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Season 2 Recap – Round 5

1. You hit your tee shot in the fairway but your second shot comes up short of the green and finds a greenside bunker. When you get to the bunker, you find your ball buried in the dirt lip above the bunker. You decide to take unplayable relief, so you go back on the line and pick a point in the bunker far enough back so you can get over the lip. You drop in the relief area twice, but each time the ball rolls closer to the hole and out of the relief area. When you try to place the ball where your second drop landed in the bunker it will not remain at rest, and you can't find any place where it will come to rest that is not nearer to the hole. You decide your best option is to take unplayable relief and drop back-on-the-line outside the bunker. You use the spot where your second drop hit the sand in the relief area as the spot of your ball and drop in grass behind the bunker and this time the ball stays in the relief area. You play onto the putting green and complete the hole with two putts from there. What is your score for the 1st hole?
 - a. 6
 - b. 7
 - c. 8
 - d. 10

2. Your second shot from the fairway heads dangerously close to a visible out of bounds stake where you see it come to rest. You go to your bag to get another ball and announce, "Utah, I'm going to play a Utah here," which was understood by you and the other players as announcing a provisional by reference to Provo, Utah. You play that ball onto the putting green and it comes to rest close to the hole, so you decide not to go determine whether your original ball is in bounds. After you arrive at the hole and tap that ball in, your caddie tells you he saw your ball in bounds over by the boundary stake while you were walking to the putting green. You immediately go over to the area and, just in case, you decide to play that ball into the hole and take three strokes to do so. When you return your scorecard and report the facts to the Committee, the Committee correctly determines which ball you score with. What is your score for the 2nd hole?
 - a. 5
 - b. 6
 - c. 7
 - d. 8

3. Your third shot ends up on a grass bank in a red penalty area above the water. You make a stroke and the ball gets outside of the penalty area briefly but then rolls back in, ending up in deep water. You drop under stroke-and-distance relief, but the dropped ball rolls into the water and comes to rest no nearer the hole and within one club-length of the original spot. In frustration, you slap the water with your club. Because you cannot play the ball as it lies, you decide to take back-on-the-line relief. Using the point where your original ball first crossed the edge of the penalty area, you drop another ball within one club-length of that reference line, and it comes to rest within one club-length of and no closer to the hole than the reference point. You play to the putting green and then take three putts. What is your score for the 3rd hole?
 - a. 10
 - b. 11
 - c. 12
 - d. 14

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4. You slice your drive from the teeing area and it heads toward some mounds near the boundary of the course, so you announce and play a provisional ball. After playing your provisional ball, you see that your original ball has come to rest on the out of bounds side of the boundary stakes, but it then rolls down the mound and onto the course while you are walking down the fairway. Being unsure whether you are allowed to play your original ball, you announce that you want to play both balls and would like to score with the original ball. You hole each ball with 3 additional strokes. When you return your scorecard and report the facts to the Committee, the Committee correctly determines which ball you score with. What is your score for the 4th hole?
- 4
 - 5
 - 6
 - 7
5. Your tee shot comes to rest on a paved cart path in the general area. While inspecting the relief area you will take relief into, you remove several leaves. You then drop a ball and it comes to rest in the relief area. Before playing, you notice a pencil lying on bare ground just outside of the relief area about two feet away from your ball. You lift the pencil and watch as your ball moves a few seconds later. You replace your ball and play it, with it coming to rest just off the putting green on the middle of a leaf. When you reach your ball, you hear another player yell, "Fore!" and watch as another ball in motion hits and moves your ball. Before replacing your ball on the original spot and on the leaf, you notice the leaf had moved slightly. You decide to remove it so you don't have to replace your ball on the corner of the leaf and have the larger part of the leaf impede your swing. You play your next stroke, holing the chip shot. What is your score for the 5th hole?
- 3
 - 4
 - 5
 - 6
6. You hit your tee shot into a red penalty area that is also a no play zone. You walk into the penalty area to retrieve your ball and decide to take lateral relief. You drop in the relief area but then notice that a nearby tree branch outside the penalty area will interfere with the area of your intended swing for your next stroke. The branch is part of a tree rooted inside the penalty area, but that branch extends out over the edge and into the general area. Knowing you may not play with interference from a no play zone, you determine your nearest point of complete relief from the tree branch, and drop a ball in the general area in that relief area. You play onto the putting green and take two putts to hole out. What is your score for the 6th hole?
- 4
 - 5
 - 6
 - 7

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7. You hit your tee shot into the woods where it might not be found and properly announce and play a provisional ball that heads in the same direction. You find your provisional ball near the edge of the fairway and farther from the hole than where your original ball is estimated to be. After searching for your original ball for one minute, a spectator points to a ball in a tree that might be yours. While you can see that ball, you're not able to identify it from the ground. Seeing this, the spectator offers to go back to her chair and get a pair of binoculars to assist. While waiting for the binoculars, you go back to play your provisional, which goes out of bounds. You quickly play another ball under stroke-and-distance relief that comes to rest just short of the green. You return to the tree and meet the spectator, who now has binoculars about 2 minutes and 45 seconds after you first started to search. About 30 seconds later you are able to focus in on that ball and identify it as yours. Because you cannot play it from up in the tree, you decide to take unplayable relief, and do so correctly under the back-on-the-line relief procedure. At this point, another player questions your procedure so you decide to play two balls. You announce that you prefer to score with the ball just dropped and will use the ball played under stroke-and-distance relief for the provisional as a second ball. With the dropped ball, you complete the hole in three more strokes. With the provisional, you hole out in three more strokes. When you return your scorecard and report the facts to the Committee, the Committee correctly determines which ball you score with. What is your score for the 7th hole?
- a. 5
 - b. 6
 - c. 7
 - d. 8
8. Your tee shot ends up in the rough next to a paved cart path that interferes with your stance for your next stroke. You lift the ball to take free relief and then realize the relief area where you must drop is such that you don't think you would be able play the ball after dropping it. Because of this, you decide not to take free relief. You drop your ball as near as possible to the spot from where you lifted it and it comes to rest on the ball's original spot. Your next shot ends up in thick rough near the fringe, with your ball touching an irrigation head. Your relief area includes part of the fringe and you correctly drop a ball there. At this point, one of your feet touches another irrigation head that is several feet away from the first one, but you decide to play from the fringe, with the ball coming to rest near the hole. You hole out with your next stroke. What is your score for the 8th hole?
- a. 4
 - b. 5
 - c. 6
 - d. 7

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9. You hit your tee shot into a penalty area in front of the putting green and decide to take back-on-the-line relief. You walk back to your favorite yardage and see that fire ants are present throughout the relief area in which you want to take relief. So that you can play from your favorite yardage, you decide to go to the nearest point from the area where there are no fire ants that also happens to be the same distance from the hole. You drop a ball within one club-length of and no closer to the hole than that point, and the ball comes to rest on the spot it hit the ground when dropped. You play your ball onto the putting green and finish the hole with three putts. What is your score for the 9th hole?
- a. 5
 - b. 6
 - c. 7
 - d. 8