

Rules Committee Opinion 1-2017  
(Clearing Rover Last Deadness)

Question: If a rover is last dead on another ball, is that last deadness cleared if the striker roquets another ball on which he is alive and the roqueted ball goes out of bounds?

Answer: No, the last deadness is not cleared.

Discussion: Pursuant to Rule 6.2a when a striker ball hits another ball on which it is alive, a roquet has occurred even if the roqueted ball goes out of bounds. Rule 10.3c states: "A rover ball remains temporarily dead (last dead) on the last ball roqueted prior to clearing deadness. When the rover ball roquets another ball, on which it is alive, the last deadness is removed." However, the intention of the rule is that when a rover ball clears its deadness, it must always be last dead on a ball. Therefore, Rule 10.3c was intended to mean that the last deadness is removed only when a rover roquets another ball on which it is alive and becomes dead on that ball.