

GOLF ETIQUETTE

Rules of golf etiquette, although unofficial, should govern your conduct on the course, whether you are playing competitive golf or not. These simple rules serve three purposes:

- 1 To reduce the probability of personal injury on the course;
- 2 To speed up play (remember slow play results from bad habits and poor course etiquette, it wastes time and affects course pace); and
- 3 To sustain the enjoyment of the game.

1.1 At the Tee

Players should:

- 1 Be at the tee ten (10) minutes prior to reservation, prepared to play. (*Green fees receipt in hand. Clubs and bag ready to go. Your swing warmed up.*)
- 2 Always maintain silence and prepare yourself while others are preparing to hit.
- 3 Be ready to hit when it's your turn and limit yourself to one (1) practise swing.
- 4 Sit or stand quietly when anyone is hitting. (*A player must not allow partner to stand on or as close to an extension of the "line of play" behind the ball while he/she is making a stroke anywhere on the course.*)
- 5 After hitting, each player should return to his/her clubs and be ready to proceed to his/her ball.
- 6 Never swing a club when someone is hitting.
- 7 Try to anticipate which club will be used before approaching the ball. (*Plan your shot and select your club.*)
- 8 Refrain from hitting until those ahead have either played their second shots or are well out of range.
- 9 Tee off as quickly as possible if others are waiting.
- 10 Play a provisional ball immediately to avoid any delay if your ball appears likely to be out of bounds or lost. (*Carry a spare ball, tees and ball marker in your pocket.*)
- 11 Not offer unsolicited advice unless requested on the golf course. (*Give instructions on the driving range, not the course.*)

1.2 On the Fairway

Players should:

- 1 Plan your shot and select your club while waiting for others to play. Limit yourself to one (1) practice swing.
- 2 Take three or four clubs to the ball when cart path only rule is in effect.
- 3 Do not spend more than two (2) minutes per group per hole looking for lost balls.
- 4 Always replace divots.
- 5 Call "fore" loudly if there is any danger of hitting another player.
- 6 Never stand between a player and the green.
- 7 Move your cart up each shot to avoid wasting time walking back and forth.
- 8 Never approach a green until the players ahead have left it.

- 9 Pick up your ball once you have scored “double par” on the hole.

1.3 In the Sand Bunker or Water Hazard

Players should:

- 1 Leave golf bags at the edge of the sand bunker.
- 2 Take the most direct route to your ball. This will avoid unnecessary footprints in the sand.
- 3 Always smooth out the sand when leaving the sand bunker. *(Place the rake outside the bunker lying flat on the ground, and pointed in the direction of play).*
- 4 Not spend time fishing for balls in the water hazard unless it's your own ball. *(This only delays the game).*

1.4 On the Green

Players should:

- 1 Place their clubs by the side of the green closest to the next tee, and keep carts on paths and 30 feet from greens and tees. *(Never on, or in front of the green).*
- 2 Leave flagstick in for putts longer than 10 feet.
- 3 The player whose ball is closest to the cup is responsible for removing the flag, and the first player to putt out for replacing it. This will speed up play.
- 4 Study the line of putt while others are preparing to putt. Be prepared to complete your putt within 40 seconds of your turn.
- 5 Mark their ball with a manufactured marker, dime, etc., and place it directly behind the ball before lifting it. Study the line of putt while others are preparing to putt.
- 6 Never walk across a partner's line when putting nor stand on or as close to an extension of the “line of putt” behind, while he/she is making a stroke.
- 7 Leave the green as quickly as possible to avoid delaying the players waiting to approach. *(Compute your score and mark the score sheet on the next tee, not on the green you have just played.)*
- 8 Avoid stepping closely around the hole or marring the green in any way. Damage caused by the ball hit directly on the green should be repaired before leaving the green. *(Please repair your ball mark and one other).*
- 9 When removing your ball from the cup with the flagstick in, do not use a ball retriever until the flagstick has been gently removed to avoid damaging the edges of the cup.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

Members are expected to adhere to the following:

- 1 Respect confidentiality of information received in the course of meetings and activities.
- 2 Not harass, bully or discriminate against colleagues.
- 3 Adhere to the Ontario Human Rights Code as amended.
- 4 Respect the confidentiality and privacy of all information as it pertains to individuals.
- 5 Encourage feedback from the membership creating a welcome environment.
- 6 Give recognition to others who contribute to the success of the group and its activities.
- 7 Not speak on behalf of the group unless designated by the President or the Board of Directors.
- 8 Act ethically, with honesty and integrity, in the best interests of the Club at all times.
- 9 Not make improper use of their position as board members to gain advantage for themselves or for any other person.
- 10 Not disclose official information or documents acquired through membership of the Board, other than as required by law or were agreed by decision of the board.
- 11 Not make any unauthorised public statements regarding the business of [the group]
- 12 Support the formal decisions of the board made in its meetings.
- 13 Know that if there are any questions regarding the Code the President should be consulted.
- 14 Understand that breaches of this Code may result in disciplinary action, up to and including suspension of membership.