



## Answers

QA1 - The player gets two penalty strokes.

### Explanation

There is no penalty for removing sand that lies on the putting green (Rule 13.1c), but the player gets the general penalty for improving their line of play by removing sand in the general area (see Rule 8.1a(4)).

QA 2 - There is no penalty.

### Explanation

See Rule 10.1a. In fairly striking at the ball the player may do so with any part of the head of the club.

QA 3 - Either of the partners.

### Explanation

See Rule 22.2. Either partner may take any allowed action for the side before the stroke is made, such as marking and lifting, replacing, dropping and placing the ball, no matter which partner's turn it is to play next for the side.

QA 4 - False

### Explanation

See Rules 14.1c and 4.2c. When a ball is lifted from a part of the course other than a putting green to see if it is cut or cracked, cleaning is not allowed. (Winter rules allow cleaning)

QA 5 - There is no penalty.

### Explanation

See Clarification Nearest Point of Complete Relief/4. Once the ball is dropped, it is back in play. The player must then decide what type of stroke they will make. This stroke, which includes the choice of club, may be different from the one that would have been made from the ball's original spot had the condition not been there.

#### QA 6 - Correct Answer

The player gets one penalty stroke and must replace the ball or ball-marker.

#### Explanation

See Rule 9.7b.

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#### QA 7 - There is no penalty.

#### Explanation

See Clarification of Loose Impediment/4. Gravel is a loose impediment and a player may remove loose impediments without penalty anywhere on the course under Rule 15.1.

#### QA 8 - There is no penalty.

#### Explanation

See Definition of Advice. Advice does not include the location of things on the course.

#### QA 9 - The player must abandon the original ball and continue play with the second ball played from the tee.

#### Explanation

If a player does not announce they are playing a provisional ball and plays a ball from where the previous stroke was made, that ball is the player's ball in play under penalty of stroke and distance (see Rule 18.3b).

QA 10 - False

Explanation

See Rule 14.1c. A ball lifted from a part of the course other than a putting green because it interferes with play must not be cleaned. (Except when winter rules (preferred lies) are in operation)

QA 11 - False

Explanation

See Rule 15.1a. Loose impediments may be removed in any way (such as by using a hand or foot, using a club or other equipment).

QA 12 - General penalty (two strokes or loss of hole).

Explanation

Before making a stroke at a ball in a bunker, a player must not touch sand in the bunker with a club in making the backswing for a stroke. (See Rule 12.2b(1))

QA 13 - There is no penalty.

Explanation

See Rule 13.1c. Damage on the putting green may be repaired without penalty by taking reasonable actions to restore the putting green to its original condition.

QA 14 - In stroke play you should play "Ready Golf" when it is safe and responsible to do so.

Explanation

In stroke play, players may play "ready golf" in a safe and responsible way (see Rule 6.4b(2)).

QA 15 - False

Explanation

See Rule 14.3c. A player has completed taking relief when a ball dropped in the right way comes to rest in the relief area. It does not matter whether the ball, after hitting the ground, accidentally touches any person before coming to rest.

QA 16 - There is no penalty.

Explanation

See Clarification 3.3b/2. There is no penalty if initials were used to certify, rather than the full name.

QA 17 - Player C gets two penalty strokes.

Explanation

See Rule 5.3a. As C arrived and was ready to play no more than five minutes late, instead of being disqualified, player C gets two penalty strokes for failure to be ready to play at the appointed start time.

QA 18 - False

Explanation

See Rule 16.1a(2) There is no free relief from an immovable obstruction that lies out of bounds.

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