

Hole 1

Wendy is telling the truth. There is no penalty if a player causes her ball to move while trying to find it or identify it. If the ball is moved during the search, the ball must be replaced on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated) Rule 7.

But – if you don't replace the ball, you will be playing from the wrong spot and incur 2 penalty strokes.

Hole 2

Shelagh is telling the truth. If a ball in a bunker is declared unplayable, a player has four options to drop a ball, each incurring either a 1 or 2 stroke penalty. Rule 19.

- 1. In the bunker, take a drop within two club lengths (1 penalty stroke)**
- 2. In the bunker, go back on the extension of the line from the hole to the ball and drop within one club length (1 penalty stroke).**
- 3. Return to the spot of your last stroke and take a drop within one club length (1 penalty stroke).**
- 4. Go back on the extension of the line from the hole to the ball outside the bunker as far back as you like and take a drop within one club length (2 penalty strokes).**

Hole 3

Shelagh is telling the truth. Rule 9.4

Hole 4

Pam is telling the truth. You can now have a double hit without penalty. Rule 10.1.

Hole 5

Pam is telling the truth! Wendy's comment is advice because it could have influenced Shelagh in deciding how to play the hole. During a round, a player must not give advice to anyone in the competition playing on the course. Rule 10.2a.

Further discussion: Options available for an unplayable ball.

- a) Take a drop within 2 club lengths. 1 penalty stroke.**
- b) Go back on the extension of the line from the hole to the ball as far as you like and take a drop within 1 club length. 1 penalty stroke.**
- c) Return to the spot where you played your last shot and take a drop within 1 club length (you can tee up on the teeing area). 1 penalty stroke.**

NB. If, when dropped, the ball rolls back to the unplayable position or has a bad lie for any other reason there is nothing you can do and you must play it as the ball lies.

Hole 6

Shelagh is telling the truth. An out of bounds post is a boundary object which cannot be removed if it improves the conditions affecting the stroke for the player. Rule 8i 1.a. However, there is no penalty if, before making the next stroke, Shelagh eliminates that improvement by restoring the original conditions.

A ball is oob when the entire lies oob; the posts themselves oob, standing out of bounds to play a ball that is out of bounds to play a ball that is in bounds.

Hole 7

Wendy is telling the truth. If a ball cannot be identified as it lies, the player may lift or rotate the ball to identify it, but the spot must be first marked and the ball must not be cleaned more than needed to identify it. Under new rules, players don't have to advise anyone that they are going to lift the ball.

Hole 8

Pam is right. Your ball can only be considered lost when...

- a) You have failed to find your ball within 3 mins of searching for it.**
- b) You play your provisional ball from a position at or nearer the hole than where the original ball is likely to have been.**
- c) You have already put another ball into play under penalty of stroke and distance (rather than playing a provisional ball).**

The good news is that you are not obliged to look for your ball if you don't want and usually your opponent will be pleased not to have to scratch around for 3 minutes. However there is nothing to stop them from searching and they find it, you are obliged to play it and abandon your provisional. The obvious way to avoid this is to put another ball in play and not declare it as a provisional. The downside is that should you have had a lucky ricochet out of the trees, you can't now play that ball.

Further discussion. The correct order of play for the provisional ball from the teeing area. All the others in the playing group take their tee shots before the provisional is played. Rule 6.4c

Hole 9

Shelagh is telling the truth. While playing a hole, the player must give the correct number of strokes taken before the opponent makes another stroke or takes a similar action. When Wendy's opponent picked up her ball, that constitutes a similar action and Wendy is then considered to have given the wrong information and it is too late for her to correct her mistake. In match play the penalty for wrong information is loss of hole.

Hole 10

Shelagh is correct. You can now remove twigs, leaves, stones and other natural objects (which a banana skin is defined as) without penalty. NB If the ball moves when doing so it must be put back under 1 stroke penalty. A rake is an artificial object and a moveable obstruction so can be removed without penalty, even if the ball moves when doing so.

Hole 11

Shelagh is telling the truth. As Wendy's action was not for the purpose of testing the green, there is no penalty (Rule 13 1.e)

Hole 12

Pam is correct. Either partner may take any allowed action for the side before the stroke is made, such as to mark the spot of the ball and lift, replace, drop and place the ball, no matter which partner's turn it is to play next for the side. Rule 22.2

Hole 13

Shelagh is telling the truth. You cannot borrow or lend clubs to anyone else playing on the course. The exception would be in foursomes if the combined total of Pam and Wendy's clubs came to a maximum of 14. Rule 4 1.b.

Hole 14

Pam is telling the truth. Rule 13.2a

Further discussion points: Playing out of turn in match play, accidentally hitting a flagstick that has been removed (no penalty).

Hole 15

Shelagh is telling the truth. If a ball accidentally hits you or your equipment, there is no longer a penalty. Rule 11.

Supplementary point: removal of sand or soil on the fringe not allowed.

Hole 16

Wendy is right. Damage on the putting green, which includes spike marks, may be repaired without penalty by taking reasonable action to restore the putting green to its original condition.

Rule 13 1c

Hole 17

Wendy is right. Rule 6.4a NB. Pam is right about the penalty in stroke play.

Hole 18

Pam is right. Grounding your club in the bunker is still not allowed (although you can now ground it in other hazards/penalty areas) so a breach of the rules has occurred. But Shelagh can choose to ignore her opponent's breach. Rule 3.2d

Further discussion: the new rules are very much based around integrity.