

Golf Croquet Rules – Q & A

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After an approach to hoop 11 by Red, Black, Yellow & Blue during which no ball contacted any other ball, Red successfully rushed Yellow through the hoop, but in so doing the Red ball rebounded towards hoop 10 and touched the player of Blue (a non-striking fault). No other balls were moved.

Q1. Is the (Yellow) hoop point valid?

A1. Yes. The non-striking fault took place after Yellow ran hoop 11, the outcome of the stroke is not in doubt and the position of Yellow and the hoop point stand. Rule 12(c) (2)

Q2 What are Red's options?

A2. Red may elect to leave Red where it came to rest or to have it placed where it would have otherwise come to rest if the non-striking fault had not occurred. Rule 12(c)(2)

Q3. Is there any penalty for the player of Blue?

A3. Yes, that side loses its next turn (which would be Black). Rule 12(c) (4)

Q4. Continuing the game, Yellow plays for hoop 12 (Black having lost a turn) and runs the hoop, making the score 6 all. Blue then plays from hoop 11 towards hoop 13.

What are Red's options, if Red realised that Blue was offside

A4. Red may elect to either:

- leave Blue where it comes to rest and play Red (remembering that Red had previously rebounded towards hoop 10, which has now become hoop 13) - Rule 10(c) or
- require that the stroke by Blue be replayed, after both Blue and Black, which are offside balls, are placed on a Penalty Spot - Rule 10(c)(2).

Q5. In the previous scenario (of Q4), Blue declares both Blue and Black as offside balls, which are directed by their opponent, to Penalty Spot D. Blue complies, and then directs that Red, which previously rebounded towards hoop 10 and is beyond the halfway line between Hoops 12 and 13, goes to Penalty Spot D. Is this correct?

A5. No, Blue and Black are offside balls and thus can be directed to a Penalty Spot, but Red reached its position as the result of a (non-striking) fault committed by the opponent and thus is not an offside ball. Rule 10(b)(2).