

Rule 20 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 timely request for a ruling cannot occur after the players have left the final green of the match. **FALSE 20.1b(3)**
 - b. If a player makes a stroke at a wrong ball thinking it was his second ball under Rule 20.1c(3), that penalty will be disregarded if that ball is ruled to not count. **FALSE 20.1c(3) and 6.3**
 - c. A penalty of disqualification cannot be imposed after a competition is closed. **FALSE 20.2e**
 - d. A wrong ruling given to a player must be corrected, even if the competition is closed. **FALSE 20.2d(1)**
 - e. When playing 2 balls, a player may lift the original ball, drop it and play it. Then place a substituted ball in the original position and play that ball. **TRUE 20.1c(3) and Clarification 20.1c(3)/3**

2. In match play, Baile is uncertain how to proceed and elects to play 2 balls and get a ruling when she can, with no objection from her opponent Taylor. Baile and Taylor do not know playing 2 balls is not allowed in match play. Baile wins the hole with both balls and eventually the match 1-Up. The players report the match result, and it is posted as final. Later that day Taylor realizes Baile was not allowed to play 2 balls and requests a ruling. Which one of the following is correct?
 - a. **The match stands as played. Rule 20.1b(3)**
 - b. The loss of hole penalty is applied, meaning Taylor wins the match 1-Up.
 - c. The match is adjusted 1 hole and is now tied thru 18.
 - d. Baile is disqualified.

3. In match play, Todd and Doug cannot agree if Todd just incurred a loss of hole penalty for placing a club at his feet before making a stroke. Since a referee was not available, they agreed to halve the hole and pick up their balls. Before they tee off the next hole, a referee drives up and Doug requests a ruling on Todd's possible breach. Which one of the following is correct?
 - a. Todd loses the hole for the breach; the request was in time.
 - b. **The hole is halved as agreed upon by the players. Rule 20.1b(1)**
 - c. Both players are disqualified for agreeing to waive a rule.
 - d. Todd gets a 1 stroke penalty, the balls are replaced, and the hole continues.

4. The committee mis-adds Taylor's scorecard and posts her score as a 69, when she shot 67. Doug was awarded the first-place trophy for shooting 68. Three weeks later the committee is informed that Taylor shot 67. Which one of the following is correct?
 - a. **Taylor is the rightful winner and must be awarded the trophy. Rule 20.2d(2)**
 - b. The competition has closed, Doug is the winner, and Taylor's score stands.
 - c. Taylor score is corrected to 67, but she also gets a 2-stroke penalty for signing a wrong scorecard.
 - d. Taylor is disqualified for signing a wrong scorecard.

5. Doug is unsure if his tee shot is embedded in the general area. He elects to play 2 balls and doesn't announce which ball he wants to count. He drops a ball in a relief area for an embedded ball. Then he plays the original ball first and holes it for a 2. He then decides not to ask for a ruling and lifts the dropped ball. He counts the 2 with the original ball, returns the scorecard and tells the committee the situation. Which one of the following is correct?
 - a. **His score for the hole is a 2. Rule 20.1c(4).**
 - b. He gets a 4, including a 2-stroke penalty for not holing out both balls.
 - c. He is disqualified for not holing out with the ball that will count.
 - d. He is disqualified for not holing out with both balls.