

MGA Rules of Golf Webinar

Session #5

Agenda

- MGA Rules Webinar Question Raffle
 - Webinars will consist of a collection of MGA Rules & Procedures Questions along with answers, explanations and examples.
- MGA Updates
 - Championship Schedule Release
 - Rules & Procedures Exam Release
- Rules Questions and Explanations

MGA Rules Webinar Question Raffle

- Each Webinar will have a series of 5 questions
- Webinar Attendees will answer these questions during the Webinar
- Attendees will be awarded one point for each question they answer correctly
- Each point equals to one entry into the Raffle
- We will announce Raffle Winners at this year's Regional Rules Workshops

MGA Updates

2021 Championship Schedule has been released.

Highlights Include:

April 29th – May 1st – Richardson Memorial Tournament @ Wheatley Hills

May 3rd – 4th – MGA Senior Amateur Championship @ Round Hill Club

June 7th – U.S. Open Championship SQR @ Old Oaks & Century

June 8th – 10th – Long Island Open Championship @ Fresh Meadow

June 14th – 17th – Long Island Amateur Championship @ Noyac

June 17th – MGA Public Links Championship @ Pound Ridge

June 28th – 29th – MGA Ike Stroke Play Championship @ The Bridge

July 6th – 8th – Westchester Amateur Championship @ Paramount

July 12th – 14th – Met Junior Championship @ Tuxedo

July 19th – 20th – Westchester Open Championship @ GlenArbor

July 29th – August 1st – Met Amateur Championship @ Plainfield

August 24th – 26th – Met Open Championship @ Hudson National

August 30th – 31st – MGA Senior Open Championship @ Old Westbury

October 4th – 5th – MGA Mid-Amateur Championship @ Friar's Head

66th Ike MGA Stroke Play Championship



119th Met Amateur Championship



106th Met Open Championship



MGA Updates

MGA Rules & Procedures Exam

- Mandatory exam for all R&C Committee Members
- Consists of 30 questions about Rules of Golf and MGA Procedures
- Some questions will be seen on this or future webinars
- You must complete "Question 31" with your name and email

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the 2021 MGA Rules of Golf Exam

Question #1

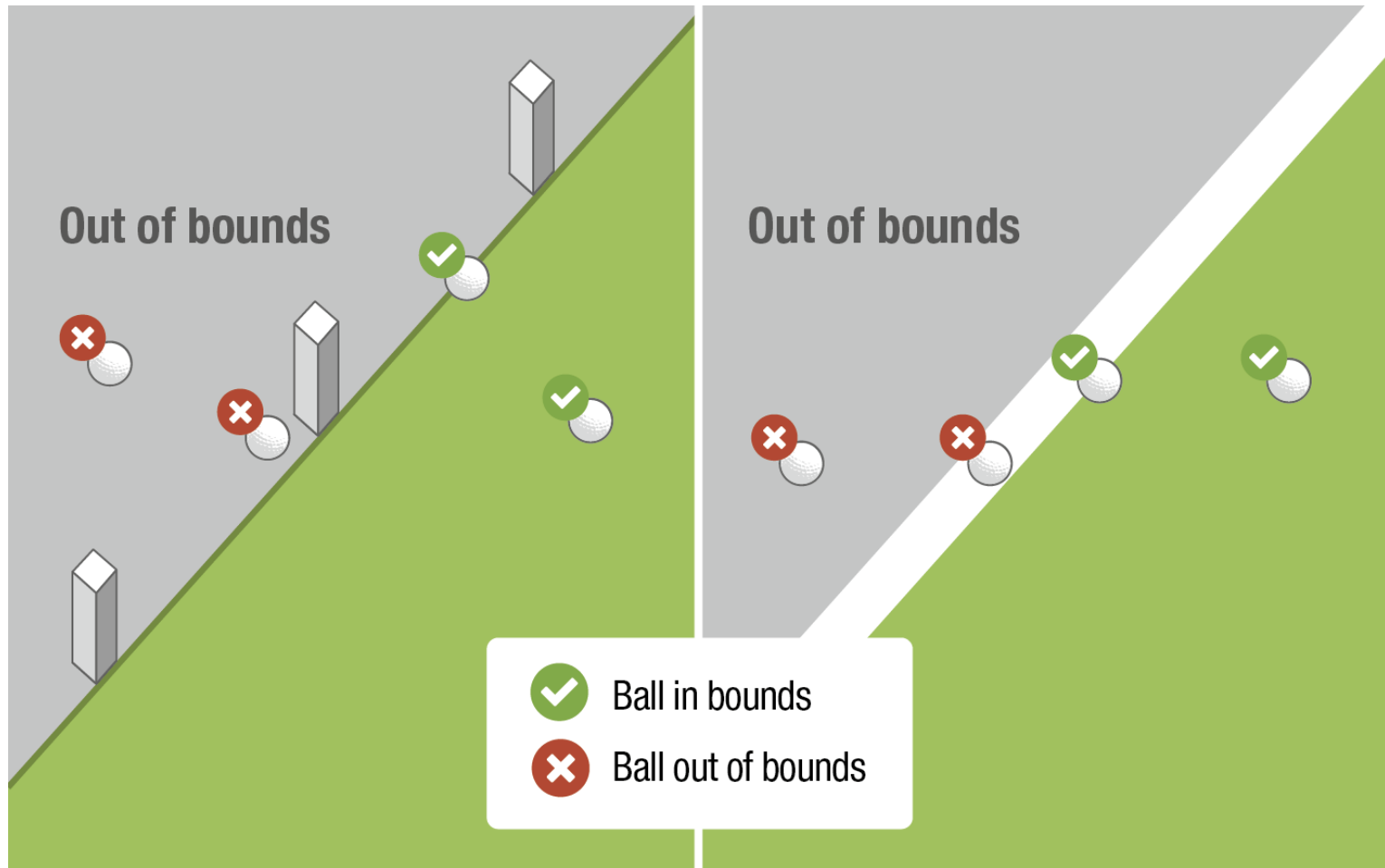
When a painted line on the ground defines the boundary edge of the course, the boundary edge is the outside edge of the line, and the line itself is in bounds.

A) True

B) False

THREE MINUTES TO ANSWER POLL

Out of Bounds



Definition of Out of Bounds

Out of Bounds

All areas outside the boundary edge of the *course* as defined by the *Committee*. All areas inside that edge are in bounds.

The boundary edge of the *course* extends both up above the ground and down below the ground:

- This means that all ground and anything else (such as any natural or artificial object) inside the boundary edge is in bounds, whether on, above or below the surface of the ground.
- If an object is both inside and outside the boundary edge (such as steps attached to a boundary fence, or a tree rooted outside the edge with branches extending inside the edge or vice versa), only the part of the object that is outside the edge is *out of bounds*.

The boundary edge should be defined by *boundary objects* or lines:

- **Boundary Objects:** When defined by stakes or a fence, the boundary edge is defined by the line between the *course*-side points of the stakes or fence posts at ground level (excluding angled supports), and those stakes or fence posts are *out of bounds*.

When defined by other objects such as a wall or when the *Committee* wishes to treat a boundary fence in a different way, the *Committee* should define the boundary edge.

- **Lines:** When defined by a painted line on the ground, the boundary edge is the *course*-side edge of the line, and the line itself is *out of bounds*.

When a line on the ground defines the boundary edge, stakes may be used to show where the boundary edge is, but they have no other meaning.

Boundary stakes or lines should be white.

Out of Bounds



Example:

Bryson DeChambeau vs. Phil Mickelson

Questions?

Question #2

In *stroke play*, after a player *marks*, lifts and *replaces* his or her ball on the original spot on the *putting green*, the wind blows it into a *bunker*. The player *replaces* the ball, holes out and tees off on the next hole. What is the ruling?

- A) There is no penalty.
- B) The player gets the general penalty.
- C) He or she is disqualified.

THREE MINUTES TO ANSWER POLL

Question #2

9.3 Ball Moved by Natural Forces

If *natural forces* (such as wind or water) cause a player's ball at rest to *move*:

- There is no penalty, and
- The ball must be played from its new spot.

Exception – Ball on Putting Green Must Be Replaced if It Moves After Having Already Been Lifted and Replaced (see Rule 13.1d): If the player's ball on the *putting green* moves after the player had already lifted and *replaced* the ball on the spot from which it *moved*:

- The ball must be *replaced* on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated) (see Rule 14.2).
- This is true no matter what caused it to *move* (including *natural forces*).

Penalty for Playing Incorrectly Substituted Ball or Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Rule 9.3: General Penalty under Rule 6.3b or 14.7a.



2018 Masters Tournament

15th Hole – Billy Horschel



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Questions?

Question #3

A Player finds his ball in a wooded area. Attempting to fairly take his stance the player breaks a branch. What is the ruling?

A) General penalty

B) No penalty

C) One stroke penalty

THREE MINUTES TO ANSWER POLL

Phil Mickelson Fairly Taking Stance



Rule 8.1b

b. Actions That Are Allowed

In preparing for or making a *stroke*, you may take any of these actions and there is no penalty even if doing so *improves the conditions affecting your stroke*:

- Fairly search for your ball by taking reasonable actions to find and identify it.
- Take reasonable actions to remove *loose impediments* and *movable obstructions*.
- Take reasonable actions to *mark* the spot of your ball and to lift and *replace* your ball.
- Ground your club lightly right in front of or right behind your ball (**but** you cannot do this in a *bunker*).
- Firmly place your feet in taking a *stance*, including a reasonable amount of digging in with your feet in sand or loose soil.
- **Fairly take your *stance* by taking reasonable actions to get to your ball and take your *stance*. But when doing so you are not entitled to a normal *stance* or swing and you must use the least intrusive course of action to deal with the particular situation.**
- Make a *stroke* or the backswing for a *stroke* which is then made. **But** when your ball is in a *bunker*, touching the sand in the *bunker* in taking your backswing is not allowed.
- On the *putting green*, remove sand and loose soil and repair damage.
- Move a natural object to see if it is loose. **But** if the object is found to be growing or attached, it must stay attached and be returned as nearly as possible to its original position.

Questions?

Question #4

Which of the following actions would not be allowed if they improve the players *conditions affecting the stroke*?

- A) Removing sand on the putting green
- B) Replacing a divot in a divot hole in the players' stance
- C) Removing weeds from the teeing area

THREE MINUTES TO ANSWER POLL

Rule 8.1a

a. Actions That Are Not Allowed

Except in the limited ways allowed in Rules 8.1b, c and d, a player must not take any of these actions if they *improve the conditions affecting the stroke*:

(1) Move, bend or break any:

- Growing or attached natural object,
- *Immovable obstruction, integral object or boundary object, or*
- Tee-marker for the *teeing area* when playing a ball from that *teeing area*.

(2) Move a *loose impediment* or *movable obstruction* into position (such as to build a *stance* or to *improve the line of play*).

(3) Alter the surface of the ground, including by:

- Replacing divots in a divot hole.
- Removing or pressing down divots that have already been replaced or other cut turf that is already in place, or
- Creating or eliminating holes, indentations or uneven surfaces.

(4) Remove or press down sand or loose soil.

(5) Remove dew, frost or water.

Rule 8.1b - Actions That ARE Allowed

include:

8.1b(8) - In the Teeing Area:

- Place a tee in or on the ground
- Move, bend or break any growing or attached natural object
- Alter the surface of the ground, remove or press down sand and soil, or remove dew, frost or water.



8.1b(10) - On the putting green, remove sand and loose soil and repair damage



Questions?

Question #5

A Player plays a low running chip shot from 15 yards in front of the green. After the player makes his stroke, he brushes away a divot while talking with his caddie. As he moves the divot, his ball begins to roll off the front of the green and rolls towards the location in which he just made a stroke and unintentionally altered the conditions of the course. How many strokes is the player penalized?

- A) One-Stroke Penalty
- B) Two-Stroke Penalty
- C) No Penalty

THREE MINUTES TO ANSWER POLL

2021 Sentry Tournament of Champions

9th Hole – Ryan Palmer*



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Rule 11.3



11.3 Deliberately Moving Objects or Altering Conditions to Affect Ball in Motion

When a ball is in motion, a player must not deliberately take any of these actions to affect where that ball (whether the player's own ball or another player's ball) might come to rest:

- Alter physical conditions by taking any of the actions listed in Rule 8.1a (such as replacing a divot or pressing down a raised area of turf), or
- Lift or move:
 - » A *loose impediment* (see Rule 15.1a, Exception 2), or
 - » A *movable obstruction* (see Rule 15.2a, Exception 2)

2011 Tournament of Champions

15th Hole – Camillo Villegas



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Questions?

Thank You!

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