

## High School Rules of Golf Quiz

Created by the Iowa Golf Association

*(Answers and explanations are at the end of the Quiz.)*

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2. Which of the following are loose impediments?
  - A) A coach, loose soil on the fairway, fellow-competitor.
  - B) A wooden bench, piece of coal, paper cup
  - C) An opponent's towel, rake, golf balls that are out of play.
  - D) Gravel pebbles, leaves, banana peel.
  
3. Any suggestion which could influence a player in determining his play is advice. Information on the rules or where hazards are located on the golf course are considered public information and, therefore, is NOT advice.
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4. In high school golf you can give someone else on your team advice (such as what club to hit or how a putt breaks) because you are teammates and teammates are allowed to help each other.
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5. There is a high school stroke play tournament where players are paired in groups of four, with all four players being from different teams. In one group, after Player A tees off, Player B asks her what club she hit. Player A answers that she hit an 8-iron. The correct ruling is:
  - A) Player A receives a two-stroke penalty
  - B) Player B receives a two-stroke penalty
  - C) Both Player A & Player B receive two-stroke penalties
  - D) Neither Player A or Player B receives a penalty. Asking what club someone hit is not advice.
  
6. You hit your ball into a lateral water hazard (red stakes and/or lines). Which one of these is **NOT** a proper option to proceed under the rules?
  - A) Taking the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard, you drop within two-club lengths, no closer to the hole.
  - B) You return to where you previously made the stroke from outside the water hazard.
  - C) You find the nearest point of relief and drop within one-club length.
  - D) You play the ball as it lies.
  
7. Which of these is **NOT** a proper option for proceeding after you hit a ball into a water hazard (yellow stakes and/or lines)?
  - A) You play the ball as it lies
  - B) Taking the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard, you drop within two-club lengths, no closer to the hole.
  - C) You drop a ball on a line directly behind where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard and the hole.
  - D) You return to where you previously made the stroke from outside the water hazard.

8. Which one of these statements is true?
- A) You get 5 minutes to search for and find your ball and the time starts as soon as you have hit your previous shot.
  - B) You get 5 minutes to search for and find your ball and the time starts as soon as all players in your group have played their previous shot.
  - C) You get 5 minutes to search for and find your ball and the time starts as soon as you begin searching for it.
  - D) There is no time limit on searching for your golf ball, but if you search too long you could be subject to a slow play penalty.
9. A player hits her ball into an area where it may be lost outside a water hazard or out of bounds. The player wishes to play a provisional ball and therefore makes an announcement to her fellow-competitors. Which one of these statements would make a proper announcement under the rules for a provisional ball?
- A) "That might be lost. I am going to re-load."
  - B) "I'd better hit another one."
  - C) "I will never find that one. I'll play another."
  - D) "I am going to hit a provisional ball."
  - E) All of the above are proper announcements under the rules
10. A player's ball lies in the rough but they have interference from an immovable obstruction, from which they get free relief. The player properly finds the nearest point of relief and properly measures out their one club-length area in which they are allowed to drop. Part of this one club-length area is in the fairway. They are NOT allowed to drop the ball in the fairway because their original lie was in the rough.
- 1. True
  - 2. False
11. In stroke play, a player returns her scorecard with a total score that is correct but with a score missing for one hole. She has left the official scoring area. What is the ruling?
- A) The Committee should allow her to enter the missing score.
  - B) The Committee should enter the missing score.
  - C) She is disqualified.
12. During a round a player runs out of golf balls. She may borrow one or more balls from another player in her group.
- 1. True
  - 2. False
13. In a competition that prohibits caddies, a player has someone carry some items other than clubs (such as an umbrella, rain suit and food) for the player. The correct ruling is:
- A) The player should be disqualified
  - B) The player is penalized two strokes total
  - C) The player is penalized two strokes at each hole where someone was carrying items for them
  - D) There is no penalty. That person is not a caddie but is an outside agency and therefore can carry those items.
14. Heidi is playing in a high school dual meet (stroke play). She has an 8-foot putt for par on the 5<sup>th</sup> hole, which she narrowly misses, leaving her a 4-inch tap-in for bogey. Instead of tapping in, Heidi simply picks up her ball and tees off on the next hole. What is the ruling?
- A) Heidi gets a two-stroke penalty for not holing out on #5.
  - B) Heidi is disqualified for not holing out on the 5<sup>th</sup> hole.
  - C) There is no penalty and Heidi must count the "gimmee" on #5 (she made a bogey).
  - D) There is no penalty but Heidi must go back to #5, place the ball 4 inches from the hole and tap it in.

15. A player is getting ready to start play on the fourth hole. She tees her ball up and, while making a few practice swings, she accidentally hits her ball off the tee. The player should...
- A) Pick up her ball and replace it on the tee. She has not made a stroke and there is no penalty.
  - B) Play the ball as it lies and count it as a stroke, thus she would be hitting her second shot.
  - C) She may replace the ball on the tee but she has to add a penalty stroke for moving her ball in play.
16. A player hits a tee shot way left. When she gets up to the landing zone she realizes that her ball has certainly gone out of bounds. She should...
- A) Drop a ball within two club lengths of where the ball crossed the out of bounds line, adding a penalty of one stroke.
  - B) Find the nearest point of relief that is in bounds and drop within one club length of that point.
  - C) Return to the teeing ground and play from there, adding a penalty stroke for hitting it out of bounds (i.e. hitting their 3<sup>rd</sup> shot from the tee).
  - D) Return to the teeing ground and play from there, with no additional penalty strokes (i.e. hitting their 2<sup>nd</sup> shot from the tee).
17. What is the maximum number of clubs you can have in your golf bag during a stipulated round?
- A) 10
  - B) 12
  - C) 14
  - D) There is no maximum number of clubs under the rules
18. It is a breach of etiquette to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) Snack on the golf course
  - B) Stand directly behind someone while they are hitting a shot
  - C) Rake a bunker after you have played from it
  - D) Talk with your fellow competitors while you are walking down the fairway
19. If you hit a shot and it is heading toward another group of players, what is the proper golf term you should yell as a warning so that they can shield themselves?
- A) Ball!!!
  - B) Look out!!!
  - C) Heads up!!!
  - D) FORE!!!
20. A player in your group plays a bad shot from a bunker, which results in it still being their turn to play (i.e. they are still "away"). Which of these would be acceptable with regards to proper golf etiquette and pace of play considerations?
- A) Offer to rake the bunker for them while they go play their next shot
  - B) Ask them if it is okay for you to play, even though they are still away
  - C) Don't say anything to them about the poor shot, but wait patiently for your turn as they rake the bunker and walk over to play their next shot.
  - D) All of the above are acceptable
  - E) Both A & B are acceptable

## High School Rules of Golf Quiz – ANSWER KEY

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1. Stakes defining a water hazard or lateral water hazard are obstructions. If they are easily removed, then you can remove them prior to playing your stroke, whether your ball lies in a water hazard (including a lateral water hazard) or not. (Definition of Water Hazard & Rule 24-1)

1. **True**

2. False

2. Which of the following are loose impediments? (definition of Loose Impediments)

A) A coach, loose soil on the fairway, fellow-competitor.

B) A wooden bench, piece of coal, paper cup

C) An opponent's towel, rake, golf balls that are out of play.

**D) Gravel pebbles, leaves, banana peel.**

3. Any suggestion which could influence a player in determining her play is advice. Information on the rules or where hazards are located on the golf course are considered public information and, therefore, is NOT advice.

(definition of Advice)

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4. In high school golf you can give someone else on your team advice (such as what club to hit or how a putt breaks) because you are teammates and teammates are allowed to help each other. (Decisions 8-1/21 & 8-1/22)

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**C) Both Player A & Player B receive two-stroke penalties**

D) Neither Player A or Player B receives a penalty. Asking what club someone hit is not advice.

6. You hit your ball into a lateral water hazard (red stakes and/or lines). Which one of these is not a proper option to proceed under the rules? (Rule 26-1)

A) Taking the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard, you drop within two-club lengths, no closer to the hole.

B) You return to where you previously made the stroke from outside the water hazard.

**C) You find the nearest point of relief and drop within one-club length.**

D) You play the ball as it lies.

7. Which of these is NOT a proper option for proceeding after you hit a ball into a water hazard (yellow stakes and/or lines)? (Rule 26-1)

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**B) Taking the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard, you drop within two-club lengths, no closer to the hole.**

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8. Which one of these statements is true? (Rule 27-1c)

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B) "I'd better hit another one."

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1. **True**

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13. In a competition that prohibits caddies, a player has someone carry some items other than clubs (such as an umbrella, rain suit and food) for the player. The correct ruling is: (Dec 6-4/5.3)

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A) Heidi gets a two-stroke penalty for not holing out on #5.

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