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## 2017 Waynesville Boys Golf Rules Test

During competition you will come across many of these scenarios and you should become familiar with the appropriate ways to handle them. Questions will vary in difficulty. Feel free to use outside resources to help you find the answers. All questions may have more than one correct answer. Your tests will be collected and reviewed before you are eligible for competition.

- 1) Before an event a coach or tournament official is going over the day's rules and says, "You will be **playing the ball down.**" What does he mean?
  - A) You are allowed to roll your ball to improve your lie in the fairway (within 6 inches, no closer to the hole).
  - B) You are allowed to roll your ball to improve your lie in the rough (within 6 inches, no closer to the hole).
  - C) You are allowed to roll your ball to improve your lie everywhere, except hazards (within 6 inches, no closer to the hole).
  - D) You must play your ball as you find it everywhere on the course.
  
- 2) Before an event a coach or tournament official is going over the day's rules and says, "You may **play the ball up** in the rough." What does he mean?
  - A) You must play your ball as you find it in the fairway.
  - B) You must play your ball as you find it in the rough.
  - C) You must play your ball as you find it in a hazard.
  - D) You must play your ball as you find it out of bounds.
  
- 3) How many **clubs are allowed in your bag** during competition?
  - A) 12
  - B) 13
  - C) 14
  - D) 15
  - E) 16
  
- 4) What are the risks of NOT making an **identifying mark** on your golf ball before a match?
  - A) You are unable to appropriately identify your ball on the course.
  - B) An opponent or teammate is more likely to hit your ball by mistake.
  - C) You are more likely to hit the wrong ball by mistake.
  - D) Your coach will be unhappy.

- 5) You do not **correctly tee off** between the two tee markers (ex: in front of, outside of, or more than two club-lengths behind the markers). What happens?
- A) No penalty; play the ball from the correct location
  - B) One-stroke penalty; play the ball from the correct location
  - C) Two-stroke penalty; play the ball from the correct location
- 6) Your ball is found **under a tree or bush** within the boundaries of the hole. What are your options?
- A) No penalty; play the ball where you found it
  - B) One-stroke penalty; drop the ball within one club-length (no closer to the hole)
  - C) One-stroke penalty; drop the ball within two club-lengths (no closer to the hole)
  - D) One-stroke penalty; play the ball where you found it
- 7) You find your ball **under a tree** within the boundaries of the hole. You decide to try hitting the ball. What are you NOT allowed to do in this situation?
- A) Ground your club (allow your club head to touch the ground)
  - B) Break tree limbs to improve your swing
  - C) Remove leaves or twigs under your ball
  - D) Take practice swings
- 8) Which of the following is NOT true?
- A) Lateral hazards are marked with red stakes
  - B) Water hazards are marked with white stakes
  - C) You may play it where it lies in both water and lateral hazards
  - D) Dropping from a water hazard has different rules than dropping from a lateral hazard
- 9) Your ball is found in an area marked by **white stakes**. What are your options?
- A) One-stroke penalty; re-hit from the location of your previous shot (or hit your provisional)
  - B) One-stroke penalty; drop within two club lengths from the point at which your ball crossed the hazard line (no closer to the hole)
  - C) One-stroke penalty; drop behind the hazard on the line from the hole to the last point of entry, as far back as needed
  - D) No penalty; play the ball where you found it (without grounding the club).
- 10) Your ball is found in an area marked by **red stakes**. What are your options?
- A) One-stroke penalty; re-hit from the location of your previous shot (or hit your provisional)
  - B) One-stroke penalty; drop within two club lengths from the point at which your ball crossed the hazard line (no closer to the hole)
  - C) One-stroke penalty; drop behind the hazard on the line from the hole to the last point of entry, as far back as needed
  - D) No penalty; play the ball where you found it (without grounding your club).

- 11) You find your ball in an area marked by **red stakes**. You decide to try hitting the ball. What are you NOT allowed to do in this situation?
- A) Remove twigs, leaves, or stones on or near your ball.
  - B) Take practice swings, making contact with the grass/ground
  - C) Ground your club
  - D) Set your bag down inside the marked hazard.
- 12) When taking a **drop from a hazard**, your ball bounces or rolls closer to the hole. What should you do?
- A) Hit the ball anyway.
  - B) Place the ball where it first struck the ground.
  - C) Drop the ball again. If a ball dropped for the second time rolls closer to the hole, hit the ball anyway.
  - D) Drop the ball again. If a ball dropped for the second time rolls closer to the hole, place the ball where it first struck the ground.
- 13) You hit your ball within the boundaries of the hole but you **can't find your ball** after your 5 minutes of searching. What are your options?
- A) One-stroke penalty; drop a new ball in the area in which you believe it should have landed
  - B) One-stroke penalty; re-hit from the location of your previous shot (or hit your provisional)
  - C) No penalty; drop a new ball in the area in which you believe it should have landed
  - D) No penalty; re-hit from the location of your previous shot
- 14) Which of the following are true about hitting a **"provisional"** ball?
- A) You must tell your opponent you are hitting a provisional.
  - B) Your provisional ball should be different than your original ball (ex: brand, marking, number).
  - C) You should hit a provisional if you think your ball went in a marked hazard (ex: red or yellow stakes).
  - D) You should hit a provisional if you believe your ball might be difficult to find within the boundaries of the hole.
  - E) You should hit a provisional if you think your ball might have gone out of bounds.
- 15) You **hit the wrong ball** by mistake. What happens?
- A) One-stroke penalty for you and correct the mistake by hitting the correct ball
  - B) Two-stroke penalty for you and correct the mistake by hitting the correct ball
  - C) Two-stroke penalty for you and continue playing the wrong ball for the remainder of the hole
  - D) You are disqualified.
- 16) Which of the following represents appropriate golf **etiquette on the putting green**?
- A) Walking to avoid the putting line of all golfers in the group
  - B) Staying still and quiet while another golfer is putting
  - C) Marking your ball with a coin or another appropriate marker
  - D) Removing the flag stick and throwing it to the side of the green
  - E) Asking another golfer in the group if he/she would like you to "tend" the pin
  - F) Setting your bag down on the green

- 17) Which of the following are you NOT permitted to fix on the **putting green**?
- A) Spike marks
  - B) Ball marks/divots
  - C) Leaves
  - D) Bugs/worms
- 18) Your opponent is putting his ball on the green. **His ball strikes your ball**, which was also on the green. What happens?
- A) One-stroke penalty on you; replace your ball back to its original position
  - B) One-stroke penalty on your opponent; replace your ball back to its original position
  - C) Two-stroke penalty on you; replace your ball back to its original position
  - D) Two-stroke penalty on your opponent; replace your ball back to its original position
- 19) Your opponent is chipping his ball from off of the green. **His ball strikes your ball**, which was resting on the green. What happens?
- A) No penalty; replace your ball back to its original position
  - B) One-stroke penalty on your opponent; replace your ball back to its original position
  - C) Two-stroke penalty on you; replace your ball back to its original position
  - D) Two-stroke penalty on your opponent; replace your ball back to its original position
- 20) All golfers in your group are on the green. The flagstick is taken out of the hole by your opponent and laid on the green. You putt your ball beyond the hole and it strikes the **flagstick**. What is your penalty?
- A) No penalty
  - B) One-stroke penalty
  - C) Two-stroke penalty
- 21) Your ball is on the green. You putt your ball in the hole while the **flagstick** is still in the hole. What is your penalty?
- D) No penalty
  - E) One-stroke penalty
  - F) Two-stroke penalty
- 22) Your ball comes to rest on the **cart path**. What are your options?
- A) No penalty; play the ball where you found it
  - B) No penalty; drop the ball at your nearest point of relief (within one club length and no closer to the hole)
  - C) No penalty; drop the ball at your nearest point of relief (within two club lengths and no closer to the hole)
  - D) One-stroke penalty; drop the ball at your nearest point of relief
- 23) You and your opponent **disagree on a ruling** while out on the course. You look for your coaches to get their input on the situation, but there is no coach in sight. What are your options?
- A) You must follow the ruling of the home team's golfer.
  - B) You should play two golf balls, following both rulings, and keep score for both. A coach/official will make the decision at the end of the round.

24) Whose signatures are required on your official **scorecard** at the end of competition?

- A) You
- B) Your opponent
- C) Your coach
- D) Your opponent's coach
- E) All members in the playing group

25) After signing and turning in your **scorecard**, you realize that the scores for two holes are reversed. The total is correct, but one of the holes reads lower than actually taken (and one reads higher). What happens?

- A) You may retrieve the submitted scorecard and fix the mistake.
- B) You are disqualified.
- C) You are given a two-stroke penalty.
- D) You are given a one-stroke penalty.