

Rules & Etiquette Sheet

<p>PACE OF PLAY</p> <hr/> <p>How fast should I play per hole ?</p> <p>How should I know when it is time for me to hit my shot ?</p> <p>How do I keep my score while focusing on playing ?</p> <p>Why is it important to keep up pace of play ?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each hole during a 9 or 18-hole round of golf should be played in no more than 15-20 minutes. • It is important to play “READY GOLF” to ensure the most efficient pace of play in your group while on the course. • Keep a <i>mental note</i> of how many strokes you have made during a hole so that you spend less time counting your score at the end of a hole while on the way to the next tee. • Limit to two practice swings at most before each shot • Double par maximum <p>Why?</p> <p>To make sure your group is keeping up with the group in front of you. Making it enjoyable for everyone participating.</p>
<p>TOP RULES OF GOLF</p> <hr/> <p>What can I do on the teebox, in the fairway, and on the green ?</p> <p>What are the rules for being in a bunker ?</p> <p>What are rules for red and yellow penalty areas ?</p> <p>What are the rules for out of bounds ?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tee your ball up inside and behind tee markers • Can rest your club behind the ball while in the fairway and rough before you hit, if it is <i>not improving your lie or touching the ball</i> • Mark your ball on the green when waiting to putt, especially if your ball is closer to the hole and in the line of another player’s shot. • Can putt with the pin in or out of the hole at any time • You cannot ground your club in a bunker, can move loose objects in the bunker such as leaves, rocks, etc. • Yellow penalty areas allow you to drop on the line the ball entered the area and as far back as you want towards the tee and <i>no closer to the hole</i>, taking a 1 stroke penalty • Red penalty areas allow you to drop your ball the same way as yellow, or <i>2 club lengths</i> from where the ball went into the penalty area, drop <i>no closer to the hole</i> and take a 1 stroke penalty • White stakes represent out of bounds and must take 1 penalty stroke and distance of your previous shot • When in doubt, hit a provisional ball.
<p>ETIQUETTE AND CARING FOR THE COURSE</p> <hr/> <p>How do I fix a divot on the green?</p> <p>Teebox/fairway divots</p> <p>Spikes</p> <p>How should I act?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When your ball lands on the green, and makes an impression into the grass, it is important to have a <i>tee or divot tool</i> handy to fix the impression and smooth it out with your putter • If you have <i>sand</i> around, if you make a <i>divot</i> on your shot, fill the divot with sand as it helps preserve the grass on the course • It is important to pick your feet up when walking on greens because spikes on golf shoes can easily tear up the well-kept grass when not careful • Always be respectful of your playing partners. That is, being quiet while someone gets ready and hits their shot, helping look for lost golf balls, complimenting playing partners on good shots is encouraged, and shaking hands at the end of the round. • Other acts of character and kindness will take you a long way in golf and life!

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Practice Quiz

1. What is the maximum amount of time it should take to play 1 hole of golf? 9 holes? 18 holes?
2. You hit your ball in the water off the tee and it is in a red penalty area. Where can you drop and how many strokes are you laying after you drop?
3. You hit your ball left off the tee past the white stakes and out of bounds. What is your option and how many strokes will you lay after you take your penalty and hit your next shot?
4. True or False? You should run on the green, it is good for the grass.
5. True or False? You should be competitive as well as root for your playing partners to do their best. Wanting to win and being respectful of others go hand in hand in golf.
6. If you are the first person ready to hit your shot and all other players in the group are behind you, should you go ahead and hit? Yes or No
7. Player A hits his ball down the middle of the fairway while player B hits his ball left into the trees. A) Should player A help player B look for his ball? B) Or should he go straight to his ball and not worry about the other player finding it?
8. A group on the course has fallen behind pace, and on the green, this group has a player counting their strokes on the green after they finish on every hole. What should that player/group do to speed up pace of play?
9. True or False? It is always good to shake hands at the end of a round and say, "I enjoyed playing with you today."

Bonus 10. If you are unsure of a ruling on the golf course, what book has all the rules of golf and can be kept in your golf bag at all times?