

Golf Croquet Wrong Ball play -the basics

Scenario 1 In singles if you are the player of blue and black and when it is your turn to play, you **play black instead of blue** the balls should be replaced and the correct ball played - **no penalty**.

The opponent or Referee should forestall (stop play) if possible before the ball is played.

Rationale: In singles you own **both** balls.

Scenario 2 In singles, if, when it is your turn to play, instead of playing your own ball, (blue or black) you **play the opponent's ball** (red or yellow) then **wrong ball penalty applies**.

The opponent or the Referee should **not** forestall (stop play) before the ball is played in this scenario.

Penalty: The opponent has the option of leaving or replacing the balls and also then may play either ball (red or yellow) - that is the sequence of play may be changed.

Scenario 3 In doubles if, when it is your turn to play, and your ball is blue and your partner's ball is black you play any ball other than your own blue ball, then **wrong ball penalty applies**.

Penalty: The opponents have the option of leaving or replacing the balls and also may play either ball (red or yellow) - that is the sequence of play may be changed.

Rationale: In doubles you only own one ball –the blue in this case.

Scenario 4 In doubles if your ball is blue and your partner's ball is black and it is your turn to play blue but instead your partner plays their black ball then **no Penalty**.

The black ball and any other balls are replaced and the blue ball is played.

Rationale: In doubles **each partner owns their own ball**

Scenario 5 In singles or doubles if you play any ball when it is not your side's turn to play, (ie you play out of sequence) then the full wrong ball penalty applies.

Penalty: The opponent/s have the option of leaving or replacing the balls and also may play either of their balls, that is the sequence of play may be changed.

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