

Golf Rules QUIZ ANSWERS

TRUE FALSE

CASE #1

By definition, a road or path covered with an artificial surface—such as asphalt, concrete, gravel, or wood chips—is considered an obstruction. If the ball lies on it, the player is entitled to free relief without penalty.

TRUE FALSE

CASE #2

A fence, wall, stakes, or boundary structure defining out of bounds is not an obstruction (Rule 8.1a(1)), even if part of it is inside the boundary line defined by the fence posts.

TRUE FALSE

CASE #3

Rule 15 (Movable Obstructions) applies. You are allowed to remove any movable artificial object that interferes with your play.

TRUE FALSE

CASE #4

This action breaches Rule 9 (Ball at Rest Moved). However, there is no penalty if a ball moves only because of the removal of a movable obstruction. Additionally, if a ball lies on or against a movable obstruction, it may be marked and lifted before removing the obstruction. The ball must then be dropped (or placed on the green) as close as possible to its original spot, without being nearer the hole.

CASE #5

TRUE FALSE

The Rules of Golf do not distinguish between fairway and rough; both are part of the “general area.” If your relief results in the ball ending up on the fairway, you may play it from there.

CASE #6

TRUE FALSE

You are fully entitled to relief under Rule 16, as the interference comes from the immovable obstruction, not the fence—even if the relief ultimately makes the shot easier. However, under the rule’s exception, relief without penalty would not be allowed if interference from something other than an immovable obstruction made the stroke unreasonable. For example, if the fence itself prevented your swing, the unplayable ball rule would apply instead.

CASE #7

TRUE FALSE

You are allowed relief because using an abnormal stroke (left-handed) is reasonable under the circumstances. Once relieved for that stroke, you may then play the shot right-handed if possible. You would also be entitled to further relief if the obstruction again interferes with your normal right-handed swing.