

# Rhodes Rules School



## How Many Strokes?

Welcome to my new series of *Rhodes Rules School*, which I am calling, '*How Many Strokes?*' . Each week you will receive an email with a question based on the playing of a single hole of golf. Your task is to assess what the player's score is for the hole. Naturally, I provide my answer with references to the relevant Rule or Decision and explanations, where necessary. I hope that you will find this an innovative way to improve your understanding of the Rules of Golf, and the penalties that may apply, in an enjoyable and challenging format.

### **Question 1:**

Aidan drives his ball from the teeing ground into a bunker. He removes a leaf from behind his ball and plays out into an area of light rough. As he is searching for his ball he accidentally kicks it forward a few inches. He picks up his ball, cleans it and replaces it exactly where it was before he caused it to move. He then pitches his ball onto the putting green and sinks a good 15-foot putt. What is Aidan's score for the hole?

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### **19th Hole Titbit - Do You Know?**

You may touch your ball with your club without incurring a penalty, providing the ball does not move. Decision 18/2.

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### **Answer 1:**

- 1 - Drive from the teeing ground into the bunker.
  - 2 & 3 - Two penalty strokes for removing a loose impediment from the bunker (Rule 23-1).
  - 4 - Stroke from the bunker into light rough.
  - 5 - One penalty stroke for moving his ball in play (Rule 18-2a). Aidan was correct in replacing his ball where it was before he moved it and he was permitted to clean it.
  - 6 - Pitch onto the putting green.
  - 7 - Putt into the hole.
- Aidan scores 7 for the hole.

Another '*Rhodes Rules School - How Many Strokes*' will follow next week,

*Barry Rhodes*

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