

Quarantine Quiz # 7 Answers and Explanations

1. **Todd's score is a 4.** Since Todd's provisional came to rest nearer the hole, ***playing*** the ball will make the original lost. However, dropping a ball does not satisfy 18.3c(1) as playing the ball and therefore the original is still in play. Since it was identified within the three-minute search time, the provisional (and all penalty strokes) are disregarded (18.3c(3)). *See interpretation 18.3c(1)/1.* **Strokes: (1) Tee shot, (2) Chip to fairway (3) Stroke to green, (4) Putt holed.**
2. **Doug's score is a 4.** Doug has put a club to his bag making his total 15 clubs, however the club is not considered "added" until a stroke is made (*see interpretation 4.1b(1)/4*). Therefore, there is no violation of 4.1b(1) and the club was correctly "taken out of play" by placing it on the tee and leaving it there. **Strokes: (1-4) No penalties incurred.**
3. **Taylor's score is 4.** For a player to be in violation of 4.2a(2), they must deliberately alter a ball to be played. In this case there was no deliberate action to alter the ball and therefore, no penalty. If we question Taylor why her ball is in her pocket and she gives some information such as "to keep the ball warm" or something similar, she would be disqualified for making a stroke with that ball. **Strokes: (1-4) No penalties incurred.**
4. **Jacque's score is a 4.** Jacque is not penalized for striking the sand in frustration (12.2b(2)) even if her ball is in that bunker, provided she does not improve her Conditions Affecting the Stroke (CATS). Furthermore, she is allowed to take a stance in the bunker in the same place more than once (*see interpretation 8.1b(2)*) without penalty. **Strokes: (1) Tee shot, (2) Stroke left in bunker, (3) Stroke to the green, (4) Putt Holed.**
5. **Nelson's score is a 6.** The One Ball Rule (MLR G-4) stipulates a ball used must be a single entry on the USGA conforming balls list. A ball of a different color is a different entry on this list and a violation of this local rule. If a player violates this Rule, the penalty is the general penalty of two strokes for that hole. If Nelson were to tee off the next hole with the yellow ball, he would be disqualified. Also, if the violation is realized during the play of the hole, he may finish the hole with the yellow ball or replace it with the white ball. Either way, he must start the next hole with the white ball as that is the ball, he began the round with. Do not worry if you missed this one, the one-ball Rule is not used in Central Links events! **Strokes: (1-4) Hole played, (5 & 6) One Ball Rule (MLR G-4).**
6. **Casey is disqualified.** Casey's tee shot does not count and must be replayed. Model Local Rule E-11 is in effect and the player does not have the option of accepting the result of the stroke. Since Casey has not holed out and tees off the next hole, he is disqualified under Rule 3.3c. If the Local Rule were not in place, Casey's score would be a 1. In this case, his ball in motion was deflected by an outside influence and there is no penalty (11.1a) and the ball is to be played as it lies (11.1b)
7. **Ryan's score is a 5.** Rule 10.2a prohibits Ryan for asking advice, and the penalty is the general penalty. Even though his advice was asked before the stroke of the provisional, this violation cannot be attributed to just the provisional, and the penalty will apply no matter which ball will count in his score (*see interpretation 6.3c(1)/1*). Incidentally, Taylor would also receive the general penalty under 10.2a for telling him to "Let the big dog eat". **Strokes: (1) Tee shot, (2 & 3) Advice (10.2a), (4) Stroke to green, (5) Putt holed.**

8. **Todd's score is a 5.** There is no provision in the Rules for a dangerous situation involving vegetation, only a dangerous animal condition (16.2). Therefore, Todd is not entitled to free relief from poison ivy and must play the ball as it lies (Rule 1.1). When he drops the substituted ball with the intent of putting it in play, the original ball is no longer in play (*see definition of in play*). His substituted ball (that is not allowed under 6.3b(1)) is now in play and in the wrong place as well. This mistake could have been corrected without penalty by lifting the substituted ball under Rule 14.5a (The Eraser Rule) before a stroke is made with this substituted ball. If the substituted ball is lifted, the original is once again the ball in play under 14.5a. As soon as he makes a stroke with this substituted ball, he gets the general penalty under 6.3b(3) for substituting, but no additional penalty for a wrong place under 14.7a, Rule 1.3c(4) caps this penalty at two strokes. **Strokes: (1) Tee Shot, (2) Stroke to green, (3 & 4) Substituted ball (6.3b(3)), (5) Putt holed.**
9. **Baile's score is a 1.** Baile's hole was completed the moment her original ball fell into the hole (Rule 6.5). The fact she could not find it or identify it within three minutes does not apply as she is actually done with the hole and in between the playing of two holes. Since every stroke she makes with her provisional is farther from the hole, there is no penalty for any of the strokes. Her provisional never becomes the ball in play and any penalty strokes incurred solely with the provisional (such as removal of the flagstick by the caddie, failure to cancel and replay a stroke from the putting green or playing from a wrong place) do not count as well. **Strokes: (1) Tee shot.**
10. **Doug's score is a 2.** When Doug makes a fair stroke and accidentally hits the ball more than once, Rule 10.1a says there has only been one stroke made and there is no penalty. Since a stroke has been made, the ball will be played as it lies. In this case, the ball in motion strikes his own equipment (putter on the green) and Rule 11.1a applies, and there is no penalty to Doug. The ball is deflected into the hole and Rule 11.1b applies and the ball is played as it lies, in the hole. **Strokes: (1) Tee Shot, (2) Chip shot holed.**