

Etiquette & Speed of Play Tips



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GOLF CLUB

THE ETIQUETTE OF GOLF

1. No one shall move or talk or stand close to or directly behind the ball or the hole when a player is making a stroke.
2. The player who has the 'honour' shall be allowed to play before others in the group, provided he or she is ready, (play "ready golf").
3. No player shall hit until the group ahead is safely out of range.
4. When the play of a hole has been completed, players shall immediately replace the flag and leave the putting green, scoring and discussions taking place on next tee.
5. A player shall see that any turf "divot" is replaced and pressed down at once or the sand/seed bottles are used to fill the divot. A player should also be careful not to take up turf with his or her practice swing.
6. Players shall rake bunkers after use and repair ball marks on greens.
7. Cutting or twisting on the green's turf with shoe spikes shall be avoided.
8. A player who has incurred a penalty shall communicate the fact to the opponent(s) as soon as possible.
9. The low handicap player in each group shall be responsible to the club for the priority and etiquette of the group while on the course.
10. Play ready golf. Select club, plan shot and be ready to hit when it's your turn.
11. Keep up to the foursome ahead of you.
12. Fight slow play!

SPEED OF PLAY TIPS

Speed of Play Tips – The 'Go Plan'...how to play a four hour round

1. Play ready golf! – Be ready to hit. Plan your shot and select club when approaching ball. Don't hit in turn – the traditional 'honour' system is usually an obstacle for fast, efficient play
2. Read the tips – Take advantage of course secrets, yardage markers and scorecard tips
3. Use the 150 markers (sandstone rocks) and fairway yardage discs to gauge distance (Blue - 200 yards, White - 150 yards, Red - 100 yards)
4. Walk briskly to your ball – Use your time over your shot
5. One practice swing – Helps keep up with the group ahead
6. Keep up to the group ahead – Problems? Let faster players play through if there is room ahead
7. Spot your ball – If you lose your ball in flight or on the roll, spot an object (a tree, a trap, etc.) to use as a landmark for quick recovery
8. Partner watch – Always have playing partners watch your shots and help spot your ball...especially on bad shots!
9. Lost ball? – Limit your search to three minutes then get over it
10. Play Desert Rules – On a lost ball, take a lateral drop at point of entry and take one-stroke penalty. Do not head back to tee to re-hit
11. Check out other holes – As you go by – for landing areas, hazards and distance between groups ahead and behind
12. Place your clubs – Off the green on the closest side to the next tee box
13. Prepare to putt – Line up your putt while others are putting (respectful of their play)
14. Putt out – Continuous putting... do not re-mark your ball
15. Mark your scores on the next teebox – Count your strokes there as well. Place the pin and exit the green immediately