



Rule of the Month

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It's Not Easy Being (on the) Green.

Parts of the Course: The Putting Green

The time has come to put an end to our series on the parts of the course. Since we began on the teeing ground, it's only fitting to conclude with a look at the putting green. Often, penalties are incurred on the putting green simply because procedures are different than the rest of the golf course. Test your knowledge of the putting green with the following questions and remember that knowing and playing by the Rules will always add enjoyment to your game.

Questions: True/False

1. The entire ball must be on the putting green for it to be considered on the green.
2. If a putting green has a second hole cut for play of the back nine, the second hole is considered ground under repair during play of the front nine.
3. Spike marks may be tapped down if they interfere on the line of putt.
4. A player may always mark and lift his ball on the putting green.
5. If a ball is on a wrong putting green, it must not be played as it lies.
6. A player lifts a leaf next to his ball on the putting green and accidentally causes the ball to move. There is always a penalty for moving his ball in play other than by a stroke.
7. After a heavy rain, casual water on the putting green intervenes on a player's line of putt. She may remove the water prior to putting.
8. Damage caused by the impact of a ball on the putting green has been repaired by the player. Under the Rules, the damage may not be further repaired by a following player.
9. Between the play of two holes, a player may make practice putts on any putting green already played and any practice putting green.
10. When the ball overhangs the lip of the hole, the player is given enough time to reach the hole without unreasonable delay and an additional ten seconds to determine if the ball is at rest. If the ball falls into the hole after the expiration of the ten seconds, there is a one-stroke penalty and the ball is considered holed.