

The 2009 SCGA Rules Quiz

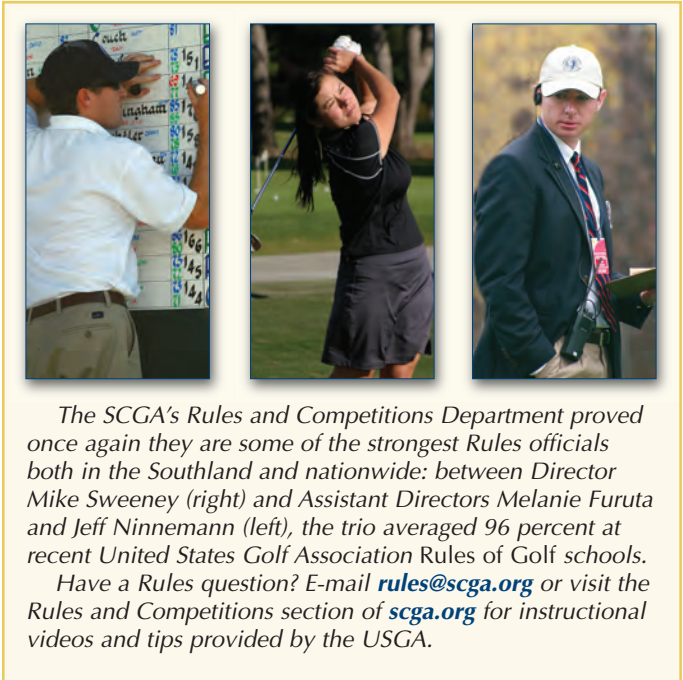
What better way to impress your fellow players than to brush up on *The Rules of Golf*? Test your prowess below; answers to this quiz are on page 47.

- 1 Which of the following is an Abnormal Ground Condition?
 - A. A puddle of water located in a dry lateral water hazard.
 - B. A dug up hole made by a dog in a bunker.
 - C. A hole made by a bird on the putting green.
 - D. A shallow tire rut in the fairway made by a maintenance vehicle.

- 2 Mark and Chris are partners in a four-ball match play tournament. While driving in a golf cart to their balls, Mark accidentally drove over Chris' ball, causing it to plug in the fairway. How must they proceed?
 - A. Mark incurs a one-stroke penalty for moving Chris' ball — Mark must then place Chris' ball in the nearest, most similar lie within one club length.
 - B. Chris incurs a one-stroke penalty and must place his ball in the nearest, most similar lie within one club length.
 - C. Mark and Chris each incur a one-stroke penalty since both players were in the golf cart.
 - D. Under the Rules, the ball is not deemed to have moved; therefore, neither player is penalized.

- 3 Jim's ball came to rest on a cart path. He instinctively lifted the ball and began to search for a nice place to drop it. At this point, a Rules Official arrives and instructs Jim that his nearest point of relief is in a large bush. How may Jim proceed?
 - A. Since Jim has yet to drop the ball, he may replace it on the cart path without incurring a penalty.
 - B. Jim may estimate a point where his ball would likely land in the bush and proceed under Rule 28c (*Ball Unplayable*) with regard to that estimated point.
 - C. Jim's only option is to drop his ball in the large bush.
 - D. Jim may replace his ball on the cart path but will incur a one-stroke penalty.

- 4 Stakes defining water and lateral water hazards are deemed to be fixed, and thus must not be moved.
 - A. True
 - B. False



The SCGA's Rules and Competitions Department proved once again they are some of the strongest Rules officials both in the Southland and nationwide: between Director Mike Sweeney (right) and Assistant Directors Melanie Furuta and Jeff Ninnemann (left), the trio averaged 96 percent at recent United States Golf Association Rules of Golf schools. Have a Rules question? E-mail rules@scga.org or visit the Rules and Competitions section of scga.org for instructional videos and tips provided by the USGA.

- 5 Don's ball lies on the fringe. He intends to use his putter for his next stroke and asks his caddie to remove the flagstick. His caddie obliges and uses the removed flagstick to touch the putting green where he thinks Don should aim. The caddie then moves out of the way and Don putts.
 - A. Don and his caddie have proceeded in accordance with the Rules.
 - B. Don incurs a two stroke penalty because a member of his side touched his line of putt.
 - C. Don is only penalized if he himself were to touch his line of putt — he is not responsible for the actions of his caddie.
 - D. Don may not have the flagstick attended or removed while making a stroke from off the putting green.

- 6 Bianca's approach shot landed on the putting green but spun back into a water hazard marked with yellow stakes and lines. What are her options?
 - A. Bianca may drop within two club lengths of where she last crossed the margin of the water hazard, no nearer the hole.
 - B. Bianca may drop a ball on her line of flight, provided she drops on the fairway side of the water hazard.
 - C. Bianca may drop a ball behind the water hazard, keeping the point where she last crossed the margin of the hazard between the hole and the spot on which she drops.
 - D. Bianca's only option is to proceed under stroke and distance.

7 Matt and Doug are fellow competitors sharing a caddie. After giving Matt his 6-iron for the upcoming stroke, the caddie begins to walk toward Doug, who is searching for his ball in the bushes. At this point, Matt shanks his approach shot which strikes Doug's golf bag, which is being carried by their caddie. What is the ruling?

- A. Matt incurs a two-stroke penalty.
- B. Matt incurs a one-stroke penalty.
- C. Matt may either play his ball as it lies or cancel and replay the stroke – no penalty.
- D. There is no penalty since the caddie was on his way to assist Doug with a ball search.

8 Jack's ball lies just off the fairway in the rough and is situated in such a position that his stance is interfered with by a sprinkler head. Jack properly determines his nearest point of relief using a 9-iron and drops within one club length of that point onto the fairway. When addressing the dropped ball, Jack's stance is now interfered with by the immovable 100-yard marker. What is the ruling?

- A. Jack may either play the ball as it lies or take relief from the 100-yard marker under Rule 24 (*Obstructions*).
- B. Jack must re-drop the ball since a player cannot move from rough to fairway when taking relief from an obstruction.
- C. Jack may only play the ball as it lies if he changes clubs — he still has interference from an obstruction with his 9-iron.
- D. Jack must re-drop the ball since it rolled into a position where he still has interference from an obstruction.

9 While preparing to drop her ball away from an area of casual water, Emily removes twigs, branches and sand from the surface of the fairway where she intends to drop her ball.

- A. Emily's actions are completely permissible.
- B. Emily may not remove loose impediments from the area in which she intends to drop.
- C. Emily incurs a one-stroke penalty.
- D. Emily incurs a two-stroke penalty.

10 Randy's ball came to rest on the fringe of the putting green — directly on Lee's line of play. Assuming that Lee was going to play a "bump and run" shot, Randy marked and lifted his ball so that it would not interfere with Lee's play. Randy proceeded to toss the lifted ball to his caddie for cleaning. At this point Lee told Randy that it wasn't necessary that he lift his ball because he intended on hitting a "flop shot." How must they now proceed?

- A. Lee should be disqualified for advising Randy that he doesn't need to lift his ball.
- B. Randy incurs a one-stroke penalty for lifting his ball when not asked to do so.
- C. Randy incurs a one-stroke penalty for cleaning his ball when proceeding under a Rule that doesn't permit cleaning.
- D. Randy incurs two penalty strokes — one stroke for lifting his ball without authority and one stroke for cleaning his ball when proceeding under a Rule that doesn't permit cleaning.

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