

GOLF ETIQUETTE

1. COURTESY ON THE COURSE

(a) Safety

Shout "Fore" if your golf ball is in danger of hitting someone.

Make sure that no one is in a position to be struck by your club, ball or any other object like stones or twigs when making a stroke.

Do not stand in front, or to the side of anyone taking a tee shot or other stroke. Stay well behind.

(b) Consideration for other Players

Please ensure that you are on the tee at least 5 minutes before your tee off time otherwise you will lose your tee time.

Be fully prepared at the start of the round with tees, balls, pencil, glove etc.

The player who has the 'honor' should be allowed to tee-off first and should do so without delay.

You should not talk, stand close or otherwise distract fellow players while they are taking their shots.

Don't play until the group in front of you is out of range.

When playing the 1st hole always ensure that you ring the bell when it is safe for the group behind to tee off.

If you lose a ball and it is obvious that it will not be found easily, signal the group behind to play through. Do not wait the five minutes allowed under the "Rules of Golf" for ball searching, before doing so. If you believe a ball may be lost, immediately after you have hit it, play a provisional ball.

If a playing partner is in a bunker and your ball is nearer the hole, be ready to rake for your partner to save time whilst they get ready to play their next shot.

In a friendly fourball arrange for the last player teeing off to mark a card. It saves time.

Be ready to play your shot if you are out of the eye line of your playing partner. Don't necessarily wait until your partner has played theirs before you think about selecting your club.

Keep moving as quickly as you are able whilst walking between shots.

Make sure you do not leave your trolley or bag in front of the green. Always park your trolley or place your bag at the point where you will exit the green on your way to the next hole. Don't waste time by having to go back for your bag.

When completing a hole, move off the green immediately. Leave the marking of scorecards, etc. until you are well clear of the green.

Please avoid the use of mobile telephones on the course, consider others and switch ring tones off.

No sharing of clubs, bags or trolleys.



(c) *Slow Play*

Those playing early in the morning have a particular responsibility in that they set the tempo for the whole day. If the first group out in the morning takes four hours, those following will be doomed to a round of 4 hours or longer. Three and a half hours should be more than enough for a four ball match, even under medal conditions.

2. *CARE OF THE COURSE*

Before leaving a bunker, make sure you smooth over all holes and footprints with the rake. Always leave the rake in the bunker.

Always replace divots on the fairways and repair pitch marks on putting surfaces. (If a pitch mark is repaired immediately it only takes 24 hours to recover. Leave it and it could take up to 15 days!)

Don't take your bag or trolley near the putting greens or between green and bunker and take care not to damage the hole when removing the flagstick. Don't lean on your putter particularly when removing the ball from the hole.

Don't damage the teeing areas by taking practice swings on them.

Observe all notices regarding 'Ground Under Repair' and keep to the designated paths, especially when pulling a trolley or driving a buggy.

Avoid walking on worn areas even if this adds a few yards to your direct route.

3. *PRIORITY ON THE COURSE*

Two-ball matches take precedence over three and four-ball matches and should be invited to play through.

You should ensure that you keep pace with the group in front of you at all times. If, however, you should fall behind by more than one clear hole, you must signal the group directly behind you to play through and that includes matches.

A single player has no standing and should give way to a match of any kind.

If 10th tee players are late getting round to the 1st tee then the 1st tee players have absolute priority.

It is courtesy to allow the Captain and Ladies' Captain precedence on the course.

4. *GENERAL*

Keep your voice down not only on the course, but also around the 1st and the 10th tees, particularly when coming out of the clubhouse. Members are responsible for their guests.

When practicing on the practice area at the entrance to the golf club you must not play towards the road.

If you have booked a tee off time and are not able to play, remove your name as soon as possible. If you are not able to remove it telephone the Pro Shop and notify them. This applies to social games as well as competitions. Remember you could be depriving other people of the opportunity to play.

Members must display their membership tags on golf bags, which will be subject to checking by the Professionals etc.

