



2019 CGA Rules of Golf Test

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1. A player's ball comes to rest in a bunker and their stance is on a wrong putting green. With no local Rules in effect, which of the following is correct for taking relief?
 - A. The player may play the ball as it lies, without penalty
 - B. The player must take relief from the wrong putting green and drop a ball in the general area
 - C. The player must take relief from the wrong putting green and place the ball in the bunker
 - D. The player must take relief from the wrong putting green and drop a ball in the bunker

2. In which of the following situations is the ball considered embedded under the Rules?
 - A. A player drops a ball and it embeds on impact
 - B. A player's ball spins out of and back into its own pitch mark on the fringe
 - C. A player's ball comes to rest in a pitch mark made from the group in front of them
 - D. A player's ball is ran over by his opponent's golf cart

3. A player's ball comes to rest on a sprinkler head in the middle of the fairway. Not being confident that they will carry the next shot over the pond and onto the putting green, the player substitutes a different ball and drops that ball in the prescribed relief area and plays that ball. Which is correct?
 - A. The player is not penalized
 - B. The player is penalized one stroke
 - C. The player gets the general penalty
 - D. The player is disqualified

4. Player A hits her tee shot into a fairway bunker. Before playing her next shot, she moves several leaves that are on her line of play that are also in the bunker. She plays her next shot into a red penalty area next to the putting green. She drops a ball three club-lengths from where to ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area and takes three more strokes to complete the hole. What is her score for the hole.
 - A. 6
 - B. 7
 - C. 8
 - D. 9



5. The player marks, lifts and hands the ball to the caddie to be cleaned when the group reaches the 7th putting green. The caddie cleans and replaces the ball for the player back on the original spot and then removes the ball marker. The player makes a stroke at the ball, holes out and then tees off on the next hole. Another player in stroke play questions this procedure. What is the ruling?
 - A. No penalty
 - B. The player is penalized one stroke
 - C. The player is penalized two strokes
 - D. The player is disqualified

6. In a match, Player A makes a stroke from the putting green with the flagstick left unattended in the hole. The opponent does not see the player's ball rolling towards the hole and absentmindedly walks over to remove the flagstick as the ball is still rolling towards the hole. What is the ruling?
 - A. Player A is penalized one stroke
 - B. Player B is penalized one stroke
 - C. Player B loses the hole
 - D. No penalty to either player

7. During an immediate suspension of play (one long horn blast), a player leaves her ball out on the putting green without marking the ball. The suspension takes longer than the player expects and it looks like play will now be suspended for the rest of the day. She goes out onto the course during the suspension and marks and lifts her ball so she doesn't lose it overnight. The next day she returns to start play at the prescribed time and she forgets her original ball back at home. She replaces a ball back on the spot where her marker was and continues play. How many penalty strokes does she get?
 - A. No penalty
 - B. The player is penalized one stroke
 - C. The player is penalized two strokes
 - D. The player is disqualified



8. On a par three, A player swings and misses at a ball teed up inside the teeing area when starting a hole. The player then switches the ball that is still teed up for another ball and places that ball down on a good lie inside the teeing area. The player hits that new ball onto the green and takes two putts to finish the hole. What is the player's score for that hole?
- A. 3
 - B. 4
 - C. 5
 - D. 6
9. In stroke play, Player A picks up a ball in the fairway to see if it belongs to him. It happens to belong to Player B, another player in his group during a stroke play tournament. What penalty does Player A get?
- A. No penalty
 - B. Player A is penalized one stroke
 - C. Player A is penalized two strokes
 - D. Player A loses the hole
10. Which of the following areas is in the general area while playing the 15th hole?
- A. The teeing area of the 15th hole
 - B. The penalty area on the 14th hole
 - C. The putting green of the 14th hole
 - D. The putting green of the 15th hole
11. A player reasonably removes a loose impediment from a bunker with the toe of their wedge but in doing so accidentally touches sand with the club. Before the player is able to play the next stroke, the player is stung by a bee and, in anger, repeatedly slams the club into the bunker several yards behind the ball. The player apologizes to the group for the outburst, goes and grabs a rake and cleans up the mess that was created from his club. The player finally plays their shot out of the bunker, which skips across the green and accidentally hits the player's golf bag. How many penalty strokes does the player get?
- A. 0
 - B. 2
 - C. 4
 - D. 8



12. In a match, a player is searching for her ball in low light in a bunker and accidentally steps on her ball that was in a perfect lie. The ball is pressed further down into the sand and the player decides to play the ball as it lies in her own footprint. An official assigned to the match sees all of this and goes over to the player just after the ball was played out of the bunker. What is the ruling?
- A. No penalty
 - B. The player is penalized one stroke
 - C. The player is penalized two strokes
 - D. The player loses the hole
13. Which of the following items may the player not lift when a ball in motion may hit it?
- A. A removed divot
 - B. A removed flagstick on the ground
 - C. An opponent's towel
 - D. In stroke play, another player's ball on the putting green
14. On an abnormally windy day, a player hits a perfect drive right down the middle of the fairway and it comes to rest just next to a large divot hole in the middle of the fairway. As the player is walking up to the ball, the wind gusts and blows the ball into the middle of this divot hole in the middle of the fairway. The player replaces his ball back out of the divot to where it originally lay and from there hits the green and holes out with two putts. What is the player's score for the hole?
- A. 4
 - B. 5
 - C. 6
 - D. 7
15. A player sets down a club on the ground on the putting green to line up his feet for the next stroke to be made. He removes the club, realigns himself and then goes on to make the stroke. What is the ruling?
- A. The player is not penalized
 - B. The player is penalized one stroke
 - C. The player is penalized two strokes
 - D. The player is disqualified



16. After the opening round of a stroke play competition, a player's marker signs the player's scorecard as they are walking off the 18th putting green. While at the scoring area, the player adjusts the final total number of strokes because the marker did not add them correctly and had wrote down a higher 18-hole total than the player actually had taken for the round. The player corrects this mistake by writing in the correct number and does not check with the marker before returning the scorecard. The Committee is made aware of this during the second round of the competition. What is the ruling?
- A. No penalty to the player
 - B. The player is disqualified from the competition
 - C. The player must keep the original score written by the marker
 - D. The player gets two penalty strokes
17. After a player's tee shot comes to rest in a fairway bunker, the next shot is hit over the green and comes to rest out of bounds. The player sees the ball go out of bounds, rakes the bunker where the ball is to be dropped and places a new ball on the spot from where the ball was last played. The ball is played from here onto the putting green and the player finishes the hole in two more strokes. What is the player's score for the hole?
- A. 7
 - B. 8
 - C. 9
 - D. 10
18. During a Four-Ball stroke play event, Player A decides to leave the flagstick in for a long putt. While the ball is on the way to the hole, the player's partner (Player B) runs over and grabs the flagstick because Player B thinks the flagstick will keep the ball from going in the hole. What is the ruling?
- A. Player A is penalized two strokes
 - B. Player B is penalized two strokes
 - C. Both players are penalized two strokes
 - D. Neither player is penalized
19. Which of the following is considered Temporary Water?
- A. Frost on the teeing area
 - B. Dew on the putting green
 - C. A puddle of water inside a dry pond that is marked as a penalty area
 - D. Snow in a bunker



20. In which of the following cases has the player substituted a ball?
- A. The player hits his tee shot into tall grass. He finds a ball in the tall grass and, intending to take unplayable ball relief, picks it up and drops it within two club-lengths. He plays the ball onto the green and then realizes it was not the original golf ball he hit off the tee.
 - B. The player finds a ball in tall grass and, without lifting or touching the ball, hits it onto the green. He then realizes it was not his original golf ball.
 - C. The player marks and lifts his ball on the green and sets it to the side on the green. Before touching the ball again, he accidentally hits his next putt without replacing the ball.
 - D. The player hits his tee shot into thick woods and hits a provisional ball in the fairway. He finds his original ball but decides to pick it up and proceed with the provisional ball. He then hits the provisional ball onto the green.
21. A player marks, lifts and replaces their ball from where it came to rest just a few inches from the hole. The ball is blown into the hole by the wind after it had been replaced. Which of the following is correct?
- A. The player must replace the ball back on the spot it was originally at rest on, without penalty
 - B. The player has holed out with the last stroke and is not penalized
 - C. The player loses the hole
 - D. The player has holed out with the last stroke and the player gets a one stroke penalty
22. Which of the following is a loose impediment?
- A. Ice that spilled onto the ground from an opponent's drink cooler
 - B. Loose soil on the putting green
 - C. An ant hill
 - D. A piece of mud sticking to the ball
23. A player accidentally kicks their ball at rest that is lying on the putting green, but not while searching for the ball. The correct ruling is that the player:
- A. Gets no penalty and must play the ball as it lies
 - B. Gets no penalty and must replace the ball on its original spot
 - C. Gets penalized one stroke and must play the ball as it lies
 - D. Gets penalized one stroke and must replace the ball on its original spot



24. A player's tee shot is hit towards a tree and comes to rest right behind the tree. The player has absolutely no way of playing the ball. Luckily, the player is standing on a sprinkler head so the player takes relief from the sprinkler head and takes relief for an immovable obstruction and drops another ball one club-length away from what she believes is her nearest point of complete relief. From there, the player hits the ball onto the putting green and then holes out with two strokes. What is the player's score for the hole?

- A. 4
- B. 6
- C. 8
- D. The player is disqualified for playing a wrong ball

25. A player hits their putt too hard and it accidentally hits their opponent's 9-iron that had been set down near the hole, which of the following is correct?

- A. The player must play the ball as it lies, without penalty
- B. The player must play the ball as it lies and is penalized one stroke
- C. The player cancels the stroke and replaces another ball back on the original spot
- D. The player loses the hole

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26. Player A starts his round with 14 clubs. On the 18th and final hole, Player A misses a putt to win the match and slams his putter on the ground in anger, bending the shaft slightly. The match leaves the 18th putting green at all square and the match proceeds to extra holes. The player thinks his putter is now non-conforming and without taking it out of play, he grabs another putter on his way to the 19th hole from the pro shop. After both players tee off on the 19th hole, Player A realizes he has added one too many clubs to his bag and tells his opponent, who then requests a ruling. Which of the following is correct?

- A. Player A instantly gets a loss of hole penalty and he loses the match
- B. If the hole is halved, the opponent wins the match 1 up Rule
- C. If Player A wins the 19th hole, he wins the match
- D. If the hole is halved, the match continues on to the 20th hole at all square



27. A player hits their tee shot into a penalty area and decides to take lateral relief. Before dropping another ball, the player breaks off a limb of a fallen branch so the relief area would not be affected by the fallen limb so the player will have more room for their upcoming swing. The player drops the ball and holes out in three more strokes. What is the player's score for the hole?
- A. 4
 - B. 5
 - C. 6
 - D. 7
28. After both players have hit their tee shots during the opening hole of the stroke play club championship, Player B plays what he thinks is his own ball and tops it just into a fairway bunker a few feet in front of him. It turns out that Player B had actually hit another player in his group's ball (Player A's ball) as a wrong ball. Player A goes into the bunker to retrieve his ball that Player B had played. Player A places another ball on the spot where Player B had played from and hits that ball onto the putting green and takes two more putts to finish the hole. What is Player A's score for the hole?
- A. 4
 - B. 5
 - C. 6
 - D. Player A is disqualified for playing a wrong ball
29. In stroke play while on the 17th putting green, Player A has a five-foot putt for par. Player B's ball lies 15 feet away and wishes to have Player A move her ball marker over one putter head length to the right so it will not interfere with Player B's line of play. Player B makes the putt. Without replacing her ball marker back on its original spot, Player A places another ball back down on the putting green behind the ball marker and plays from there. She just misses the putt and is told by Player B that she did not replace her original ball back on the original spot. Player A then picks up the ball next to the hole and replaces her original ball back on its original spot. She makes that putt and continues on to the next hole. How many penalty strokes did she get on that hole?
- A. 2
 - B. 4
 - C. 6
 - D. 8



30. A player's caddie goes out onto the golf course on the morning before the final round of a stroke play championship and practices putting on the 1st hole to make sure their player will know the break on the putting green for any ball that comes to rest to the left of the hole. What is the ruling?
- A. No penalty
 - B. The player will be penalized one stroke that is applied to the first hole
 - C. The player will be penalized two strokes that are applied to the first hole
 - D. The player is disqualified
31. During a match on the 15th hole, Player A is hitting her third shot into the putting green and it looks like a great looking shot that is heading right at the flagstick. Player B goes ahead and concedes Player A's next stroke to be made after the ball comes to rest since the shot is looking so good and Player A is such a great putter. The ball then directly hits the flagstick and spins back into a red penalty area. What happens next?
- A. Player A must take penalty relief and is playing her fifth stroke
 - B. Player A has completed the hole for a 4
 - C. Player A must play the ball as it lies
 - D. Player B may withdraw the concession since Player A's ball is now in a penalty area
32. A player's ball comes to rest against an abandoned ball, the player removes the abandoned ball and the player's ball moves. Which of the following is correct?
- A. The player must replace their ball on its original spot and gets no penalty
 - B. The player must replace their ball on its original spot and gets one penalty stroke
 - C. The player must play their ball from where it came to rest with no penalty
 - D. The player must play their ball from where it comes to rest and gets one penalty stroke



33. In stroke play, a player hits his tee shot on the par three 12th hole and it comes to rest on the putting green. The player has a downhill putt with a creek just behind the hole. The player hits his putt too hard and the ball gains speed and catches a slope and rolls down towards the creek with good speed. The player thinks the ball has rolled into the creek and places another ball down on the spot where he had just made a stroke from. As the player is about to hit the putt again, another player in his group tells him that the ball he had first played is still hanging up on the bank of the creek. The player abandons the ball he had placed on the putting green and goes to play the ball on the bank of the creek. The player chips the ball onto the putting green and then makes the putt and then tees off at the next tee. What is the player's score for the hole?
- A. 4
 - B. 5
 - C. 6
 - D. The player is disqualified
34. During a stroke play event, the local rule is in effect that prohibits the use of distance measuring devices. A player uses their distance measuring device on the 1st hole by accident. On the same putting green on that hole, the player uses a donut on their club to try and loosen up their back. Another player in stroke play calls an official over and tells the official about both of these instances, what is the ruling?
- A. The player is not penalized
 - B. The player is penalized two strokes on that hole
 - C. The player is penalized four penalty strokes on that hole
 - D. The player is disqualified
35. In stroke play, Player A correctly tees off from the white tee markers to start the 11th hole. The player walks ahead and finds that the ball is just out of bounds, so the player returns to the tee to play under stroke and distance. Player A accidentally tees up from the blue tee markers that are positioned 20 yards behind the white tee markers and plays from there and that ball comes to rest in the fairway. From there, Player A takes three additional strokes to complete the hole. What is the player's score on the hole?
- A. 7
 - B. 8
 - C. 9
 - D. The player is disqualified



36. A player hits her tee shot into an area of tall grass and goes forward to search for the ball. After one minute of searching the player announces to the group that she is returning to the tee to play a provisional ball. She tees up another ball and plays that as the provisional. The original ball is then found in the tall grass before the three minutes are up. She then plays her original ball onto the green and takes three more strokes to finish the hole and then tees off on the next hole. What is her score for the hole?
- A. 5
 - B. 6
 - C. 7
 - D. The player is disqualified
37. In stroke play, a group arrives at the 13th hole and sees that the flagstick has been stolen. As the group prepares to putt, a player in the group sticks their club into the hole to indicate the position of the hole so another player could see the location of the hole and then walks away. Another player putts and hits the unattended club left in the hole and the ball falls into the hole. An official is called over and is asked for Ruling. What is the Ruling?
- A. The stroke counts and the ball is holed
 - B. The stroke must be cancelled and replayed without penalty since it was played from the putting green
 - C. The stroke must be cancelled and replayed since it was played from the putting green, the player will get two penalty strokes added to their hole for this
 - D. The stroke counts and the ball is holed, but the player gets two penalty strokes
38. During a match that is all square on the 18th hole, Player B tees off from the wrong teeing area and hits the ball out of bounds. Player A decides to be a good sport and recalls the stroke. Player B suggests that they just call the hole halved since rain is coming in and they want to just run inside to the clubhouse to stay dry. They agree to do this and go inside. What is the ruling?
- A. Player A wins the hole
 - B. Player B wins the hole
 - C. The hole is halved
 - D. Both players are disqualified



39. In stroke play, a player's tee shot on a par three comes to rest at the bottom of a steep, closely mown slope next to the putting green. The player hits their ball up the slope but doesn't hit the ball hard enough to keep it from rolling back down the slope and back towards the player. The player, with much disgust, kicks at the ball while it is still rolling back down the hill and sends the ball into a nearby pond. What is the ruling?
- A. The player must drop a ball within one club-length no closer to the hole of where the player thinks the ball in motion would have come to rest had the player not interfered with the ball, for a total of two penalty strokes
 - B. The player is penalized two strokes for kicking a moving ball and an additional penalty stroke for taking relief for a ball in a penalty area, for a total of three penalty strokes
 - C. The player is penalized two strokes for kicking a moving ball and an additional two penalty strokes for causing the ball to become unrecoverable, for a total of four penalty strokes
 - D. The player is penalized two penalty strokes and must replay a ball from where the original ball was first played
40. In a stroke play tournament, a competitor plays all 18 holes in the round and learns at the scorer's table before returning her scorecard that anchored putting is not allowed and she had done so for every putt. The player had 40 putts during the round. What is the ruling?
- A. The player gets two penalty strokes applied to both holes #1 and #2 for a total of four penalty strokes
 - B. The player gets 36 penalty strokes total for the round
 - C. The player gets 80 penalty strokes total for the round
 - D. The player is disqualified
41. A player will get the general penalty in which instance?
- A. The player picks up his ball in the fairway and removes a leaf adhering to the ball
 - B. The player does not pick up his ball in the fairway but removes some loose soil just behind the ball that would interfere with the intended stroke
 - C. During stroke play, the player picks up another player's ball for no apparent reason from the fairway and cleans the ball
 - D. The player picks up his opponent's ball for no good reason from the fairway



42. In stroke play, Player A hits a shot from the bunker and the ball comes to rest just overhanging the hole. Within 5 seconds of when the ball initially came to rest, Player B marks and lifts Player A's ball as a courtesy to the rest of the players in the group to help speed up play while Player A rakes the bunker. What of the following is correct?
- A. Player B is not penalized
 - B. Player B is penalized one stroke
 - C. Player B is penalized two strokes
 - D. Player A is deemed to have holed out with their stroke from the bunker
43. A player's tee shot comes to rest near an out of bounds line. The player decides to take lateral relief under the unplayable ball option. The player establishes their relief area and part of the relief area extends into what is out of bounds. The player drops the ball to take relief and the ball first lands out of bounds, but within the two club-length relief area, and then rolls and comes to rest on the course and in the relief area. From here, the player takes three more strokes to hole out. What is the player's score for the hole?
- A. 5
 - B. 6
 - C. 7
 - D. The player is disqualified
44. A player's tee shot lands in a greenside bunker and the player decides to take back on-a-line relief outside of the bunker when the player sees how bad their lie is in the bunker. The player drops another ball under the back-on-a-line relief option and decides to drop on a wrong putting green. From here, the player chips the ball back onto the correct green and holes out in two more putts. What is the player's score for the hole?
- A. 6
 - B. 7
 - C. 8
 - D. 9



45. Player A hits her original ball into the tall grass on a par three and then searches for three minutes without success. Player A returns to the tee and hits a second ball onto the putting green. While Player A is walking to the putting green, her opponent (Player B) finds Player A's original ball in the tall grass. Player B now sees that her own tee shot had come to rest on a cart path. Player B then takes Player A's original ball and drops that ball to take relief from the cart path and plays a stroke from there that lands on the putting green and takes one putt to finish the hole. An official assigned to the match sees this and radios the Committee for a ruling. What is the ruling?
- A. Player A wins the hole
 - B. Player B wins the hole
 - C. The hole is halved
 - D. Player B is disqualified
46. A player takes unplayable ball relief in the general area for a ball that lies one club-length from the putting green. Which of the following is correct when taking lateral relief for an unplayable ball and dropping a ball within two club-lengths of the original spot and no closer to the hole?
- A. The player may not drop a ball on the putting green
 - B. The player may place a ball on the putting green
 - C. The player may drop a ball onto the putting green
 - D. The player must use the original ball when taking relief under this Rule.
47. After a match leaves the 18th hole all square, Player A walks by the clubhouse and asks his head professional, who is standing outside, for a putting tip as the group walks from the 18th hole to the 19th hole. Player B questions this and requests a ruling from the head professional, who is also the Committee for deciding rulings in this match. What is the ruling?
- A. Player A loses the 19th hole
 - B. There is no penalty
 - C. Player A is penalized two strokes to begin the 19th hole
 - D. Player A loses the 18th hole



48. The last group on the course is having a long wait on the 11th hole. Player A decides to go back to the 10th hole and hit some practice chips out of a penalty area near the 10th putting green while the group waits on the teeing area of the next hole. What penalty does the player get?
- A. No penalty
 - B. Two strokes added to the 10th hole
 - C. One stroke added to the 11th hole
 - D. Two strokes added to the 11th hole
49. Before playing out of a bunker, the player gets a penalty for which of the following?
- A. The player makes a practice swing and touches sand with a club in a different, nearby bunker to test the condition of that bunker
 - B. Removes a leaf right behind the player's ball in the bunker
 - C. The player leans on their club to steady themselves in the bunker
 - D. Taking relief outside the bunker when there is interference for temporary water
50. A player takes relief for a ball hit into a deep pond that is defined as a red penalty area and decides to take lateral relief. The ground around the penalty area is bare, hardpan and severely sloped. It is very clear that a ball, when dropped, will hit the slope and bounce directly back into the penalty area, likely making the ball become unrecoverable. The player does not want to waste two brand new golf balls that will clearly roll back into the water when dropped, so the player lays their golf bag down just at the edge of the relief area to create a barrier so the balls will be stopped by the golf bag before they roll back into the pond. Each ball is dropped correctly inside the relief area and each time the bag deflects the ball in motion from rolling back into the pond, just as the player intended. Another player in stroke play sees this and calls for an official to come over and give a ruling. What is the ruling?
- A. No penalty
 - B. The player is penalized two strokes
 - C. The player is penalized four strokes
 - D. The player is disqualified