

ETIQUETTE OF GOLF

1. The player on the lowest handicap shall be responsible for the proper observance of the etiquette of golf. If two or more players are equally handicapped they shall share responsibility.
2. No one should move, talk, stand close to, or directly behind the ball or the hole when the player is addressing the ball or making a stroke. The honour may be taken by the first player ready to hit or preferably shorter hitters may play first. No player should play until players in front are out of range.
3. Slow play is selfish play. Play 'Ready Golf'. Be ready to play when it is your shot and walk quickly between shots.
4. Your group should keep up with the group in front. If your group falls more than a hole behind, or you are searching for a lost ball, you should call the players behind to play through.
5. Always enter bunkers at the lowest point. Before leaving a bunker, players should carefully rake and repair the bunker. Rakes should be left in the bottom of the bunker aligned with the direction of play.
6. Players must carry a sand bucket and ensure divot holes are repaired.
7. Players must ensure that when dropping clubs or the flagstick, no damage is done to the putting green. Players & caddies should avoid damage by standing too close to the hole in attending the flagstick. The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole. Spike & ball plug marks must be repaired before leaving the green.
8. To protect greens, their surrounds & tees, buggies must be kept to pathways where available.
9. When the result of a hole has been determined, players should immediately leave the putting green. Marking of cards on greens or practising putting contributes to slow play. Player's buggies should not be left in front of the green but left to the side or near to the next tee.