

THE GAME OF GOLF

Golf is a game which depends a great deal on tradition and long established custom for its charm.

It follows quite naturally that a Golf Club is a conservative institution.

The standards required should extend to the choice of dress, and generally, to conduct on the course and in the Club House. It is strongly emphasised that the fundamental rule is consideration to fellow members.

DRESS: Golf attire must be neat and tidy at all times

GOLF ETIQUETTE

Metal spikes are NOT permitted

CARE OF THE COURSE: Before leaving a bunker all players must carefully smooth over all holes and footprints. Rakes are to be left in the centre of the bunker.

Through the green a player must ensure that any turf, cut or displaced by a player is replaced at once and pressed down, and that any damage to the putting green made by the ball or the player, is carefully repaired.

Players must ensure that when placing down bags or the flagstick, no damage is done to the putting green and that neither they nor their caddies damage the hole by standing close to it, handling the flagstick or in removing the ball from the hole. The flagstick must be properly replaced in the hole before the players leave the putting green. Players must not damage the putting green by leaning on their putter, particularly when removing the ball from the hole.

In taking practice swings, players should not cause any damage to the course and tees by removing divots.

It is compulsory to carry and use a sand bucket at all times.

GOLF CARTS

The following conditions apply to all motorised cars:

- Obey all directional signs;
- Keep to pathways where provided;
- Do not drive within five metres of all greens and tees unless on a pathway;
- Two persons only in each cart. Improper use of carts will result in disciplinary action.

Members are asked to pay particular attention to the following paragraphs — observance of them will add to the pleasure on the Course for all concerned.

COURTESY ON THE GOLF COURSE:

In the interest and in consideration of all, players must play without delay. No player should play until players in front are out of range. Players searching for a ball must signal the players behind them to pass as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not be easily found; they should not search for five minutes before doing so; they must not continue to play until players have passed and are out of range. When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the green.

BEHAVIOUR DURING PLAY:

No one should move, talk or stand close to or directly behind the ball or hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke. To speed up play, the honour may be taken by the first player in readiness or it is suggested that shorter hitters may play first, but only when the preceding group is out of range.

PRIORITY ON THE COURSE.

Maximum number of players in any group shall be four unless directed by the Match Committee. Two-Ball matches have precedence and are entitled to pass any three or four-ball match. A single player has no standing and must give way to a match of any kind.

Any match playing a whole round is entitled to pass a match playing a shorter round. If a match fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than one clear hole on players in front, it must allow the match following to pass.