

Golf Course Etiquette Made Simple!

2009 Rules & Handicap Chair

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Who Goes First?

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- B. The lowest handicap**
- C. Player who is closest to the hole**
- D. Player who is farthest away**

Yes, this is a test!



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Who Goes First? (continued)

☀ **Honors (For Information Only) :**

- ✓ Player who had the best score on the prior hole hits first.
- ✓ 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 ball**



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

On the Tee....



YES!



NO!

Give extra room to left-handed players



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



YES

NO!





NO!

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 tended





Tending 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 put 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**

Marking the ball



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 around all sides of hole



Until mark is filled



Tap down on grass to smooth repaired mark



Always replace or fill divots



***Pick up divot and replace it in
damaged area***



***Tap down replaced divot with foot
to smooth fairway***



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



**PLEASE EXIT
FROM LOW SIDE**









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 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

Pace of Play (cont.)

- ✦ **Check markers for distance on your way to your ball**



Black & White Striped Pole usually represents 150 yards to 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

Never leave carts in front of green!



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





What is she thinking?



Return cart to path

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!!!**





NO!



YES

Courtesy Counts!

- ☀ **Be quiet and still on the Golf Course :**
 - ✓ No Cell phones!
 - ✓ Do not talk while others are hitting
- ☀ **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 yell or complain to golf course staff!!**



QUIET
PLEASE

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Are we playing golf today?



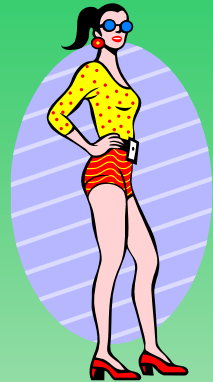


Dress Code



No Daisy Dukes or mini skirts

✓ appropriate length is just above the knee



Collared Shirts required

✓ no backless halter tops!



No denim!



Wear appropriate footwear.



***Didn't anyone tell her she needs
golf shoes?***



Are those really jeans she's wearing?



Odds & Ends

- ✿ **Place extra clubs on top of flagstick or on 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

- ☀️ **Golf is a game of sportsmanship.**
- ☀️ **Know the rules.**
- ☀️ **Keep pace.**
- ☀️ **Exercise proper etiquette.**
- ☀️ **Have fun!**

