

Rules 9-11 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 makes a practice swing with a putter that moves the ball on the fringe. There is no penalty. **FALSE 9.4b**
 - b. A player drops a ball from a cart path in the general area and it comes to rest in the relief area. If it moves before the next stroke, it must always be replaced. **FALSE 9.3 Exc 2**
 - c. A shared caddie may tell a player what club the other player just used without penalty. **TRUE Clar 10.2a/1**
 - d. A moving leaf on the putting green deflects a ball in motion played from the putting green. The stroke must be replayed. **FALSE 11.1b(2)**
 - e. A ball played from the green is intentionally deflected by a child running on the green. It was estimated the ball was going into the hole. The stroke must be replayed. **TRUE 11.2c(2)**
2. In match play, Taylor's tee shot comes to rest OB, but a kid throws the ball back onto the golf course. Taylor or her opponent Wendi did not see this, but Taylor's caddie did. Taylor plays the ball onto the green. Wendi plays her 2nd stroke onto the green. At this point the kid's mother tells the players the ball was thrown back onto the course. If Wendi asks for a ruling, what is the correct result?
 - a. No penalties. Both players lie 2 on the green and the match continues.
 - b. **Taylor loses the hole for playing a wrong ball. Rule 10.3c and Rule 6.3c(1)**
 - c. Taylor must return to the tee playing her 3rd stroke.
 - d. Taylor's ball on the green is in play but laying 4
3. Doug is getting ready to tee off directly into the sun. To see his ball in flight, he asks Casey to stand behind him on an extension of his line of play to watch the ball. Doug then makes a stroke, what is the ruling?
 - a. **Doug and Casey have proceeded correctly, no penalty. Rule 10.2b(4)**
 - b. Doug is penalized 2 strokes.
 - c. Doug and Casey are penalized 2 strokes each.
 - d. Casey is penalized 2 strokes.
4. Todd is hitting a punch shot amongst a group of trees and it hits a tree and deflects back towards him. He believes his ball will end up out of bounds and he tries to stop the ball by catching it, but he misses the ball completely and it strikes his golf bag that was in that position before the stroke and keeps the ball from going out of bounds. What is the correct ruling?
 - a. Todd gets the general penalty and must play the ball as it lies.
 - b. **Todd is not penalized and must play the ball as it lies. Rules 11.2a, 11.1a and 11.1b(1).**
 - c. Todd is not penalized but must replay the stroke.
 - d. Todd must proceed under stroke and distance.
5. A. In match play, Casey's ball is at rest on the putting green 15 feet from the hole. His opponent, Doug, has his ball is on the green 8 feet from the hole. Casey hits his putt too hard and hits Doug's ball. Casey's ball comes to rest 10 feet from the hole and Doug's ball moves a few inches from the original spot. What penalties (if any) are there and from where are the balls now played?

There is no penalty to either player in match play. Casey will play the ball as it lies, and Doug will replace his ball. Rule 11.1a says no penalty, Rule 11.1b(2) says Casey will play the ball as it lies, and Rule 9.6 says Doug's ball will be replaced.

B. Same scenario as above, but now it is stroke play. What is the ruling?

Casey will get the general penalty of 2-strokes under the exception of 11.1a. He will also play the ball as it lies under 11.1b(2). Doug replaces his ball under 9.6.