



Study Guide for Divot Derby Rules Quiz: Ages 5-13

- It is important to identify and announce the type and number of golf ball you are playing before you begin your round.
- When teeing your ball up on a tee box area, you always need to make sure you are not *in front* of the tee markers. You also *cannot* tee up your ball any further back than two club lengths behind the front edge of the tee markers.
- Sometimes, a golf ball may be difficult to find if it is not clearly in the fairway or on the green. In this case, players are given three minutes to look for the golf ball. If it is not found in this time, the ball is deemed as a “lost ball.”
- “Honors” is an important part of showing respect in golf. For example, the person who made the lowest score on the previous hole gets to tee off first on the next hole.
- Penalty areas are defined by the USGA as: “any body of water--or other areas defined by the Committee--where a ball is often lost or unable to be played.” Penalty areas are marked with specific-colored stakes on the course. Yellow stakes or lines define penalty areas, red stakes or lines define *lateral* penalty areas, and white stakes or lines define out of bounds.
- When you hit the ball into a penalty area marked with red stakes or lines, you may go to the point of entry and take a drop within two club lengths. When you “take a drop” you must also take a one-stroke penalty.
- If a ball is in a bunker, the player is never allowed to touch the sand before hitting the ball. This means that he or she cannot ground the club in a practice swing or directly behind the ball before stroking it.
- The player with the golf ball furthest from the hole, on the green, should putt first. Followed by continuous putting if desired. The player with the ball closest to the hole putts last.
- There is a limit to how many clubs you can have in your bag. The highest amount is 14. So, even if you can fit more clubs in your bag, the rules of golf do not let you have any more than this number.
- After you finish a hole, you should confirm with your playing partner(s) your score and their score. This will make things easier when the round is finished, and you are counting up your overall score. After the round, at the scoring table, be sure to check your own score and your partner’s score before signing your scorecards.