

2020 CGA Rules of Golf Test

1. A player hits their tee shot into an area of tall grass just outside of a penalty area on a par 3 and does not find the ball after a three-minute search. The player uses a drop zone that is designated for a ball known or virtually certain to be in a penalty area and places a ball there and plays out the hole in 4 more strokes. The Committee found there to be no serious breach on the hole. What is the score?
 - a. 6
 - b. 7
 - c. 8
 - d. 9

2. A player places a weighted golf club across her shoulders for the sole purpose of stretching her back while waiting to wait into a par 3. What is the ruling?
 - a. The player gets no penalty.
 - b. The player gets one penalty stroke.
 - c. The player gets two penalty strokes.
 - d. The player is disqualified.

3. In stroke play while on the 17th putting green, Player A has a five-foot putt for par. Player B 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

4. A player hits his tee shot on a par three and the ball comes to rest 6 inches from the hole. The player putts the ball and it horseshoes around the hole and comes back and bounces off his foot as he is still standing where he struck the putt. The ball comes to rest a foot from the hole and from there the player taps it in. What is the players score for the hole?
 - a. 3
 - b. 4
 - c. 5
 - d. 6

5. 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?
- Player A is penalized two strokes.
 - Player B is penalized two strokes.
 - Both players are penalized two strokes.
 - Neither player is penalized.
6. A player hits their tee shot on a par three into a red penalty area 250 yards from the tee. Their ball is in a playable lie so they decide to take a swing at the ball. The ball comes to rest just off the edge of the putting green in knee high grass. The player doesn't think they will be able to get the ball out of this position, so they decide to just start the hole all over again from the teeing area. The player tees a new ball up and hits it to five feet and then makes the putt. What is the player's score for the hole?
- The player is disqualified
 - 5
 - 6
 - 7
7. A player's second shot comes to rest next to the putting green and comes to rest on a sprinkler head in the general area that will interfere with the player's upcoming swing. The player takes obstruction relief and drops a ball on a spot on the putting green that is within one club length of the nearest point of complete relief. From here, the player takes two more strokes to hole out. What is the player's score for the hole?
- 4
 - 5
 - 6
 - 7
8. A player reasonably removes a loose impediment from a bunker with the toe of his wedge but in doing so accidentally touches sand directly behind his ball with the club. How many penalty strokes does the player get?
- 0
 - 2
 - 4
 - 8

9. A player gets a penalty under Rule 9.4 in which of the following instances?
- He purposely touches his ball with his club while addressing it.
 - In brushing away sand immediately in front of his ball on the putting green, he accidentally causes his ball to move. He replaces the ball.
 - He accidentally touches but does not move his ball while removing a bug that is on top of the ball, which is in the general area.
 - While reading his own putt, he accidentally bumps and moves his ball.
10. A player is taking relief from a cart path. He leaves the original ball on the path and drops a second (substituted) ball within one club-length of the nearest point of complete relief, not nearer the hole. Before making a stroke at either ball, which ball is in play?
- The original ball on the path.
 - The substituted ball.
 - Both balls.
 - Neither ball.
11. In stroke play, a player's ball is on the putting green. His caddie shows him the line of play by pointing at it with the flagstick and in doing so touches the putting green with the flagstick. The player gets:
- No penalty only if the player backs off the ball and resets their stance.
 - No penalty if the flagstick is moved before the player putts.
 - One penalty stroke.
 - Two penalty strokes.
12. A player takes unplayable 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?
- The player may not drop a ball on the putting green.
 - The player may place a ball on the putting green.
 - The player may drop a ball onto the putting green.
 - The player must use the original ball when taking relief under this Rule.

13. In stroke play, a player's tee shot on a par 3 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 and sends the ball into a nearby pond. What is the ruling?
- 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - The player is penalized two penalty strokes and must replay a ball from where the original ball was first played.
14. In stroke play, Player A marks and lifts his ball from the putting green so that Player B, whose ball is also on the putting green, but farther from the hole, can play first. While Player B's ball is in motion, Player A, trying to speed up play, replaces his ball and starts evaluating his line of putt. Player B's ball strikes Player A's ball and it (Player B's ball) is deflected into the hole. What is the ruling?
- Player A must replace the ball without penalty. Player B must also replace the ball without penalty.
 - Player A must replace the ball without penalty. Player B's ball is holed without penalty.
 - Player A must replace the ball and gets two penalty strokes. Player B's ball is holed without penalty.
 - Player A must replace the ball and gets two penalty strokes. Player B's ball is holed with two penalty strokes.

15. In stroke play, a player's ball is struck towards a penalty area and is not found. It is neither known nor virtually certain that the player's ball is in the penalty area, but he drops a ball under Rule 17.1d(2). Before he plays the dropped ball, his original ball is found within the three-minute search period. What is the ruling?
- He must not play the original ball. If the original ball was in the penalty area he gets a one-stroke penalty under Rule 17.1d(2) and must continue with the dropped ball. If not, he must return to where he last played and re-drop the ball with a one-stroke penalty under Rule 18.1.
 - The player dropped under an inapplicable Rule. He is penalized two strokes, must abandon the dropped ball and proceed with the original ball.
 - The player dropped under an inapplicable Rule. He is not penalized, must abandon the dropped ball and proceed with the original ball.
 - The original ball must not be played. He must abandon the dropped ball and proceed under stroke and distance getting the one-stroke penalty under Rule 18.1.
16. A player hits their tee shot into a bunker on a par three. From here, the player skulls their next shot over the putting green and it comes to rest out of bounds, which the player can easily see. Before dropping a ball to take stroke and distance relief inside the bunker, the player rakes the area they had just played from as well as another messy area just in front of that area and on the upcoming line of play. The player drops the ball in the required relief area for stroke and distance and then takes three more strokes to complete the hole. What is the player's score?
- 5
 - 6
 - 7
 - 8
17. In stroke play, 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?
- The player is not penalized.
 - The player is penalized one stroke.
 - The player is penalized two strokes.
 - The player is disqualified.

18. A player hits their tee shot 280 yards towards an out of bounds fence. They get to where the ball is likely to be and plays a ball thought to be that player's ball. When the player gets to the putting green, they see that it is not their ball. The player goes back to where the tee shot was supposed to be and sees that the original ball is out of bounds. What is the player to do next?
- Continue to play the ball on the putting green and add two penalty strokes.
 - Continue to play the ball on the putting green and add three penalty strokes.
 - Return to the tee and will be playing their fourth stroke.
 - Return to the tee and will be playing their fifth stroke.
19. While player's tee shot is still rolling down the fairway, a dog deliberately deflects the ball and it rolls into a divot. What does the player do?
- Play the ball as it lies, no penalty.
 - Place a ball within one club length of where it is estimated the ball would have come to rest and no closer to the hole, no penalty.
 - Drop a ball within one club length of where it is estimated the ball would have come to rest and no closer to the hole, no penalty.
 - Drop the ball within one club length of where it is estimated the ball would have come to rest and no closer to the hole, no penalty.
20. A player accidentally kicks their ball while searching in the tall grass during a match play championship. The player picks up the ball, cleans mud from the ball and goes to replace it back on the spot from which it was moved. What is the ruling?
- The player gets no penalty.
 - The player is penalized one stroke.
 - The player is penalized two strokes.
 - The player loses the hole.
21. A ball is accidentally moved during search and before the ball is replaced, the player removes a loose twig that was sitting beside the ball before it was moved during the search. The ball would have certainly moved if the player had tried to remove the loose twig when the ball was originally at rest on that spot. The player places the ball down back on the original spot and makes their next stroke. What is the ruling?
- The player gets no penalty.
 - The player is penalized one stroke.
 - The player is penalized two strokes.
 - The player loses the hole.

22. Which of the below items may the player not deliberately lift when a ball in motion may hit it?
- A removed divot.
 - A removed flagstick on the ground.
 - An opponent's towel.
 - A fellow-competitor's ball on the putting green.
23. During a stroke play round, Player A and Player B agree to leave Player A's ball in place next to the hole in order to help Player C, who is just off the green preparing to chip. Player C makes a stroke and the ball rolls short of where Player A's ball was located. What is the ruling?
- No penalty to any player.
 - Player C is penalized two strokes.
 - Players A and B are penalized two strokes.
 - Each player is penalized two strokes.
24. A player's ball is completely buried in a bunker and a referee is called into the bunker to help with the identification process. The player correctly identifies their ball, replaces the ball and correctly recreates the original lie. The player then chooses to take an unplayable penalty under Rule 19.2c while keeping the ball in the bunker for one penalty stroke. The player then asks if they can rake over the referee's footprints that are now in the player's upcoming relief area for the unplayable ball. Which of the following is correct about each set of footprints?
- The player may not rake the referee's footprints.
 - The player may rake the referee's footprints.
 - The player may rake their own footprints as well as the referee's footprints.
 - The player may not rake their own footprints or the referee's footprints.
25. Which one of the following is a breach of Rule 12?
- A player's ball lies in temporary water in a bunker. The player elects to play the ball as it lies and touches the temporary water with his club on his backswing but does not touch the sand in the bunker before making the stroke.
 - A player's ball lies in a bunker and a mound made by an animal interferes with his backswing. He elects not to take relief. During his backswing, the player's club touches the mound. The player completes the stroke.
 - A player leans on his club about 10 feet from his ball in a bunker while waiting his turn to play.
 - A player, while preparing to make a stroke from a bunker, accidentally touches the ball with his club, but the ball does not move.

26. In stroke play, a player's ball is not found within the three-minute search period. He walks closer to the putting green and plays his provisional ball. He then comes across his original ball. Not knowing what to do, he makes no announcement and plays both balls into the hole. Prior to returning his score card the player reports the facts to the Committee. What is the ruling?
- The score with the original ball counts. The player gets no penalty.
 - The score with the original ball counts. The player gets a two-stroke penalty.
 - The score with the provisional ball counts. The player gets a two-stroke penalty in addition to the stroke-and-distance penalty (three penalty strokes total).
 - The score with the provisional ball counts. The player gets only the stroke-and-distance penalty.
27. 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 she plays 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?
- No penalty.
 - The player is penalized one stroke.
 - The player is penalized two strokes.
 - The player loses the hole.
28. In stroke play, while player A was waiting to play to the putting green he dropped three balls on the fairway and practised his putting. When the green cleared, he completed play of the hole. The player:
- Gets no penalty.
 - Gets a one-stroke penalty.
 - Gets a two-stroke penalty.
 - Gets six penalty strokes, two for each ball.
29. 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?
- 4
 - 5
 - 6
 - 7

30. In stroke play, a player hits his tee shot into the rough on the 18th hole. He searches for 2 minutes and finds a ball in a bad lie. He decides it is unplayable and drops it under Rule 19.2b. He hits it onto the putting green. When he gets there he realizes it isn't his ball. He returns to the area and finds his ball in 30 seconds in a playable lie. Without lifting it, he plays it to the green and holes out in two putts. He then goes into the scoring tent and, before returning his card, tells the scorer what he just did. His score for the hole is:
- 7
 - 8
 - He must return to the tee and will be playing his 6th stroke.
 - He must return to the tee and will be playing his 7th stroke.
31. During a match, Player A hits their putt to make a four if it goes in. The ball stops and is overhanging the hole. Before the ten seconds has passed, his opponent (Player B) removes the ball to concede the player's next stroke for a five on the hole. The opponent had already holed out in four strokes and a ruling is requested, what is the outcome?
- The hole is halved.
 - Player A wins the hole.
 - Player B wins the hole.
 - Player A may replay the putt without penalty.
32. During a match, Player B has a 6-inch putt left to make three. Player A has a lengthy putt to make seven. Before Player A makes the stroke, Player B tells Player A that her putter is not aligned correctly and she should adjust her grip to make a better stroke. A referee assigned to the match sees this, what is the ruling?
- Neither penalty to either player.
 - Player A wins the hole.
 - Player B is penalized two strokes.
 - Player A loses the hole.

33. A player's ball is hit towards the church pew bunkers but comes to rest in the grass mounding inside the bunkers. The player needs to take an unplayable, what are their options?
- The player may drop a ball using back on the line relief outside the bunker, but will get two penalty strokes.
 - The player must drop the same ball using back on the line relief outside the bunker, but will get two penalty strokes.
 - The player may drop a ball using back on the line relief outside the bunker but will get one penalty stroke.
 - The player must drop the ball in the bunker when using back on a line relief option, but will get one penalty stroke.
34. During the final hole, a player's tee shot comes to rest on a spectator's foot. The player hits the ball from off the spectator's foot and then takes two more strokes to finish the hole. What is the player's score for the hole?
- 4
 - 5
 - 6
 - 7
35. During the club stroke play championship, as Player A is putting to make a four on the hole, Player A's stroke from the putting green is deliberately deflected into the hole by Player B. Player A then tees off on the next hole and is stopped by a Rules Official that saw what happened on the previous hole. What is the ruling?
- Player A made a four.
 - Player A made a five.
 - Player A made a six.
 - Player A is disqualified.
36. In stroke play, a player's ball in the fairway was accidentally moved by another player. The player whose ball it was went to replace their ball one time back on its original spot, but it did not stay at rest on that spot. The player then replaced the ball on a different spot and as near as possible to the original spot that was still in the fairway and no closer to the hole. The player makes a stroke from there and then a referee is called in because the process was questioned by another player. What is the ruling?
- The player is not penalized and must continue playing the ball.
 - The player is penalized one stroke and must continue playing the ball.
 - The player is penalized two strokes and must continue playing the ball.
 - The player is penalized two strokes and the other player who moved the ball is penalized one stroke.

37. A player hits their tee shot and it bounces off a cart path and comes to rest in the fairway. The player sees the ball may be cracked but decides to play the ball anyways. The player's next stroke breaks the ball into pieces. The player then places a new ball back on that spot from where the ball was just played and holes out from there in four (4) more strokes. What is the player's score for the hole?
- 4
 - 5
 - 6
 - 7
38. A player's second shot hit from the fairway is hit into a gully in front of the putting green. The ball is found in a poor lie so the player takes unplayable ball relief and drops a ball within two club-lengths of where the original ball came to rest. The player then goes back up to the top of the gully to get an idea of where the flagstick is on the putting green. When the player returns to play the dropped ball, he can no longer find it. The player takes three minutes and cannot find the dropped ball. What must the player do now?
- Place a ball on the spot where he thinks the ball was moved from and is hitting his 4th shot.
 - Place a ball on the spot where he thinks the ball was moved from and is hitting his 5th shot.
 - Play his original ball that came to rest in the poor lie and is hitting his 4th shot.
 - Drop a ball back in the fairway within one club-length of where the original second shot took place and will be hitting his 5th shot.
39. It is known or virtually certain that a player's ball went into a red penalty area. The player makes a quick determination of where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area and drops a ball under penalty of one stroke under Rule 17.1d(3). Before the player makes a stroke, the player's ball is found to have last crossed the edge of the penalty area 50 yards closer to the hole. What must the player do next?
- The dropped ball is in play and must continue with that ball without penalty.
 - The dropped ball must be played but the player will add another two strokes (three total) for dropping in a wrong place.
 - The dropped ball must be picked up and the player must drop a ball 50 yards closer, where the ball actually had last crossed the edge of the penalty area.
 - The player may choose to either play the dropped ball since it was put in play or may choose to drop a ball 50 yards closer to the hole where the ball actually had last crossed the edge of the penalty area.

40. In which of the following situations may a player take relief under 19.2c?
- The player's ball comes to rest in a very small bush but the ball cannot be located.
 - The player's ball is not found but it is known or virtually certain that the ball is lost in a movable obstruction.
 - The player's ball is in a tree but can only be identified with binoculars.
 - The player's ball lies on a bridge inside of a penalty area.
41. During the stroke play club championship, Player B lifts a ball in the fairway to identify it but does not mark the spot of the ball first. It turns out to be Player A's ball so Player B replaces the ball back on the spot it was lifted from. What is the ruling?
- Player A is penalized one stroke.
 - Player B is not penalized.
 - Player B is penalized one stroke.
 - Player B is penalized two strokes.
42. Player A and Player B are in a tied match on the 18th hole fairway, which is a par 5. The Committee blows the airhorn to suspend play for darkness. Player A marks his ball and goes inside. Player B wants to finish the match and go home so she hits into the green and finishes the hole in two more putts. Player B goes in to tell Player A what she scored, and a referee is called over for a ruling. What is the ruling?
- Player A must go back out and finish the match.
 - Player A may recall all of Player B's strokes.
 - Player A wins the match.
 - Player B is penalized one stroke.
43. In which of the following situations is the ball considered embedded under the Rules?
- A player drops a ball and it embeds on impact.
 - A player's ball spins out of and back into its own pitch mark on the fringe.
 - A player's ball comes to rest in a pitch mark made from the group in front of them.
 - A player's ball is ran over by his opponents golf cart.
44. On a par 3, 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?
- 3
 - 4
 - 5
 - 6

45. 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

46. 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 behind 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, his fellow competitor 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

47. 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 3 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

48. Player A hits her ball into the tall grass on a par 3 and then searches for the full three minutes without success. Player A returns to the tee and hits that shot onto the putting green. While Player A is walking to the putting green, her opponent (Player B) finds Player A's ball in the tall grass. Player B now sees that her tee shot had come to rest on a cart path and takes Player A's ball and drops that ball to take relief 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?
- Player A wins the hole.
 - Player B wins the hole.
 - The hole is halved.
 - Player B is disqualified.
49. A player's stroke from the putting green is hit too hard and rolls off the putting green and hits her opponent's golf bag that was placed in the fringe. Which of the following is correct?
- The player whose ball it was must cancel and replay the stroke, without penalty.
 - The opponent whose bag it was is penalized one stroke.
 - The player loses the hole.
 - The player whose ball it was must play the ball as it lies, without penalty.
50. On the 5th tee of a stroke play competition, player A inadvertently pulls player B's driver out of B's bag and makes a stroke from the teeing area. He then realizes the mistake, hands the club to B and declares it out of play. A then makes a stroke with his own driver from within the 5th teeing area. He abandons the first ball and takes four more strokes at the second ball (5 total) to complete play of the hole. He continues the round and plays from the 6th tee. What is A's score for the 5th hole?
- 7
 - 8
 - 9
 - The player is disqualified