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1) Player A is unable to find his ball because Player B played it. Even if his search has lasted more than five minutes, Player A does *not* have a lost ball.

- a. True
- b. False** Decision 27/6

2) In stroke play, prior to taking his stance, a player removes a stake defining out of bounds that interferes with his line of play. What is the ruling?

- a. There is no penalty.
- b. There is a one-stroke penalty.
- c. There is a two-stroke penalty.** Decision 13-2/17

3) If a competitor knowingly claims a higher handicap than he/she is entitled to, which affects the number of strokes received, he/she must be disqualified even after the competition closes.

- a. True** Rule 34-1b
- b. False

4) Which is correct regarding ground under repair?

- a. Exposed tree roots are always ground under repair.
- b. Grass clippings are ground under repair only if they have been piled for removal.** Decision 25/11
- c. A tree stump is always ground under repair.

5) If a player starts a round with 14 clubs and loses a club during the round, he may add one club to his total.

- a. True
- b. False** Decision 4-3/10

6) In stroke play, a player takes his stance in a bunker. He changes his mind regarding club selection, leaves the bunker, and returns with a different club. Before playing the stroke, he smooths out the footprints he made in the bunker and takes a different stance. What is the ruling?

- a. There is no penalty.
- b. There is a one-stroke penalty.
- c. There is a two-stroke penalty.** Decision 13-4/0.5



7) In the rain, a player holds an umbrella over his head with one hand while holing a short putt with his putter held in the other hand; there is no penalty.

- a. True** Decision 14-2/22
- b. False

8) Even when it is obvious that a dropped ball will roll into a hazard or out of bounds, the player may *not* place the ball instead of dropping it.

- a. True** Decision 20-2c/3
- b. False

9) A marker signs a score card with an incorrect score for a hole and gives it to the player. Before returning the card to the Committee, the player notices the mistake and corrects it without consulting the marker or informing the Committee. Then, he returns the corrected card. What is the ruling?

- a. There is no penalty.
- b. There is a two-stroke penalty.
- c. He is disqualified.** Decision 6-6b/7

10) To identify a ball in the rough without lifting it, a player may *not* rotate the ball in place without first marking its position and announcing his intention to his fellow-competitor; otherwise, there would be a penalty.

- a. True** Decision 12-2/2
- b. False

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