

Rhodes Rules School



How Many Strokes?

Question 2:

Although she does not have the honour at the 6th hole, Penny absent-mindedly tees her ball and commences her stroke. In the middle of her stroke her fellow competitor calls out that it is not her turn, As a result she completely misses the ball. She picks-up her ball and tee and waits her turn. She then tees her ball again and drives down the fairway. After two more strokes her ball is on the putting green and she marks it, lifts it and puts it in her pocket. By mistake she takes a different ball out of her pocket, but it is the same brand and model. She replaces it at her ball-marker and takes two putts to hole out. What is Penny's score for the hole?

(The answer is below)

19th Hole Titbit - Do You Know?

You may brush away sand or loose soil on the putting green, but nowhere else on the course. Definition of Loose Impediments.

Answer 2:

1 - Initial tee shot - fresh air

Note: There is no penalty for playing out of turn in stroke play and Penny should have continued play of her ball without picking it up (Rule 10-2c).

Note: There is no relief for distractions that occur during a stroke, which are a common occurrence that players must accept (Decision 1-4/1).

2 - Stroke and distance penalty for initially picking-up her ball in play and then re-teeing it within the teeing ground (Decision 18-2a/1 and 10-2c/1).

Note: Penny was entitled to re-tee her ball anywhere on the teeing ground.

3 - Second stroke from the teeing ground down the fairway.

4 & 5 - Two more strokes to the putting green.

6 & 7 - Two penalty strokes for substituting her ball when not permitted to do so (Rule 15-2).

Note: Once the player has made a stroke at the wrongly substituted ball they must play out the hole with that ball.

8 & 9 - Two putts to hole out.

Penny scores 9 for the hole.

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

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