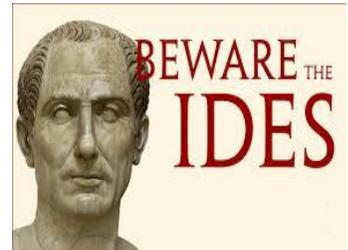


Rule Tip of the Week 2018 March Rules Quiz

"Beware the Ides of March" was the soothsayer's warning to Julius Caesar in William Shakespeare's play, *Julius Caesar*. The Roman statesman ignored the warning and was assassinated by rebellious members of the Roman Senate in 44 BC on the Ides of March, i.e., March 15. With apologies to the "Bard of Avon," here is an "Ides of March" quiz. Your task is to identify the Definition, Rule and/or Decision that is applicable to each statement.



1. I'd better not repair a pitch-mark in the fringe on my line of play when I'm intending to putt through the fringe, unless that pitch-mark was created after my ball came to rest.
2. I'd be particularly careful when touching or moving leaves while searching for my ball in a bunker covered by leaves.
3. I'd be careful not to relocate tee-markers even though I felt that they were not aimed down the middle of the fairway.
4. I'd be a fool to apply Vaseline to the face of my driver in order to reduce spin and increase distance off the tee.
5. I'd be mindful not to clean my ball having lifted it to determine if it is unfit for play.
6. I'd resist the temptation to move an out of bounds stake if it was interfering with my backswing.
7. I'd never agree with my opponent to repair spike marks on our lines of putt knowing that repairing such damage to the putting green is not permitted.
8. I'd never deem my ball unplayable in a water hazard.
9. I'd be allowed to discontinue play for 10-15 minutes in order to recuperate from a migraine headache.
10. I'd be smart to consider overflow from a water hazard to be casual water and not water within the water hazard.



Answers:

1. Rule 13-2 [Improving Lie, Area of Intended Stance or Swing, or Line of Play], Decision 13-2/0.5 [Meaning of "Improve" in Rule 13-2], and Decision 13-2/8 [Player's Lie or Line of Play Affected by Pitch-Mark Made by Partner's, Opponent's or Fellow-Competitor's Ball]
2. Rule 12-1b [Searching for or Identifying Ball Covered by Loose Impediments in a Hazard]
3. Rule 11-2 [Tee-Markers] and Decision 11-2/2 [Tee-Marker Moved by Player]
4. Rule 4-2b [Foreign Material]
5. Rule 5-3 [Ball Unfit for Play] and Rule 21 [Cleaning Ball]
6. Definition of "Out of Bounds," Rule 13-2 [Improving Lie, Area of Intended Stance or Swing, or Line of Play], and Decision 13-2/17 [Removal of Boundary Stake Interfering with Swing]
7. Rule 1-3 [Agreement to Waive Rules] and Decision 1-3/2 [Agreement to Concede Short Putts]
8. Rule 28 [Ball Unplayable]
9. Rule 6-8a [Discontinuance of Play; Resumption of Play: When Permitted] and Decision 6-8a/3 [Discontinuing Play Due to Physical Problem]
10. Decision 25/2 [Overflow from Water Hazard] and Decision 25-1b/12 [Casual Water Mistaken for Water Hazard; Original Ball Played Under Water Hazard Rule].