

## Rules 15-16 Quiz Answers

Assume all questions are in stroke play and no local rules are in effect, unless stated otherwise.

1. True or False:
  - a. A player may remove a live insect from their ball in play without penalty. **TRUE Definition Loose Imp.**
  - b. A ball at rest cannot be helping play in the general area. **TRUE Rule 15.3a**
  - c. Loose impediments may NOT be removed in a relief area BEFORE dropping. **FALSE Clar. 15.1a/1**
  - d. A player may take free relief from poison ivy anywhere on the course. **FALSE Rule 16.2a**
  - e. If an embedded ball in the general area does not have a reference point in the general area right behind it (such as in the face above a bunker), free relief is not available. **FALSE Clar. 16.3b/1**
  
2. Doug's ball comes to rest near a fence that defines OB with a gate that is closed. Doug opens the gate which gives him an area to make a swing. Which of the following is (are) true?
  - a. **If he makes a stroke, there is no penalty. Definition Movable Obstruction and Boundary Object.**
  - b. The gate is part of the boundary object.
  - c. To avoid penalty before a stroke, the gate must be returned to its closed position.
  - d. Doug gets the general penalty and cannot get out of it for opening the gate.
  
3. Wendi's ball comes to rest in a puddle in a bunker. She elects to take back-on-the-line relief out of the bunker and purposely drops her ball 2 feet to the left of the line. The ball rolls 6 inches away from where it hit the course and rolls closer to the hole, but in the rough behind the bunker. How many total penalty strokes will she get if she plays the ball from this spot?
  - a. 1
  - b. 2
  - c. **3. Rule 16.1c(2), Rule 14.7 also see Diagram #2 14.3c**
  - d. 4
  
4. Taylor's tee shot comes to rest in a puddle on the putting green. Without marking her ball, she lifts it and places it on a spot on the fringe (general area) that is her nearest point of complete relief from the puddle. Before she makes a stroke and for no apparent reason, her ball rolls sideways onto the putting green and comes to rest the same distance from the hole. She holes that putt and tees off the next hole. What is her score for the hole?
  - a. 2
  - b. 3
  - c. **4. Rules 16.1d, 9.3 Exception 2.**
  - d. 5
  - e. Disqualification.
  
5. Baile's tee shot came to rest on a bed of pine needles in the rough. She moves some needles around her ball, and it moves. Before replacing her ball, she removes all the needles her ball was originally resting on and places the ball on the correct spot, on clear ground. She plays from there onto the green and holes the putt. What is Baile's score for the hole?

**Baile makes a 4. Tee shot (1). She gets 1 penalty stroke (15.1b) for her ball moving and correctly replacing it (2). While she is not allowed to remove the loose impediments before replacing her ball (15.1a), Rule 1.3c(4) combines the two 1 stroke penalties as there was no intervening event between the breaches. Shot played onto the green (3), holes the putt (4).**

**The answer would be 5 if she knew she was penalized for her ball moving or if she was told there was a penalty. In this case the breach of the removal of the impediments to replace her ball would have that 1 stroke penalty also applied.**