

WOULD I LIE TO YOU?

An Interactive panel games based on the Rules of Golf 2019

Instructions:

Wendy, Shelagh and Pam are playing in medal or stableford competitions at Betchworth. They encounter various situations which require knowledge of the rules of golf to resolve. Each one of them will provide their answer and only one of them is correct. Who is lying and who is telling the truth?

Hole 1

After a good drive, Wendy hits her second shot into the rough under the trees on the right where the autumn leaves are making it difficult to find her ball. After searching for her ball for a couple of minutes, she finds it by accidentally stepping on it and causing it to move. What is the ruling?

Wendy: There is no penalty and I can replace my ball on the original spot I moved it from. If my ball was under growing grass I must replace it under that grass.

Shelagh: Unfortunately she will incur a one stroke penalty and must place her ball on the original spot it was moved from. She has to replace it under growing grass if that is where it was.

Pam: There is no penalty and Wendy must drop her ball as near as possible to the original spot.

Hole 2

Unusually for our 'straight hitter', Shelagh finds herself in the greenside bunker and her ball in a horrible lie in old footprints. What are her options?

Wendy: There is nothing she can do, she has to play the ball as it lies.

Pam: Shelagh can drop the ball and she can take a penalty but she must drop it within the bunker.

Shelagh: I don't fancy my chances at getting the ball out of that lie so I am going to take a 2 stroke penalty and drop the ball outside the bunker.

Hole 3.

Pam is sizing up her fairway shot and makes a practice swing. As she does so she catches the ball and moves it a few inches forward. What is the ruling?

Pam: It doesn't count as a stroke. I can replace my ball without penalty.

Wendy: Nice try Pam, but your practice stroke counts as you then have to play your next shot as it lies.

Shelagh. It doesn't count as a stroke, but you must put the ball back and you incur a one stroke penalty.

Hole 4.

Wendy, surprisingly, is slightly off line with her second shot to the 4th. She finds her ball in a bad lie. She makes a stroke at it and accidentally hits the ball a second time on her follow through. What is the ruling?

Shelagh: The double hit counts as two shots but there is no additional penalty.

Pam: The double hit counts as only one stroke and there is no penalty.

Wendy: The double hit counts as one shot but sadly I get an additional 1 stroke penalty.

Hole 5.

Shelagh slices her drive and ends up right behind a tree amongst the roots and in an extremely bad lie. While she is deliberating what action to take, Wendy, who is marking her card, walks up to her and says 'Shelagh, that looks awful, you haven't got a shot. If I were you I'd declare that ball unplayable'. What is the ruling?

Shelagh: Thanks Very Much Wendy! You've just got yourself a two stroke penalty for giving me advice and if I follow that advice I get a 2 stroke penalty as well!

Pam: I know Wendy was only trying to be helpful but her suggestion to Jayne could have influenced her in 'determining her play'. That effectively means Wendy has given advice and therefore Wendy is penalized two strokes. Shelagh, no penalty for you.

Wendy: Stop overreacting you two. I'm only giving Shelagh information on the rules, so there is no penalty for either of us!

Hole 6

Shelagh pulls a very long drive far left and is by the out of bounds markers. When she gets to her ball, she removes the white post defining out of bounds because it interferes with her swing. What is the ruling?

Pam: That's fine. You can do that without penalty as the post is a moveable obstruction.

Shelagh: Very generous of you Pam, but I think you'll find that I incur a 2 stroke penalty unless before making my stroke I replace the post, thereby eliminating the improvement.

Wendy: Sorry Shelagh, you get 2 penalty strokes regardless of whether or not you replace the post because you attempted to improve the line of play.

Hole 7.

Pam's tee shot ends up half buried in the rough to the right. Without saying anything to Shelagh or Wendy and without marking its position, Pam touches the ball and rotates it in order to identify it as hers. What is the ruling?

Pam: That's fine. No penalty for me. I may have been a bit discourteous to my playing partners but I don't have to tell them.

Shelagh: Its not fine Pam. You may not have to tell us what you're up to, but you do still have to mark your ball before identifying it. 2 stroke penalty for you, I'm afraid.

Wendy: I agree with Shelagh but it's only a 1 stroke penalty.

Hole 8

Poor Wendy is not having much luck with her drives. In a match, she sends another one careering towards the trees on the right of the 8th. She says to her opponent 'I'll just declare that one lost!'. Which of the following is correct?

Pam: Wendy has made a meaningless statement under the rules of golf. You can't just declare a ball lost!

Wendy: By declaring my ball lost I am preventing my opponent from searching for it.

Shelagh: Wendy and her opponent must search for the ball for 3 minutes after which she can declare it lost.

Q: Half-way House – what is the code for the toilet doors??

Hole 9

In a singles match, Wendy completes the 9th in five strokes. Her opponent who has a putt for 5 asks Wendy what she has scored for the hole. Wendy, who was thinking about her bridge hand last night, mistakenly states that she has holed out in four strokes. Her opponent picks up her ball without marking its position. Wendy then realizes she has made a mistake and corrects herself. How is this resolved?

Shelagh: Sorry Wendy, you lose the hole for telling your opponent the wrong number of shots and failing to correct your mistake before she picks up.

Pam: You're OK Wendy, you don't get a penalty. Your opponent must replace her ball on the estimated spot and she doesn't incur a penalty either because she was acting on the misinformation given by you.

Wendy: It was a silly mistake by me and I don't get a penalty but my opponent does get a 1 stroke penalty because she has lifted her ball without marking the position. I feel bad about.

Hole 10

Pam's tee shot catches the right hand bunker and ends up against the rake. Not only that, a banana skin, discarded by an inconsiderate golfer, is lying close behind her ball. Which of the following statements is true?

Wendy: Pam can remove the rake but not the banana skin!

Pam: I can remove both objects and in doing so if either of them moves the ball there is no penalty, providing I replace the ball in its original spot.

Shelagh: Pam can remove both objects but if the ball moves when she removes the banana skin she gets a 1 stroke penalty.

Hole 11

In a singles match, Wendy concedes her opponents putt, picks up her opponents ball, and rolls it to her opponent along the putting surface. She did this out of courtesy for the purpose of returning the ball to her opponent. What is the ruling?

Wendy: I get 1 penalty stroke

Pam: She gets 2 penalty strokes

Shelagh: There is no penalty.

Hole 12

Wendy and Pam are playing a foursomes match. Pam sends the ball into the bunker on the right which has been taken out of play because of a bee's nest. Who should drop the ball?

Wendy: I should drop the ball
Shelagh: Pam drops the ball
Pam: Either of us can drop the ball!

Hole 13

In the same foursomes match, Wendy arrives at the green and realizes that she has left her putter by the 12th green. Which is correct?

Pam: Wendy and I are playing in the same team so she can borrow my putter, providing our opponents agree.
Wendy: I can borrow Pam's putter regardless of objections from our opponents.
Shelagh: Shakespeare: 'Neither a borrower or a lender be!' You'll have to putt with one of your other clubs, Wendy!

Hole 14

After 3 great shots into the green, Shelagh is close to the hole with a great par chance. Wendy is a little further away and Pam has a long long putt right at the edge of the large green for her par chance. Which of these is true?

Pam: I'm at the edge of the green and can't be bothered to wait for them so can go to my ball, and without removing the flagstick, I just pop my ball in for my par.
Wendy: I'm taking the flagstick out but I've got a tricky downhill putt so I'm going to place the flagstick behind the hole to act as a ball stopper because under the new rules there is no penalty for hitting the flagstick.
Shelagh: Both of my playing partners have played out of turn so I'm going to make them replay their putts after I've taken mine!

Hole 15

In match play, Shelagh misses the gap leading to the 15th green and catches the bunker. She takes her bunker shot and it catches the wall of the bunker, rebounds hitting her on her leg before landing back in the bunker.

Ruling?

Wendy: Loss of hole!
Pam: 2 stroke penalty!
Shelagh: It accidentally hit me. That's OK so no penalty.

Hole 16

Wendy finally arrives at the green and marks her ball. Before taking her putt she repairs a pitch mark on her line and taps down spike marks in the vicinity of the hole. Ruling?

Shelagh: You can't repair spike marks and it's a 1 stroke penalty.
Pam: No penalty for repairing the pitch marks but loss of hole for repairing the spike marks.

Wendy: There is no penalty!!

Hole 17

In match play, Pam slices her tee shot way out to the right and on to the 16th fairway!! BUT she has played from outside the teeing areas. (explain teeing area – between markers etc).

Wendy: Pam could be required to replay her tee shot from within the teeing area, thereby cancelling her first shot but as she's hit such a wild shot, her opponent may decide to leave things as they are!

Pam: I'm cancelling that first shot as I played outside the teeing area. In a stroke play competition that would cost me 2 penalty strokes but in match play I don't incur any penalty.

Shelagh: Pam's opponent has to cancel the first tee shot and make her replay it from the correct position.

Hole 18

In a match, Shelagh hits her shot onto the green but her opponents second shot catches the captain's charity bunker. Shelagh watches as her opponent steps into the bunker, removes some leaves around her ball and then addresses her ball, clearly grounding her club. What should Shelagh do?

Shelagh: I've seen my opponent breaching the rules by grounding her club in the bunker so I am obliged to call it and she loses the hole.

Pam: You don't have to pull her up Shelagh – you could just ignore it.

Wendy: You don't have to say anything Shelagh, because there's been no breach of the rules. She's allowed to ground her club in the bunker.