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## ETIQUETTE OF THE GAME OF GOLF

Much has been written on golf etiquette, including in the rule book. The underlying reasons for good etiquette being necessary in the game of golf are to promote:

- Fairness
- Safety
- Courtesy and Respect for Others
- Responsibility in Caring for the Course

### 1. General Considerations

#### Always:-

- Keep still and silent when a partner is playing a shot.
- Turn off your mobile phone or switch to silent.
- Allow green-keeping staff right of way.
- Take precautions not to harm yourself or others playing golf.
- Repair divots and pitch marks.
- Rake bunkers and leave rakes in flat areas of bunkers pointing in the direction of play.

### 2. On the Tee

- Be ready to play or play “ready golf” (see also Pace of Play).
- Use sand provided to repair tee shot divots.

### 3. On the Putting Green

- Avoid walking on a fellow player’s intended putting line.
- Repair any pitch marks or accidental damage to greens.
- Do not scratch a “V” on the green to indicate where the NTP marker should go. (Use a ball marker.)
- Do not stand behind or in front of another player’s line of putt or cast a shadow on his/her line of putt.
- Remain on or close to the putting green until all other players have holed out, then hurry to the next tee to mark the card.

### 4. Pace of Play

- Be ready to play when it is your shot.
- Do not make too many practice swings.

- Put your club away or mark the score card when others are playing a shot.
- Play a provisional ball if your ball may be lost and use a watch to make sure three minutes isn't exceeded when searching for a ball.
- Keep up with the group ahead.
- Allow faster groups to play through.

## **5. Carts**

- Keep your cart on the designated path whenever possible.
- Don't drive near greens.
- Always avoid wet areas, even if not roped off or marked.
- After you play a shot do not put your club in your golf bag. Hop in the cart and put your club away when the cart stops for the next shot.
- However do not move the cart or drive ahead while someone is playing a shot nearby.
- If you are the driver of the cart consider your passenger at all times.