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## **The Golf Scene Rules & Etiquette DVD - Guidance notes** (CD Doc 2)

The DVD content comprises 50 Questions and 43 Answers covering many different aspects of Rules and Etiquette on the golf course.

The DVD Menu is divided into 4 main sections:

General	10 Questions	(3 available on the demo)
On The Tee	10 Questions	(3 available on the demo)
On the Fairway	16 Questions	(3 available on the demo)
On The Green	14 Questions	(3 available on the demo)

Each question shows a single or group of golfers doing something wrong, the answer demonstrates correct procedures. The question and multiple answer format is designed to stimulate discussion and learning. Many of the clips, questions and answers are humorous – but with a serious message. Many answers refer to the actual Rules of Golf and quote the appropriate Rule number.

The questions (and answers) do not have to be used in any set order, the index can help you locate specific clips for specific subjects so by simply listing the numbers of the clips you can tailor your own programme.

You can, if you wish, compile your own questions and answers possibly linking some with similar areas on your own golf course.

The Quiz is structured so that each clip covers a single subject related to Rules & Etiquette but many have secondary topics which can be used as part of a more general prolonged discussion. These are listed under the 'Points For Discussion' at the end of each question page.

Suggestion:

If *The Golf Scene* DVD-ROM has been recommended to and purchased by your students a structure could be created whereby they could be asked to look at specific R & E questions on the DVD-ROM (found under the 'On The Course' section) for 'homework'. It could also be used to formulate questions on other aspects of golf such as competitions or language.



## GENERAL R & E

## 3 questions

(The number in brackets refers to the section and question number on The Golf Scene DVD-ROM)

### Q1. (AA Q1)

Ryan is trying to chip over the bunker onto the green but miss-judges his shot. How should he have reacted?

- A. Lost his temper, broke his club then apologised to his partner?
- B. Lost his temper but not showed it outwardly?
- C. Calmed himself and accepted it was a bad shot but be grumpy for the next few holes?
- D. Accepted it was a bad shot, forgot about it and carried on enjoying the round?

#### A INCORRECT ANSWER

Not a good way to react. You should never lose your temper as it can affect your partners game as well as your own.

#### B INCORRECT ANSWER

Even losing your temper and keeping it to yourself is bad. At the very least it will affect your game for the next few shots and could go from bad to worse.

#### C INCORRECT ANSWER

Accepting it was a bad shot is good but being grumpy for the next few holes would still affect his game.

#### D CORRECT ANSWER

It may be difficult but the best thing to do if you play a bad shot is forget about it immediately. Be positive and you will improve!

### POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

Losing temper – effect on your round and effect on partners



## Q2. (AA Q2)

Craig is practicing his chipping and plays a nice shot onto the putting practice area. What has he done wrong?

- A. He shouldn't be wearing shorts whilst playing?
- B. He stood on the sprinkler when playing his shot?
- C. He shouldn't be practicing his chipping here?
- D. He only played with one ball?

A INCORRECT ANSWER:

He is OK to wear shorts as long as the Golf club rules allow it!

B INCORRECT ANSWER:

He did stand on the sprinkler but it is robust enough not to be damaged.

C CORRECT ANSWER:

You should never practice chipping around the club practice putting area as it can be dangerous and will damage the putting surface unnecessarily.

Use the designated practice area instead.

D INCORRECT ANSWER:

You can use as many or as few balls as you like on the practice area.

### POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

Safety

Use of practice putting area

Why have a practice putting area

Importance of practicing chip shots



### **Q3. (AA Q3)**

Sandy hits what looks like a good tee shot, there is just one problem, he's forgotten something quite important!

- A. Does he go back to the Tee and start again?
- B. Does he forfeit this hole and go to the next tee?
- C. Is he reminded where his ball went by his playing partners?
- D. Does he hit another ball from where he stands?

#### **A INCORRECT ANSWER:**

If he or his partners were unable to find where his ball had gone he would have to return to the tee and play another ball. This would incur one penalty stroke which would be added to his score for this hole.

#### **B INCORRECT ANSWER:**

He does not need to forfeit the hole. If he could not find his ball he would have to go back to the tee and play another ball, and incur a penalty stroke which would be added to his score for this hole.

#### **C CORRECT ANSWER:**

You should always keep an eye on the balls hit by your playing partners. If you are playing a competition and marking someone else's card you will have to watch and count every stroke they make.

It is not often that someone forgets completely where their ball has gone but sometimes if you are hitting into the sun for example it is easier for someone else to watch.

#### **D INCORRECT ANSWER:**

No. If Sandy was playing a competition he would have to go back to the tee and start again which would incur a penalty shot to be added to his score for that hole.

If, however, he was playing a bounce game he would - to save time - drop a ball from where he thought his ball had landed and continue still adding an extra shot to his score.

### **POINTS FOR DISCUSSION**

Importance of watching when playing partners hit their shots  
Being able to identify your ball



## **ON THE TEE R & E 3 questions**

### **Q11. (OTT Q1)**

Kelsey is teeing off. She really has a lovely swing but what did she do wrong?

- A. She didn't take a practice swing?
- B. She positioned her ball in front of the markers?
- C. She should have pulled her socks up?
- D. She should have been wearing a glove on her left hand?

**A INCORRECT:**

You don't need to take a practice swing but it can help you visualise and feel the shot you are about to play so can be an advantage and is recommended.

**B CORRECT ANSWER.**

She played in front of the tee markers which would have incurred a penalty of 2 shots in strokeplay and she would have had to play the shot again.

In matchplay she could have been asked to play the tee shot again.

You are allowed to position your ball anywhere between the markers and up to 2 club lengths behind them but never in front.

**RULE 11.**

**C INCORRECT ANSWER:**

Kelsey was attired in modern golfing clothing and her bobble socks are quite acceptable.

**D INCORRECT ANSWER:**

While wearing a glove may provide you with extra grip it is not necessary or mandatory to wear one all the time and indeed some of the top golfers in the world have never ever worn one.

### **POINTS FOR DISCUSSION**

Practice swings on the tee  
Different colours of tee markers



## Q12. (OTT Q2)

Craig is teeing off at the 13<sup>th</sup>, unlucky for some perhaps, he does seem to take a chunk of turf with his shot. What did he do wrong?

- A. He grounded his club on the tee?
- B. He should have used a tee peg
- C. He shouldn't be wearing a cap as the sun isn't shining?
- D. He replaced his divot?

A INCORRECT:

He is allowed to rest his club on the ground when on a tee. It is only when in a hazard that you cannot do this.

B INCORRECT ANSWER:

Although he could have used a tee peg he chose to hit the ball off the ground and this is perfectly acceptable. The teeing ground is the only place you are allowed to place a ball on a tee peg.

C INCORRECT ANSWER:

Many people always wear a cap when playing golf, it is an individual choice and is not always dictated by the weather.

D CORRECT ANSWER.

He replaced his divot. This is something you should not do on the Tee. If there is a box nearby containing a soil/seed mixture sprinkle some of this in the divot hole. If there is no such box leave it for the ground staff to repair.

Remember you should always replace your divots everywhere else on the course.

### POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

Tee markers

Use of tee pegs

Reasons for moving tee markers



### **Q13. (OTT Q3)**

The three boys are just starting their round, what is wrong?

- A. As they are Juniors they should be playing from the Red tee?
- B. They have all taken their bags on to the tee?
- C. One of them has taken his trolley in to the tee?
- D. They walked straight across the tee?

**A INCORRECT:**

The boys are playing in a junior medal competition and have been instructed to play off the white tees.

Different clubs have their own rules for deciding which tees Juniors play from, this will depend on age and handicaps.

**B INCORRECT ANSWER:**

It is quite acceptable to carry your bag onto the tee.

**C CORRECT ANSWER.**

James has taken his trolley on to the tee.

It is OK to carry your bag on to the tee but not a wheeled trolley as this can damage the surface of the tee..

**D INCORRECT ANSWER:**

You can walk across the tee to get to the correct position to wait prior to taking your turn to tee off.

### **POINTS FOR DISCUSSION**

Starting procedures, specifying type of ball, exchanging cards, tee times, etc.



## ON THE FAIRWAY R & E 3 questions

### Q21. (OTF Q1)

Craig is playing his 2nd shot and should reach the green from here.  
What hasn't been done?

- A. He didn't replace his divot?
- B. To save time his partners should have walked on ahead?
- C. He shouldn't have taken a practice swing?
- D. He should have been wearing a glove?

#### A CORRECT ANSWER

You should always replace your divots on the fairway. If the piece of turf is replaced promptly and correctly it will soon knit back and re-grow.

You should replace a divot by gathering up as many pieces as you can find and placing them in the correct order in the hole that you have made.

Once this is done stand firmly down on the divot to ensure it has a good contact with the soil underneath.

#### B INCORRECT ANSWER

His playing partners should wait until he plays his shot before walking ahead to where their own balls lie.

Walking in front of a player when they are about to play a shot is distracting and unsafe.

#### C INCORRECT ANSWER

It is not an offence to take a practice swing and can help you judge how you are going to play the shot before striking the ball. This is a worthwhile thing to do for all shots.

If possible try not to take a divot with your practice swing.

#### D INCORRECT ANSWER

Wearing a glove can help improve the stability of your grip on the club but it is up to every individual to decide whether or not to wear one.

### POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

Position of partners in relation to player when playing stroke





## Q22. (OTF Q2)

Sandy & Finlay both hit excellent tee shots and are quite a way ahead of Hamish.  
Who is doing what wrong?

- A. Hamish should have hit another tee shot to try and get further down the fairway?
- B. Hamish should have run on ahead so the other two wouldn't be held up?
- C. Finlay & Sandy have gone past Hamish before he plays his shot?
- D. Finlay & Sandy should not have hit their balls so far?

### A INCORRECT ANSWER

If you don't hit your tee shot as far as normal you just have to grin and bear it!

Don't get demoralised, just try and hit a good second shot.

### B INCORRECT ANSWER

Hamish shouldn't feel that he has to play quicker and rush just because he isn't playing as well as his partners.

You should always have patience with your playing partners and if they play a bad shot commiserate with them and encourage them for their next shot.

### C CORRECT ANSWER

Sandy and Finlay are the guilty parties. They should have waited beside Hamish until he had played his shot.

To walk on ahead is distracting and dangerous.

### D INCORRECT ANSWER

If one of your partners hits a bad shot you should not do the same just to make them feel better!

You should always try play to the best of your ability.

## POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

Safety

Players responsibility when shouldn't you play a shot

Always watch you partners shot

Insurance



### **Q23. (OTF Q3)**

Alison has missed the green and is in the bunker! What has she not done?

- A. She didn't hit the ball on to the green so she must play it again?
- B. She should have taken her shoes off before getting into the bunker?
- C. She should have built a little sandcastle so the greenkeepers would know she had been in the bunker?
- D. Has she forgotten to rake the bunker, or is this the job of the ground staff?

**A INCORRECT ANSWER**

She was unlucky that she didn't hit her ball on to the green but she cannot have another go!

**B INCORRECT ANSWER**

No, its a bunker not a beach! It would be a bit extreme to ask every golfer to remove their shoes every time they hit their ball into a bunker.

**C INCORRECT ANSWER**

No! Although it may be tempting to do this sometimes just think how you would feel if your ball landed next to one

**D CORRECT ANSWER**

She should have raked the bunker to remove all marks left by her as a result of playing her shot.

It is not a job for the greenkeepers, they couldn't be expected to follow all golfers around the course tidying up after them could they?

### **POINTS FOR DISCUSSION**

How and where to enter and leave a bunker

Correct way to rake the bunker

Correct place to leave the rake



## **ON THE GREEN R & E      3 questions**

### **Q37. (OTG Q1)**

James has played a superb approach shot and just needs this short putt.  
What has he done wrong?

- A. He picked his ball out of the hole without taking the pin out?
- B. He didn't need to play the putt as he was so close to the hole?
- C. He forgot to take his scorecard with him on to the green?
- D. He forgot to remove the pin before playing his shot?

**A INCORRECT ANSWER:**

You can take your ball out of the hole without removing the pin but it is easier if you remove it first, it is also less likely to damage the hole.

**B INCORRECT ANSWER**

You must always play your putts unless you are playing a practice round on your own or unless your playing partners give you the shot i.e. 'a Gimme'.

**C INCORRECT ANSWER:**

He could have taken his scorecard on to the green but must not have marked it there. You should vacate the green as soon as possible after all players have holed out, this makes sure you do not hold up following any players.

You should always mark your card at the next tee whilst waiting for your partners to play their tee shots.

**D CORRECT ANSWER**

He forgot to take the pin out when playing his putt.

Had this been a competition he would have incurred a two stroke penalty.

**RULE 17**

### **POINTS FOR DISCUSSION**

Care of the course

Gimme



### **Q38. (OTG Q2)**

Three good approach shots on this hole, but there seems to be a lot of walking about. What are they doing wrong?

- A. Are they trampling over bumps on the green to make it flatter?
- B. Are they walking over the line of each others putt?
- C. Do they not know who goes first?
- D. Should the pin have been left in until the first person has played their putt?

**A INCORRECT ANSWER:**

They would be breaking Rule 13-2 as they are not allowed to interfere with the surface of the green or the line of their putt.

**B CORRECT ANSWER**

You should not walk on the line of another players putt as the slight scuffs left by spikes (hard or soft) could spoil the run of the ball and lead to a missed shot.

**C INCORRECT ANSWER:**

They can easily work this out as it is the player who's ball is farthest from the hole that plays first.

**D INCORRECT ANSWER**

When you arrive on the green the player who is closest to the hole should ask the player who is farthest from the hole if they would like the pin attended or taken out.

If you attend the pin always check to see if it is loose and be ready to take it out as soon as the player has hit the ball. If you do not and the ball hits the pin then the player incurs two penalty strokes and would obviously not be very happy with you!

**RULE 17**

### **POINTS FOR DISCUSSION**

Who plays first

Where to leave the flagstick

What happens if a ball hits the flagstick

Care of the course – replacing flagstick correctly



### **Q39. (OTG Q3)**

Craig has missed his first putt and has a simple 12 inch putt to hole out.  
What did he do wrong?

- A. He forgot to put the pin back in the hole?
- B. He didn't need to remove the pin for such a short putt?
- C. He should have removed the pin before he played his first putt?
- D. He didn't mark his ball before he putted?

#### **A CORRECT ANSWER**

You should always replace the pin when you have completed the hole.

#### **B INCORRECT ANSWER**

You should always remove the flag when putting from such a short distance as striking the flag when putting results in a penalty of two strokes.

#### **C INCORRECT ANSWER:**

When putting from a long distance it may not be possible to see the hole if the pin has been removed.

#### **D INCORRECT ANSWER:**

You don't have to mark your ball before any putt.

Marking it when it is so close to the hole would cause undue delay.

#### **POINTS FOR DISCUSSION**

Putting routine

Courtesy to other players

Gimme

When holing out be aware of the line of other players putts