



The Front Nine: Ball in Motion Stopped or Deflected

1. True or False: You may move another player's golf bag so that a ball in motion will not hit it.
 - a. True
 - b. False
2. You slice your tee shot into the trees and in trying to play back out to the fairway, your second shot hits a tree, bounces back and hits your body after being unable to move out of the way. The ball comes to rest in the rough. What is the ruling?
 - a. There is no penalty and you must play the ball as it lies.
 - b. There is no penalty, but your stroke does not count and must be replayed.
 - c. You get one penalty stroke and must play the ball as it lies.
3. True or False: If you place your foot in a position to stop another player's ball from rolling off the front of the putting green, you are penalized whether or not the ball hits your foot.
 - a. True
 - b. False
4. You play your ball from the putting green, and the ball in motion accidentally hits a towel dropped on the putting green by the caddie of another player. What is the ruling?
 - a. There is no penalty to anyone, and the ball is played as it lies.
 - b. There is no penalty to anyone. Your stroke does not count, and the original ball or another ball must be replaced on its original spot.
 - c. There is no penalty to anyone. You have the option to play the ball as it lies or replay the stroke.
 - d. The player whose caddie dropped the towel gets the general penalty since the ball hit the towel. Your stroke does not count, and the original ball or another ball must be replaced on its original spot.
5. True or False: If your ball played from the putting green is deflected by a leaf being blown by the wind, the stroke does not count.
 - a. True
 - b. False
6. While a ball played from the putting green is in motion, which one of the following may not be moved to prevent the ball from hitting it?
 - a. A ball at rest on the putting green.
 - b. A flagstick that has been removed and lies on the putting green.
 - c. A twig.



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7. When it is known or virtually certain that your ball in motion was deliberately stopped or deflected by a person, which one of the following is true?
 - a. If your stroke was made from off the putting green, you may play the ball from the spot where it comes to rest.
 - b. If your stroke was made from on the putting green, your stroke does not count and you must replace the original ball or another ball on its original spot.
 - c. Regardless of where your stroke was made, you must estimate the spot where the ball would have come to rest and play a ball from that location.

8. While your ball is in motion after a stroke, another player, who is not aware that your ball was in motion, lifts a rake to rake the bunker from where the other player had just played. Your ball rolls through the area from where the rake was lifted. What is the ruling?
 - a. Neither player gets a penalty.
 - b. You get the general penalty.
 - c. The player who lifted the rake gets the general penalty.

9. In stroke play, you hit your third shot into a par-5 green but it goes too far and over the green toward a red penalty area. Your caddie, who had walked ahead and was near the penalty area, intentionally stopped the ball before it could go into the penalty area. Seeing this happen, you estimate the spot where the ball would have come to rest in the penalty area. Based on that spot, you decide to take penalty area relief. After correctly dropping a ball, you hole out in two more strokes. What is your score for the hole?
 - a. 6
 - b. 7
 - c. 8