue Dot. When he lifts his ball in play, he gets a one stroke penalty under 9.4b. He is required to replace the ball but drops it trying to take free relief. Since he played from a wrong place, he gets the general penalty under 14.7a and the 1 stroke penalty is discarded under 1.3c(4). **Strokes: (1) Tee shot, (2) Chip to green (3 & 4) Wrong place (14.7a), (5) Putt holed.**
2. **Doug's score is a 4.** Doug has interference from an immovable obstruction in a bunker and is entitled to free relief, in the bunker. When going through a relief procedure, a player is not required to mark the ball. He may also change his mind (*see interpretation 16.1c/2*) before dropping the ball and adopt another procedure within the Rule he is applying, Rule 16.1c in this case. He then adopts the option to take the ball out of the bunker using the back-on-the-line procedure, Rule 16.1c(2). This procedure is a one stroke penalty to take it out of the bunker and is not the same as the unplayable ball Rule in taking the ball out of the bunker. **Strokes: (1) Tee shot, (2) Penalty relief out of the bunker (16.1c(2)), (3) Ball played to green, (4) Putt holed.**
3. **Taylor's score is 4.** Taylor is allowed to access weather information on her phone. Rule 4.3a(2) prohibits *measuring* wind speed, simply obtaining information is not a violation. In addition, utilizing a cell phone during a round in itself is not a violation as long as play is not delayed. However, there are many examples in Rule 4.3 where a violation would occur for certain actions with the cell phone. **Strokes: (1-4) Playing the hole, no penalties incurred.**
4. **Jacque's score is a 5.** Jacque has made a stroke at a wrong ball and gets the general penalty, the stroke itself does not count. A stroke at a piece of a ball (*see interpretation wrong ball/1*) is still a wrong ball. She then corrects the error by finding her original ball and proceeding. **Strokes: (1) Tee shot, (2 & 3) Wrong ball (6.3c(1)), (4) Stroke to the green, (5) Putt Holed.**
5. **Nelson's score is a 3.** Nelson is entitled to free relief, proceeds correctly, and the ball does not need to be marked. He drops and the ball rolls out of the relief area which requires a re-drop (14.3c(2)). The re-drop rolls out of the relief area which requires a placing of the ball (14.3c(2)). Since the ball will not come to rest on the required placing spot, he must find the nearest spot where the ball will come to rest (14.2e). This spot does not have a distance restriction and may be a long way away from the spot, 20 feet in this case. Nelson has proceeded correctly, even though he is not placing a ball in his relief area (*see interpretation 14.3c(2)/1*). **Strokes: (1) Tee shot, (2) Chip onto green, (3) Putt holed.**
6. **Casey's score is a 5.** Casey's swing struck branches on a tree that were rooted in ground under repair that is a No Play Zone, so he gets the general penalty for playing from a wrong place (14.7). Even though the branches extended out of the GUR edge, they are attached to a tree rooted in GUR and therefore a part of the GUR (*see definition of ground under repair and interpretation No Play Zone/1*). **Strokes: (1,) Tee shot, (2), Stroke to green, (3 & 4) Wrong Place (14.7a), (5) Putt holed.**
7. **Ryan's score is 3.** A live insect is a loose impediment (*see definition of loose impediment*). Therefore, Ryan may remove it from his ball, even if it is "sticking" to the ball (*See interpretation Loose Impediment/5*). He may remove the loose impediment in any manner and there is no penalty since his ball did not move. **Strokes: (1) Tee shot, (2) Stroke to green, (3) Putt holed.**

8. **Todd's score is a 2.** Todd has not asked for advice since his question pertained to a situation that was different and earlier in the round. While this information is very helpful to Todd in making his next stroke, it does not meet the definition of advice (*see interpretation Advice/2*). Even more interesting, if a competition is played on a nine-hole course and they are playing the same hole twice as the "back nine", a player may ask without penalty, "what did you hit here earlier"? Here is a great website explaining advice: <https://www.liveabout.com/advice-and-golf-rules-1561364> **Strokes: (1) Tee Shot, (2) Putt Holed.**
9. **Baile's score is a 3.** When Baile stopped her intent to make a stroke on the downswing she has no longer made a stroke (*see definition of stroke*). Since she is in the teeing area and has not made a stroke, the ball is not in play and there is no penalty for her ball being moved by her equipment (*see interpretation Stroke/1*). She simply must get the ball in play and does so correctly. **Strokes: (1) Tee shot, (2) shot to green, (3) Putt Holed.**
10. **Doug is disqualified.** This one is harsh. When Doug's ball comes to rest embedded in the lip of the hole, and not all of it is below the surface of the green, it is not holed (*see definition of holed*). The fact the entire ball is not below the surface of the hole means it is not holed (*see interpretation Holed/1*). The exception to the ball resting against the flagstick (13.2c) does not apply. When he failed to hole out (3.3c) and teed off the next hole, he was disqualified under 3.3c.