

# YOU MAKE THE CALL

## Rule #1 Answers

1. In match play, the player and opponent may agree how to decide a Rules issue so long as they do not deliberately agree to apply the Rules in the wrong way.

True or False?

Answer: True.

Rule References – Rule 1.3c(3) and Rule 20.1b(1).

**Note: If the players do not agree, or have doubt about how the Rules apply, either player may request a ruling under Rule 20.1b(2).**

2. When a player has breached a Rule and that Rule allows them to play a ball from a different place than where their original ball lies (e.g. deciding to treat their ball as unplayable) the penalty is one stroke.

True or False?

Answer: True.

Rule Reference – Rule 1.3c(2)

**Note: The one stroke penalty also applies in both match play and stroke play where the potential advantage from a breach is minor.**

3. A principle of the Rules of Golf is that when a single act by a player results in two Rules being breached, only a single penalty applies.

True or False?

Answer: True.

Rule Reference – Rule 1.3c(4).

**Note: If the penalties are different it is the higher-value penalty that applies.**

4. In stroke play, a Committee can disqualify a player for serious misconduct, even if the competition has closed and the result announced.

True or False?

Answer: True.

Rule Reference – Rule 20.2e(2) and Rule 1.2.

**Note: If the Committee finds that the player has committed serious misconduct by acting contrary to the spirit of the game, they may disqualify the player under Rule 1.2.**

5. A principle of the Rules of Golf is that if unrelated acts result in one Rule being breached more than once, multiple penalties apply.

True or False?

Answer: True.

Rule Reference – Rule 1.3c(4).

**Note: The player gets a separate penalty for each unrelated breach.**

6. If a player knows that they have breached a Rule that involves a penalty and deliberately fails to apply the penalty on the scorecard they return, they are disqualified.

True or False?

Answer: True.

Rule Reference – Rule 1.3b(1).

**Note: Players are responsible for honestly applying the Rules to themselves.**

7. In stroke play, without marking their ball lying in a general area, a player lifts it to make a positive identification, cleans it and then instead of replacing it, drops it close to where it lay. The penalty is limited to two strokes.

True or False?

Answer: True.

Rule Reference – Rule 1.3c(4).

**Note: If a player's related acts breach one or more procedural requirements where the penalty is one stroke and then play from a wrong place, the penalty is limited to two strokes.**

8. The penalty of disqualification only applies when a player has wrongly gained a potential advantage that is too significant for their score to be considered valid.

True or False?

Answer: False.

Rule Reference - Rule 1.3c(2).

**Note: Whilst a player is disqualified in the circumstance of this question they may also be disqualified for breaches involving serious misconduct (see Rule 1.2).**

9. In stroke play, players may not decide any doubtful issue they have on the Rules by agreement, but must play on and raise the issue with a referee or the Committee when they become available and in any case before returning their scorecard.

True or False?

Answer: True.

Rule Reference – Rule 1.3b(1).

**Note: Players are expected to recognize when they have breached a Rule and to be honest in applying their own penalties. If they are uncertain what to do it is recommended that they play two balls, as per Rule 20.1c(3).**

10. In stroke play, a player authorizes his or her caddie to drop a ball (A Violation of Rule 14.3b) in a wrong place. The player makes a stroke at the ball (A Violation of Rule 14.7a). What is the ruling?

- a) The player gets a penalty of one stroke.
- b) The player gets the general penalty
- c) The player gets a total penalty of three strokes.

Answer – b

Rule Reference – Rule Reference 1.3c(4)

**Note#1: While a player may authorize anyone to lift his or her ball (Rule 14.1b); a player may not authorize anyone to drop his or her ball (Rule 14.3b).**

**Note #2: A player or a player's Partner may drop a player's ball (Rule 22.2 and Rule 23.5a)**

11. In stroke play, a player makes a stroke at an incorrectly substituted ball from the wrong place. What is the ruling?

- a) There is no penalty.
- b) The player gets the general penalty.
- c) The player gets a penalty of four strokes.

Answer – b

Rule Reference – Rule Reference 1.3c(4)

**Note: The penalty for making a stroke at an incorrectly substituted ball or playing from a wrong place is loss of hole in Match Play (Rule 1.3c(2)).**