

# **ETIQUETTE & COURTESY ON THE COURSE**

## **Consideration for Other Players**

In the interest of all, players should play without delay.

No player should play until the players in front are out of range.

Players searching for a ball should signal the players behind them to pass as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not easily be found; they should not search for five minutes before doing so. They should not continue to play until the players following them have passed and are out of range.

When the play of a hole has been completed players should immediately leave the putting green.

## **Behaviour During Play**

No one should move, talk, or stand close to or directly behind the ball or the hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke.

The player who has the honour should be allowed to play before his opponent or fellow competitor tees his ball.

## **PRIORITY ON THE COURSE**

In the absence of special rules, two-ball matches should have precedence over and be entitled to pass any three or four-ball match.

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

Any match playing a whole round is entitled to pass a match playing a shorter round.

If a match fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than one clear hole on the players in front, it should allow the match following to pass.

## **CARE OF THE COURSE**

### **Holes in Bunkers**

Before leaving a bunker, a player should carefully fill up and smooth over all holes and footprints made by him.

### **Restore Divots, Repair Pitch Marks and Damage by Spikes**

Through the green, a player should ensure that any turf cut or displaced by him is replaced at once and pressed down, and that any damage to the putting green made by the ball is carefully repaired. Damage to the putting green caused by golf shoe spikes should be repaired on completion of the hole.

### **Damage to the Greens caused by Flagsticks and Bags, etc.**

Players should ensure that, when putting down bags, or the flagstick, no damage is done to the putting green, and that neither they nor their caddies damage the hole by standing close to it in handling the flagstick or in removing the ball from the hole. The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before the players leave the putting green.

### **Golf Carts**

Local notices regulating use must be strictly observed.

### **Damage through Practice Swings**

In taking practice swings players should avoid causing damage to the course, particularly the tees, and divots should be repaired.