



2024 MGA Rules of Golf Quiz

1. In a club championship, Players A and B are scheduled to play a match at 10:00am, the last tee time for the day. There is no starter on the first tee. Player A arrives on the tee at 9:55am, but there is no sign of Player B as of 10:01am. Player A knows he has won the first hole and the match will begin on the second hole should Player B arrive, so he gets in his cart and drives to the second tee, which is not visible from the first tee. Player B then arrives on the first tee at 10:03am and decides to wait for Player A. Player A waits on the second tee and when B doesn't arrive by 10:05am, A decides to play a few holes by himself. At 10:10am, and with still no sign of Player A at the first tee, Player B decides to call the Official in Charge for a ruling. What is the outcome of the match?

 - A. Player A wins the match.
 - B. Player B wins the match.
 - C. The match must be rescheduled.
 - D. Both A and B are disqualified.

2. On the Par 5 9th hole in match play, Player A and her opponent Player B have second shots into a blind green. Player A's second shot lands in the front of a sloping greenside bunker. Player B's second shot goes into the same bunker and B's caddie, who had gone ahead to forecaddie, hears B's ball hit A's ball. When the players arrive at the bunker, both balls are within one foot of each other and there is a pitch mark in the bunker about two feet closer to the hole than both balls. Player B asks her caddie if she saw the location of A's ball at rest before it was hit, the caddie replies that she could only hear the contact, she was not able to see into the bunker from her vantage point. Unsure of what to do, A and B agree that A will play two balls and they will obtain a ruling from the next official they come across. Player A plays the ball at rest onto the green, then places a ball at the pitch mark and plays it on to the green. Player B then plays onto the green. A 1-putts with the first ball and 2-putts with the placed ball. Player B 3-putts. What is the outcome of the 9th hole?

 - A. Player A wins the hole.
 - B. Player B wins the hole.
 - C. The hole is tied.
 - D. A & B are disqualified.

3. In stroke play on the 7th hole, Player A lies three on the fringe. Player A is asked to mark his ball on the fringe by his marker, Player B. Player A marks the spot, lifts the ball, and places it in his pocket. After Player B plays his ball on to the green, Player A removes the ball from his pocket and replaces the ball on the spot. After replacing, A notices some small blades of grass on his hand and goes to his towel to wipe them away. While doing so, a gust of wind blows the ball into deep rough 10 feet away. Player A chips on to the green from the new spot and leaves himself a 6-foot putt. Player A slips after making the stroke and the ball hits his foot, ricochets off his caddie's foot, and bounces into the hole. Player A then tees off the next hole. What is Player A's score on the 7th hole?
- A. 5
 - B. 6
 - C. 7
 - D. 8
4. In stroke play with Model Local Rule F-5.2 in effect, Player A's ball after her tee shot is on the fringe about 50 feet from the hole. On her line of play is a sprinkler head, which is approximately 3 feet from her ball, and 2 feet from the green. Player A elects to take relief under the MLR and drops her ball into light rough that is within her relief area as she prefers chipping to long putting. She proceeds to blade the chip, coming to rest on the green behind a sprinkler head that is also on the green. She arrives at the ball and realizes that the sprinkler head is blocking her line of play. Preferring again to take relief, she determines her nearest point of complete relief which is in the fringe, and drops the ball 6 inches behind that point. Player A chooses to putt this time, which comes up 4 feet short of the hole. She marks and lifts her ball, then tosses the ball to her caddy who cleans it and replaces it on the mark. Player A holes the 4-footer. What is Player A's score for the hole?
- A. 4
 - B. 5
 - C. 6
 - D. 7

5. In stroke play on Hole #10, Player A's tee shot is pulled well left into the practice range, which is considered in-bounds. Player A's caddie says that he has a good idea of where the ball came to rest. Player A declares a provisional and decides to switch to a lesser club to play it safe. The provisional lands in the fairway, 40 yards short of where his first ball entered the range. Player A decides to play the provisional first, and sends his caddie to the range to begin the search for the first ball. As the caddie arrives at the practice range to begin the search, Player A hits the provisional on to the green and then heads towards the range to assist. After 60 seconds there is no sign of A's ball, only a handful of yellow range balls are in the area. They decide to head further down the range to continue the search.

As the search hits 2 minutes and 40 seconds, A's caddie passes a parked range picker filled with yellow balls, but notices one white ball in the till. Upon closer inspection, he sees what he believes to be A's identifying mark and calls A over to confirm this is the first ball. A arrives 30 seconds later and confirms that this is his first ball, and calls out to his marker that he is abandoning the provisional. Player A retrieves the ball and walks back to where he first began to search, estimates the point where he believes the ball would have been at rest, and drops in the relief area. He plays the next shot into the greenside bunker, takes 3 further strokes to hole out, and tees off on the next hole. What is Player A's score on the 10th hole?

- A. 5
- B. 6
- C. 7
- D. Player A is disqualified.

6. Players A, B, and C tee off in a stroke play event. Their tee shots each hit trees and bounce back towards the players, coming to rest where there is interference by a tee marker for their next stroke. Player A's ball lies outside the teeing area; she removes the tee marker and plays a stroke. Player B's ball lies in the teeing area; she removes the tee marker and plays a stroke. Player C's ball lies in the teeing area; she lifts the ball, moves to the center of the teeing area, re-tees the ball and plays a stroke. Which players receive a penalty for the actions taken?

- A. Player B only.
- B. Player C only.
- C. Players A and B.
- D. Players B and C.

7. In a stroke play event on Hole #2, Player A pulls his tee shot left of the fairway. An official stationed in the drive zone sees the ball land in deep fescue grass and signals for a provisional ball to be played. The provisional ball also went left and came to rest about 15 feet left of the first ball, approximately the same distance from the green. The official signals for a second provisional ball to be played. The second provisional ball heads left and hits a tree about 30 yards short of the first two shots. The official did not see it land and signals for a third provisional. Player A switches to his 3-wood and finds the fairway with the third provisional. How long may the player search for his tee shot and provisional balls before the third provisional becomes the ball in play?
- A. 9 minutes to search for the original ball, first provisional, and second provisional simultaneously.
 - B. 3 successive 3-minute searches without stipulating the order of search for the 3 balls.
 - C. 3 successive 3-minute searches in the order of searching for the original tee shot, first provisional, second provisional.
 - D. 3 minutes to search for the first tee shot and first provisional simultaneously, then another 3 minutes to search for the second provisional.
8. In a stroke play event after a brief rain delay, Player A tees off on a par 3 hole. Her shot lands on the green, but spins off the left side of the green. When she gets to the area, she cannot find the ball and begins a search. After two minutes, Player A steps on a ball and moves it in deep rough on the grassy face of the green side bunker. She leans down and identifies the ball as hers. Player A then lifts and cleans the ball, identifies the estimated point where it was stepped on, and drops the ball one foot directly behind that point. The ball settles deeper in the rough, at which point she considers taking unplayable relief. Player A grabs her 45-inch driver to measure out the potential relief area, and finds that the putting green is within two club-lengths. Player A drops the ball one foot behind and four feet right of the reference point, and it comes to rest on the green. She places a marker to the side of the ball and lifts the ball. Player A then tests the wetness of the putting green on her line of play with the palm of her hand. She replaces the ball properly and takes two putts to hole out. What is Player A's score on the hole?
- A. 3
 - B. 4
 - C. 5
 - D. 6

9. Players A, B, and C are paired together in a stroke play competition. A and B are sharing a caddie, Player C does not have a caddie. On a par 3, A's tee shot comes to rest on the fringe between a bunker and the green. B and C's tee shots come to rest in the same greenside bunker. As A and B's caddie walks across the green to put down the bags, B and C go ahead and play from the bunker. B plays first from bunker, coming to rest in the fringe 2 feet right of A's ball. B's swing deposits sand on both the apron and on the green near both A and B's ball. C then plays from the bunker and brushes sand during his backswing, with his ball coming to rest 2 feet left of A's ball. He also deposits sand on both the apron and the green near all 3 balls. As A and B's caddie returns with their putters, he repairs some natural wear and tear of the hole. While C rakes the bunker, the caddie begins to brush sand away from the apron and green near A's and B's balls. C also asks the caddie to brush away sand near his ball, which the caddie does. A, B, and C each take 2 more strokes to complete the hole. What are their scores for the hole?
- A. All score 5.
 - B. All score 6.
 - C. A scores 5, B and C score 6.
 - D. A scores 5, B scores 6, C scores 8.
10. In a stroke play event (One Ball Rule not in effect), Player A decides to tee off with a Titleist Pro V1 'X-Out' range ball on a long par 4 heavily guarded by water. His shot comes to rest in temporary water in the fairway. Player A decides to take relief from the temporary water and lifts the ball. After determining his relief area, he switches to a Bridgestone ball with a higher spin rate and drops that ball in the relief area. His approach shot lands in a sprinkler head on the fringe of the green. He takes relief from the sprinkler head, determines his relief area, but decides to switch to a regular Titleist Pro V1 and drops that ball in the relief area. After chipping onto the green, he marks and lifts his ball. Player A decides he would rather putt with the Bridgestone ball, replaces it on the spot, removes his marker, and sinks the putt. What is Player A's score on the hole?
- A. 4
 - B. 5
 - C. 6
 - D. 7

11. In stroke play, Player A arrives at the first tee two minutes before his 9:00am tee time but then realizes that his caddie has already gone forward to the expected landing area 300 yards away with all 14 of his clubs. The player calls out to his caddie to quickly bring his driver back to the teeing area. Concerned the caddie did not hear him and won't make it back in time, Player A runs into the nearby pro shop, borrows a driver, and returns to the tee with a ball and the borrowed club at exactly 9:01am. Upon returning, A sees that his caddie has begun to run back with driver in hand. Player A asks the other players in the group, Player B and Player C, to tee off before him so that he may wait for his driver. The caddie arrives on the tee at 9:03 and hands the driver to Player A, who quickly tees off as the caddie holds the borrowed driver and watches it land in the fairway. The caddie then hurries back to the pro shop to return the borrowed driver and follows A down the fairway. Player A then proceeds to play the remainder of the round. In total, how many penalty strokes has Player A received in this situation?

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 6
- D. Player A is disqualified.

12. In stroke play, Player A sees his tee shot on Hole #3 (Ball A) come to rest just inside a red penalty area. He then declares a provisional ball (Ball B) just in case. Ball B comes to rest in the general area 5 yards short of the estimated point where Ball A last crossed the edge of the penalty area. As he approaches Ball A and Ball B, he decides that he will try to play Ball A from within the penalty area, so he lifts Ball B and puts it back in his bag. He makes a stroke at Ball A, but the ball only moves 6 inches forward into an area of thick mud. He then decides to take lateral relief for Ball A, using the estimated point where Ball A first entered the penalty area and drops within his two club-length relief area no closer to the hole. He then plays Ball A onto the green, takes 2 additional strokes to hole out, and tees off on Hole #4. What is Player A's score on the 3rd Hole?

- A. 10
- B. 11
- C. 12
- D. Player A is disqualified.

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