



The Front Nine: Status of the Ball

1. Which one of the following is your ball in play?
 - a. Your ball found out of bounds after you search for it for 2 minutes.
 - b. Your ball that has been lifted from the course to take relief from a penalty area.
 - c. Your ball in the teeing area after you made a stroke at the ball and missed it.
 - d. Your ball that has been holed but has not been lifted from the hole.

2. You hit your tee shot into an area of deep rough. You find a ball you believe to be yours but cannot be sure, so you lift it and replace it on the original spot and make a stroke at the ball. When you get to the ball, you realize it is not your ball. Have you played a substituted ball or a wrong ball?
 - a. Substituted ball
 - b. Wrong ball

3. In stroke play, your first shot from the teeing area hits a tree and ricochets back into the teeing area. You lift the ball, substitute another ball, place it in a different location in the teeing area and play it to the fairway, then hole out in 3 more strokes. What is your score for the hole?
 - a. 5
 - b. 6
 - c. 7
 - d. 8

4. Which one of the following is true?
 - a. If you make a stroke at a ball you substituted when not allowed, there is no penalty if you correct your mistake by playing the correct ball before starting another hole.
 - b. When taking relief under a Rule that does not allow substitution, if you substitute a ball and play it, you have played a wrong ball and must correct your error.
 - c. If you drop a ball in the wrong way with the intent for it to be in play, the dropped ball is in play.
 - d. If you drop a ball only to test how far the ball will roll when dropped, and the ball ends up in the proper relief area, you may play the ball without penalty.

5. Which one of the following is not your ball in play?
 - a. A ball that you dropped under the penalty area Rule when it was not known or virtually certain that your ball was in the penalty area.
 - b. Your ball on the putting green that your caddie set behind your ball-marker only so you could more easily read the line.
 - c. The ball that you made a stroke at and missed on the tee.



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6. On the 6th hole, you mark the spot of and lift your ball (Ball A) on the putting green. When it is your turn to play, you accidentally replace a different ball (Ball B) and hole out. Before making a stroke to begin play of the 7th hole, you realize you holed out with Ball B instead of Ball A. Which one of the following is true in stroke play?
 - a. You may substitute a ball at any time on the putting green, so there is no penalty.
 - b. You get two penalty strokes on the 6th hole and may tee off on the 7th hole with either ball.
 - c. You get two penalty strokes on the 6th hole and must correct the mistake by returning to the 6th green to play out the hole with Ball A.
 - d. If you make a stroke from the 7th tee without correcting your mistake, you are disqualified.

7. On the 11th hole, your ball lies on a paved path in the general area. You lift the ball (Ball A) and drop a different ball (Ball B) in the relief area, play it from the relief area, hole out, and make a stroke to begin play of the 12th hole. What is the ruling?
 - a. There is no penalty.
 - b. In match play you lose the 11th hole, and in stroke play you get two penalty strokes on the 11th hole.
 - c. In match play you lose the 11th hole, and in stroke play you are disqualified.
 - d. You are disqualified in both match play and stroke play.

8. In which one of the following do you get a penalty for playing a wrong ball?
 - a. You lift a stray ball to identify it, and thinking it is yours, replace it and play the ball.
 - b. You drop a new ball in place of your original ball when taking relief from a cart path.
 - c. You play a stray ball from a bunker.
 - d. You play a stray ball that is moving in temporary water.

9. In which one of the following situations is your original ball "lost"?
 - a. You substitute a ball for your original ball that is known to be in a penalty area, and don't search for it.
 - b. You make your second stroke at a provisional ball from a point farther from the hole than where your original ball is estimated to be.
 - c. You've searched for 2 minutes without finding your original ball, so you stop searching and as you are returning to where you made your previous stroke to play a provisional ball, someone else finds it 2 minutes later.
 - d. You make a stroke at your provisional ball from a point nearer the hole than where your original ball is estimated to be.