

# ***Golf Course Etiquette Made Simple!***

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# ***EWGA LI League Basics***

- **Read and Retain League welcome emails and the League Handbook.**
- **Abide by deadlines set by league tee time captain.**
- **Embrace change. Your tee time and playing partners will vary from week to week.**
- **Please be respectful of the volunteers' time.**
- **Play in your assigned group. Don't leave your playing partners stranded.**



# ***EWGA LI League Basics***

- **Arrive, check in and pay at least 30 minutes prior to your tee time. Request tee times that allow sufficient travel time.**
- **Come prepared with all equipment you will need.**
- **Submit scorecards that are dated, signed and legible.**
- **Never complain to course personnel. Bring any issues to the league tee time captain.**
- **Learn to love to play in the rain.**



# ***Who Goes First?***

## ☀ **Honors (For Information Only) :**

- ✓ Player who had the best score on the prior hole hits first. BUT Play Ready Golf!
- ✓ First Hole – toss tee in air between foursome
  - ✓ Player who tee points to goes first
  - ✓ Repeat for remaining three players



# ***"Ready Golf" speeds play***

- ☀ **The Player who is ready first, hits first!**
- ☀ **As long as it's safe to do so**
  - ✓ Advise other players you will be hitting
  - ✓ Make sure no one is in the line of play
  - ✓ Or in range of possible errant shot



# *Ready Golf*

☀️ **Keep play moving by hitting while other players search for lost balls**



☀️ **Then help other players search for and recover lost balls**



# ***Where do you stand when others are teeing off?***

- ✿ **Stand to the right and slightly behind the tee**
- ✿ **Do not stand directly behind the person hitting**
- ✿ **If player hitting off the tee is left-handed**
  - ✓ Leave extra room behind them to swing comfortably
- ✿ **If cart path runs along the left side of the tee**
  - ✓ Stay on left side – again slightly behind the tee markers
  - ✓ Leave extra room



# ***Where do you stand? (continued)***

## **☀ On the Green**

- ✓ Out of the line of sight (including peripheral vision)
- ✓ Never stand directly behind a player
- ✓ Or on the extension of their line of putt





# ***How to conduct yourself on the Green***

- ✿ **Never walk in another player's line of putt!**



# ***Handling the Flagstick***

- ☀ **Player whose ball is closest to the pin on the green pulls the flagstick**
- ☀ **Place the Pin **gently** on the ground – away from the line of putt of all players.**
- ☀ **Player who holes out first, replaces the flag.**
- ☀ **Ask if player wants flag attended**



# ***Attending the Flagstick***

- ✿ **Hold top of flag (so it doesn't flap in the wind)**
- ✿ **Stand so shadow doesn't cover the line of putt**
- ✿ **Stand on low side of hole**
- ✿ **Remove flagstick as soon as putt is struck**







# ***How to conduct yourself on the Green***

- ☀ Always mark your ball on the green**
- ☀ Place mark behind ball on line to hole**
- ☀ Then lift ball (and clean if desired)**
- ☀ If your ball marker is in another player's line of putt – ask if she wants it moved**

# ***Two balls on the same line***



# ***Moving a mark on the green***

- ✿ Place mark behind ball and lift ball**
- ✿ Line up putter head with tree, bush or other fixed object**
- ✿ Place putter head to side of mark**
- ✿ Move mark to opposite side of putter head**
- ✿ Place marker upside down as a reminder.....**
- ✿ To reverse process and return mark to original spot before putting!**



# ***Taking Care of the Course***

✿ **Always repair your ball marks!**



***Insert repair tool on side of hole  
Gently – lift tool toward hole to fill in center of hole  
Repeat on all sides of hole until it is filled  
The tap down grass with putter***



***Always replace or fill divots***



***Pick up divot and replace it in damaged area  
Tap down divot with foot to smooth***



# ***Taking Care of the Course (cont.)***

- ☀ **All about bunkers:**
  - ✓ Enter and Exit bunker from the low side
  - ✓ Smooth foot prints with foot
  - ✓ Rake over foot prints walking backwards out of bunker



# ***Motorized Golf Carts***

- ☀ **Keep them at least 30 feet away from the green or water hazards**
- ☀ **Never bring them on hills leading to green or on fringe around green**
- ☀ **Don't drive on steep hills, on mounds or near bunkers and water hazards**
- ☀ **Obey cart signs**



← Way too close



# ***Motorized Carts (cont'd)***

- ✿ **Par 3's are often "Cart Path only"**
- ✿ **90 degree rule – or "Cart Path Only" on entire course may apply after a rainy day or course maintenance**





# ***Pull Carts***

- ☀ **Keep carts off tee-boxes**
- ☀ **Never bring a pull cart onto the green surface!!!**



# ***Courtesy Counts!***

- ☀ **Be quiet and still on the Golf Course :**
  - ✓ No Cell phones!
  - ✓ Do not talk or move while others are hitting
  - ✓ Do not rattle clubs or open zippers, velcro, wrappers, cans, etc.
- ☀ **Yell “FORE” **LOUDLY** if the ball is headed towards someone**
- ☀ **If your shot ends up on someone else’s fairway – always let them hit first.**
- ☀ **Never complain to golf course staff!!**

# ***Pace of Play***

- ☀ **Keep up with the group in front of you**
- ☀ **Know when to tee off (foursome is halfway down the fairway and unreachable)**
- ☀ **Pick up at double par on every hole**
- ☀ **Practice continuous putting**
- ☀ **Mark scores on next tee-box**



# ***Pace of Play (cont.)***



No more than:

- ✓ One practice swing (only if it helps)
- ✓ 30 seconds to hit (less if scoring over 90 for 18 holes)
- ✓ Track other players balls
- ✓ One minute (3 minutes MAX) to look for your ball
- ✓ Other players should hit first and then assist in search for ball
- ✓ Know your distance before you get to your ball (Distance Measuring Devices are OK in EWGA)

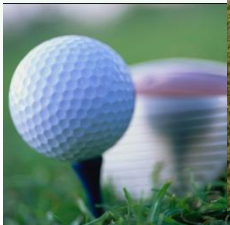


# ***Pace of Play (cont.)***

- ✿ **Check markers for distance on your way to your ball (but it's OK to use a DMD)**



***Black & White Striped Pole is usually 150 yards from center of green***



# ***Pace of Play (cont'd)***

## **Place carts on way to next tee**

Avoids having to walk back for them when group behind is waiting to play

## **Consider calling up players behind you on par 3's**

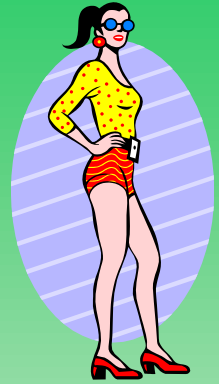
- ✓ When all players in your group are on green
- ✓ Mark balls and move behind green
- ✓ Allow group behind to hit their tee shots
- ✓ Putt out while group behind walks to their

balls



# *Dress Code*

- ☀️ **No Daisy Dukes or mini skirts**
  - ✓ appropriate length is just above the knee



- ☀️ **Appropriate Golf Shirts required**
  - ✓ no backless halter tops!

- ☀️ **No denim!**



- ☀️ **Wear appropriate footwear.**





# ***Odds & Ends***

- ☀ **Place extra clubs near flagstick or on the way to your bag/cart so you don't forget them**



# ***More Odds & Ends***

- ✿ **Never touch another player's ball without permission**
- ✿ **Make sure to place an identifying "mark" on your ball**
- ✿ **Mulligans and gimmes don't exist**  
(That's called "Man Golf")
- ✿ **Whiffs count!**

# ***Summary – The Three R's***

## **☀ Respect the GAME**

- ✓ Know the rules.
- ✓ Golf is a game of honesty and integrity.

## **☀ Respect the COURSE**

- ✓ Fix your ball marks
- ✓ Fill your divots

## **☀ Respect other PLAYERS**

- ✓ Keep pace.
- ✓ Exercise proper etiquette.

**Have fun!**

