SOCIAL RULES OF GOLF

For an enjoyable golf outing, please respect golf etiquette and the basic rules of ready golf.

Golf etiquette: "do unto others...." This is golf's common courtesy.

- 1. Introduce yourself to the players in your group.
- 2. Turn off your cell phone or put it on vibration if business dependent.
- 3. Ask if it's okay if you intend to smoke.
- 4. Shout "fore" if a ball in flight may hit another person.
- 5. Watch everyone's ball flight to avoid losing balls and delaying play.
- 6. Don't move, speak or stand close to players addressing their ball.
- 7. On greens don't drop clubs or the flag on the surface nor lean on your putter.
- 8. Don't step in another player's line of putt on the green.
- 9. Don't stand directly in front of or in back of a player's line of putt or stroke.
- 10. Replace the flagstick carefully in an upright position when leaving a green.
- 11. Repair ball marks on greens, repair divots, and smooth sand in bunkers.
- 12. Offer coaching only if requested to do so by a fellow player.
- 13. Keep up with the group playing ahead.
- 14. Do not stand or wait in front of or ahead of other players in your group.
- 15. Invite faster groups to play through if the way ahead is clear.
- 16. At the conclusion of your round shake everyone's hand and thank them.

Rules of ready golf: A speedy pace of play is more enjoyable for everyone.

For a more enjoyable round, if possible "play it forward" from the tee that matches your ability.

- 1. Always play without delay and keep up with the group in front of yours.
- 2. Play your shot as soon as players are out of your range.
- 3. Short hitters should tee off first as soon as the way is clear.
- 4. Plan your next shot as you approach your ball and not when you get to it.
- 5. Take only one practice swing, two at the most.
- 6. Line up your putt quietly and without movement while others are putting.
- 7. Be ready to play when it is your turn.
- 8. Have an efficient pre-shot routine.
- 9. Play a provisional ball if there is any question your ball is lost or out of bounds.
- 10. Take no more than five minutes to hunt for lost balls.
- 11. Leave your clubs and cart on the green side closest to the exit to the next tee.
- 12. Putt out putts unless you have to stand in another player's line to do so.
- 13. Exit the green quickly after all players have putted out.
- 14. Enter scores on scorecards at the next tee and not at the green after putting.



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To improve your game and prevent injuries, take five or ten minutes before and after your round of golf to stretch with these exercises.



15 seconds



each leg



10 seconds each side



15 seconds



15 seconds each side





30 seconds



20 seconds

25 seconds





30 seconds each leg



20 seconds



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