

Rules 12-13 Quiz Answers

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

1. True or False:
 - a. Before they make a stroke, a player may repair a pitch mark on the green when their ball is on the fringe. **TRUE 13.1c**
 - b. A player takes a practice swing in the bunker 20 feet from the ball and accidentally touches sand. There is no penalty. **FALSE 12.b(1)**
 - c. A player carefully removes a leaf in their CATS in a bunker. If this improves their CATS, there is a penalty. **FALSE 12.2b(2) and 8.1a**
 - d. A ball in motion accidentally hitting a flagstick must be replayed. **FALSE 13.2b(2)**
 - e. A player's stance is on a wrong putting green and the ball is in a penalty area. Free relief is not allowed. **FALSE 13.1f(2)**
2. Wendi's ball is at rest in a greenside bunker, next to a hole dug by a squirrel. Knowing she is entitled to relief from an animal hole, she plays the ball as it lies. On her backswing, she removes a small mound of sand created by the hole, completing her stroke. Which of the following is correct?
 - a. No penalty. This is allowed as the mound is a loose impediment.
 - b. No penalty. Removal of the mound created by an animal hole is allowed.
 - c. **2-stroke penalty for touching the sand with her club. 12.2b(1) & Clar 12.2b/1**
3. Doug's ball is at rest in a green side bunker. For the care of the course, he rakes some footprints where he will take his stance, improving the conditions affecting the stroke. After that he takes two practice swings in the bunker, touching the sand both times. What is the ruling?
 - a. Doug has proceeded correctly. No penalty.
 - b. **Doug is penalized 2 strokes. 12.2b(2), 8.1a and 1.3c(4).**
 - c. Doug is penalized 4 strokes.
 - d. Doug is penalized 6 strokes.
4. With her ball on the putting green, which of the following (if any or possibly multiple) results in Taylor getting a general penalty?
 - a. Taylor removes a weed on her line of play. **YES, GP under 13.1c(2)**
 - b. Taylor's putted ball strikes the flagstick in the hole that Taylor simply did not remove. **NO, Rule 13.2a(2).**
 - c. Taylor's putted ball accidentally strikes the flagstick that Taylor set on the green 10 feet behind the hole. **NO, Rule 13.2b(2)**
 - d. Taylor touches the green on her line of play to determine how wet the green is. **NO, Rule 13.1e & 10.2b(2).**
5. Casey has a birdie putt on a par 3 from the putting green. Using a tee, he repairs a single deer hoofprint on his line of play. In the process, he scuffs his line of play with his foot and taps down the damage with his putter. He then putts his ball and as it is in motion, a grasshopper deflects the ball. It comes to rest 1 foot from the hole. He taps it in and tees off the next hole. What is Casey's score for the hole?

Casey makes a 3 for the hole. The repair of the hoof print is allowed by Rule 13.1c(2). Under the same Rule he can repair his own foot damage. When the ball was deflected by the grasshopper (an animal defined as a loose impediment), there is no penalty, the stroke counts the ball is played as it lies. Tee shot (1), birdie putt (2), tap in (3).