

GENERAL GOLF ETIQUETTE

ON THE TEE:

- Arrive at tee 15 minutes prior to tee off.
- Ensure you have a sand bucket.
- Swap scorecards (make sure name, date and handicap are recorded).
- Tee off as ready.
- Do not talk or make unnecessary noise whilst player is about to tee off.
- Watch where your ball goes and that of player for whom you are marking card.
- If you have hit your ball and think it may be either “out of bounds” (white and black stakes) or “lost outside of a water hazard”, then declare that you will hit a “provisional” ball. A provisional ball cannot be played if the first ball played is definitely in a water hazard. If the original ball is found, it must be played, whether desired or not, and the provisional ball ceases to exist (with no penalty). If the original ball is not found, the provisional ball is the ball in play and results in the player recording three strokes (one for original ball, penalty for loss of ball, and one for next stroke).

Note: You are allowed only 5 minutes to search for a missing ball.

ON THE FAIRWAY:

- Walk quickly to your ball and use that time to assess your next shot.
- Place your golf bag beside you, so after you hit you can grab and walk off.
- Limit yourself to one practice swing only. (If you feel the need to have more, do so whilst you are waiting your turn to hit).
- Usually person furthest from green hits first, however if you get to your ball first and the others are still walking/looking for their ball, providing it is safe, hit your ball and then help look for other ball.
- After you hit, and when safe, start walking to your ball.
- Keep count of your score and the person whose card you are marking.
- Repair divot
- After bunker shots, rake sand.
- Pick up your ball if you are out of shots eg. Stableford and Par competitions.

AT THE GREEN:

- Position your buggy at the side/back of green for a quick exit (at no time are you to leave your buggy at the front of the green).
- Once everyone is on the green, the furthest from the hole putts first.
- Person closest to the hole, tends the flag. Check if other player wants the flag held or taken out.
- Do not talk or make unnecessary noise whilst player is putting.
- Do not walk across other people’s putting line.
- Do not stand directly behind or in front of the person who is putting.
- Line up your putt before it is your turn to putt to save some time.
- Putt out (start walking towards your ball once you have putted, do not stand there and watch the ball).
- Once that person putts out, they take the flag so the rest can putt out.
- Pick up your ball if you are out of shots eg. Stableford and Par competitions.

EXITING THE GREEN:

- Exit the green quickly and start moving to the next tee.
- As you are walking, check both scores with the person whose card you are marking.
- First person arriving at the next tee, tees off, whilst others mark their cards.

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You must keep up with the group in front. (i.e. have them in your sight and be approximately one shot behind them). Be mindful of the time you are taking (approximately two hours for nine holes for a group of four, and four hours for 18 holes for a group of four). For a group of three players, the time taken for 18 holes should be approximately 3 ³/₄ hours).

If you lose a fairway from the group in front, try catching up by:

- Walking faster between shots.
- Limiting practice swings to one only.
- At the green, have two people putt out. They can then move onto the next tee and tee off, whilst the others finish putting, before joining them.

Remember: Golf is for everyone to enjoy, so PLEASE learn some good habits now, keep up a good pace, practice good etiquette, look after our course and EVERYONE WILL BE HAPPY!