

## Golf Rules and Etiquette

- **TEE BOX**
  - Shake hands and introduce yourself to your playing partners
  - Make sure your golf ball is marked so you may identify your ball on the golf course
  - Before you start your round make sure you have a ball marker and divot tool
  - Ready Golf: Have your club in your hand ready to swing when it is your turn
  - Read the back of your scorecard for local rules, hazards, and out of bounds markers
- **BE COURTESY/SAFE/PLAY WITHOUT DELAY**
  - Yell FORE when your ball is in the wrong fairway or heading in the direction of others
  - walk with a brisk pace between each shot and keep up with the group in front of you
  - Remain still and quiet when someone is about to swing or putt
  - No running, sitting or yelling on the golf course
  - Avoid “spectating” and remember you are competing so swing when it’s your turn and everyone is safely out of the way
  - No more than two practice swings and only one practice swing if you are out of position (behind a hole or not in the fairway on par 4s and par 5s) when the group in front of you is on the green.
  - Do not practice swing when it is someone else’s turn and they are about to hit.
- **PUTTING GREEN**
  - Repair pitch marks on the putting greens
  - Mark your ball on the putting green. If you putt and hit someone’s ball you will receive a 1 stroke penalty
  - Place your golf clubs on the side of the putting green between the green you are playing and the next hole
  - When everyone is on the putting green pull the pin (flag) before putting. Holing out with the flag in the cup is a 2 stroke penalty
  - Do not step on someone else’s line on the putting green or allow your shadow to be in their line of putt
  - The first person to hole out should remain by the flagstick to replace it when everyone in their group has finished the hole
  - Move off the green immediately after everyone has holed out and write down your scores on the next tee box
- **HAZARDS (BUNKER/WATER)**
  - You must not ground your club in a water hazard or in the sand (1 stroke penalty)
  - Quickly rake the bunker after you’ve hit your shot
- **OUT OF BOUNDS**
  - If your ball is out of bounds you must play a ball from the previous spot (1 stroke penalty)