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Rule 14 Procedures for Ball:

Marking, Lifting and Cleaning; Replacing on Spot; Dropping in Relief Area; Playing From Wrong Place (ANSWERS)

1. A player believes that a found ball is his or her original ball (it isn't). The ball is in a difficult lie so he or she lifts and drops it back-on-the-line according to the unplayable ball Rule. Before playing the ball, he or she discovers that this ball isn't the original ball. The dropped ball is abandoned. Search resumes for the original ball that is found within the three minutes of search and played. There is no penalty.

True or False?

Answer: True. Rule 14.5a

Note: The player could proceed under Rule 14.5a because he or she did not make a stroke at the wrongly substituted ball. The player would have to proceed under Rule 14.7 (Playing From a Wrong Place) if he or she had made a stroke at the substituted ball.
2. In stroke play, a player marks and lifts his or her ball on the putting green and tosses the ball to his or her caddie who failed to catch the ball and the ball came to rest in a penalty area where it could not be recovered. The player substitutes another ball and completes the hole. The player gets the general penalty.

True or False?

Answer: False. Rule 14.2a (Exception)

Note: The player could substitute a ball because he or she did not deliberately cause the ball the ball to become unrecoverable.
3. A player marks his or her ball, lifts the ball and sets it aside. In replacing the ball, he or she rolls the ball back to the original spot with a club and makes a stroke. The player gets one penalty stroke.

True or False?

Answer: True. Rule 14.2b(2)

Note: 14.2b(2) requires the player set the ball down when replacing the ball.
4. A player drops a ball and it comes to rest on the required spot but the Rules required him or her to place the ball. The ball has been placed in a wrong way and if the player makes a stroke at the ball, he or she gets the general penalty.

True or False?

Answer: False. Rule 14.2b(2)

Note: The penalty is one stroke. The player replaced the ball in a wrong way when the player dropped the ball. However, the player has played the ball from the required spot.
5. In the general area, a player takes free relief from an immovable obstruction. The ball was dropped outside the correct relief area but rolled into the relief area where the ball was played. There is no penalty.

True or False?

Answer: False. Rule 14.3b(3)

Note: The player played the ball from the right place but dropped the ball in a wrong way. The penalty is one stroke.
6. A player marks his ball on the putting green with his or her shoe, replaces the ball on the spot and makes a stroke. The player gets one penalty stroke.

True or False?

Answer: True. Definition of Ball-Marker and Rule 14.1

Note: Rule 14.1 requires the player use a Ball-Marker or a club when marking and lifting a ball.
7. When taking relief under any relief Rule, the player may use the original ball or another ball if he or she chooses to do so.

True or False

Answer: True: Rule 14.3a

Note: The player may always substitute a ball when taking relief.

8. A player who decided that their ball was unplayable under a tree, dropped a ball in a wrong way within two club-lengths of where it lay, not nearer the hole, meaning that they had to drop the ball again. Before doing so they may decide to take a different ball unplayable option.
True or False?
Answer: False. Rule 14.5b(3).
Note: In correcting this mistake of dropping a ball under a Rule that applied, but in the wrong way, the player must go on to take relief using the same Rule and the same relief option they had chosen under that Rule before making the wrong drop.
9. A ball dropped in the wrong way, e.g. not in the relief area, does not count as one of the two drops required before a ball must be placed.
True or False?
Answer: True. Rule 14.3b(3) and Rule 14.3c(2).
Note: A ball is dropped in a wrong way if the player does not drop it themselves, it is not dropped straight down from knee height or it is not dropped in the allowed relief area.
10. There is no penalty when a player replaces their ball at their ball-marker, but forgets to remove it before making a stroke.
True or False?
Answer: False. Rule 14.1a.
Note: If the spot is marked with a ball-marker, after replacing the ball the player must remove the ball-marker before making a stroke or they get a penalty of one stroke.
11. The Rule for carefully rotating a ball at rest on the surface of the ground is the same as picking it up.
True or False?
Answer: True. Rule 14.1.
Note: This Rule applies to the deliberate lifting of a player's ball at rest, which includes picking up the ball by hand, rotating it or otherwise deliberately causing it to move from its spot
12. In taking relief from an immovable obstruction, Player B's first drop hits the tee (within the relief area) used to mark the relief area prior to landing in and coming to rest in the relief area. The ball has been dropped in the right way.
True or False?
Answer: False. Rule 14.3b(2) and Rule 14.3b(3)
Note; The ball struck Player B's equipment before striking the ground in the relief area. The drop doesn't count, and a ball must be dropped in the right way.
13. Player C carefully determines the relief area for relief from an immovable obstruction. The ball, when dropped in the right way, rolls forward and comes to rest with a small part of the ball closer to the hole than the reference point used to determine the relief area. The drop counts and the ball is in the relief area.
True or False?
Answer: False: Rule 14.3b, Rule 14.3c and Definition of Relief Area.
Note: The ball was dropped in the right way so the drop counts. However, if any part of the ball is nearer the hole than the reference point, the ball is not in the relief area. Player C must re-drop a ball as described in Rules 14.3b and 14.3c.
14. In taking lateral relief from a penalty area, Player D drops a ball in the right way and, as the ball rolls toward an animal hole in the relief area, Player D deliberately deflects the ball. (The ball would have remained in the relief area if not deflected.) After the ball is dropped in the right way two more times and rolled into the penalty area both times, Player D places a ball where the ball had landed on his or her third drop. Player D proceeded correctly in placing the ball after the second drop that counted.
True or False?
Answer: True. Rule 14-3.
Note: When Player D deliberately deflected the ball, Player D incurred the general penalty under Rule 14.3d. That drop does not count.