

Rule 4
Questions and Answers

1. In which of the following situations does the player get a penalty of disqualification for making a stroke with a non-conforming club?
- A. A player makes a stroke with a club that he or she has applied any substance to the clubhead (other than cleaning it) to affect how it performs in making a stroke and the stroke counts in the player's score.
 - B. A player makes a stroke with a non-conforming club at a provisional ball, but the ball never becomes the ball in play.
 - C. The player used a non-conforming club to make a cancelled stroke.

A. 4.1a(1)/2

2. Which one of the following is a player not allowed to use during a round?
- A. A smart phone to get any type of weather information (including wind speed) that is available from weather forecasts.
 - B. Adhesive tape to bind his or her fingers together solely to aid in gripping the club.
 - C. Standard eyeglasses and binoculars that have no range-finder attachments.

B. 4.3a(2), 4.3a(5) and 4.3b

3. Model Rule G9 is in effect and during play of the 15th hole, and a player breaks the shaft of his or her wedge in playing his or her ball near a tree. The player borrows a new wedge from his or her coach and finishes the hole. The player discovers at the 18th tee that the wedge was a club selected for play by a teammate playing on the course and discards the wedge. What is the ruling?
- A. There is no penalty in these circumstances.
 - B. The player gets the general penalty at each of the last four holes.
 - C. The player gets the general penalty at each of the 15th and 16th holes.

C. 4.1b(2)

4. In which of the following situations is the player in breach of the Limit of 14 Clubs (Rule 4.1b)?
- A. A player starts the round with 14 clubs and several separated club components (clubhead and shaft) to be assembled and used to practise after the round.
 - B. A player starts the round with 14 clubs together with a broken club (clubhead separated from the shaft) that was damaged on the range before the round.
 - C. A player starts the round with 10 clubs and asks another person to walk along with the group and carry 8 additional clubs from which the player intends to add to his or her bag during the round.

C. 4.1b(1)/1, 4.1b(1)/2 and 4.1b(1)/3

5. Which is true regarding a player adding a club to his or her bag during a round?
- A. A club is considered added when the club is first in the player's possession.
 - B. A club is considered added when the next stroke is made with any club while the added club is in his or her possession.
 - C. A club is considered added when the next stroke is made while the added club is in his or her possession provided the player is allowed to add a club.

B. 4.1b(1)/4

6. Which of the following is incorrect?
- A. Before the start of a round, as an exception to the Rules, a player may attach lead tape to a clubhead for the purpose of adjusting the weight of the club.
 - B. Lead tape applied to a clubhead before a round that becomes damaged by throwing or abusing the club during the round may not be replaced during the round.
 - C. Lead tape applied to a clubhead before a round that becomes detached in making a stroke during the round may be replaced during the round.

B. 4.1a(2) and 4.1a(2)/1

7. In stroke play and there are no Local Rules in effect, a club is damaged during a round by making a practice swing; which is not correct?
- A. It may be repaired without unreasonably delaying play.
 - B. It may be replaced with any club if the club is not conforming to the Rules
 - C. It may be used in its damaged state for the remainder of the round.

B. 4.1a(2)

8. Which of the following is a true statement about the terms "normal use" or "wear through normal use"?
- A. Normal use includes strokes, practice strokes and practice swings as well as acts such as removing a club from and replacing a club into the golf bag.
 - B. Wear through normal use does not include when the club's grip forms a concavity where the thumbs are placed or the club's face forms a concavity in the sweet spot to the extent that the club is no longer conforming.
 - C. Wear through normal use does not include a circumstance when the grooves on the club's face are worn to the extent that the club is no longer conforming.

A. 4.1a(1)/1