

# Golf Etiquette

## Avoid slow play:

Keep up with the group playing in front of you (if they are on the tee on #3, you should be on the tee on hole #2). Begin planning your next shot and when you get to your ball, know what club you will use and have it out of your bag.

If there are 2 empty holes in front of your group, the group behind you has the right to play through.

When you are on the 9<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> tees and you know you will not hit the green, hit your tee shot.

If your group is slow and you have putt out, proceed to the next tee – do not wait for the rest of your group to putt out.

Don't leave carts in the middle of the fairway when you reach the green. Leave them on the sides of the green.

Make sure you have tees and markers in your pocket on the first tee.

Limit your search for lost balls to 3 minutes.

If your next shot is with your pitching or sand wedge, automatically take your putter with you.

If you are in a trap, bring the rake into the trap with you. Always leave the rake on the inside edge of the trap, prongs facing down.

If you are first in the cup, pick up the flag stick and replace it when everyone else in your group has putt out. If you are laying the flagstick on the green, position it so that it is not in anyone's line of putt.

Do not mark the scorecards while you are on the green, mark the scores when you reach the next tee.

If you are not keeping score – be ready and be the first to tee off on the next hole.

On regular play days, pick up your ball after 6 strokes.

## Etiquette:

Conversation on the golf course needs to be kept to a minimum and completely stopped when a player is hitting or putting. Cell phones should be on "vibrate" mode while golfing. Do not stand where you might distract a fellow player.

Don't step on your fellow players putting lines (imaginary line that connects the ball to the hole).

**DO NOT TAKE YOUR CART OVER THE PUTTING SURFACE.** Carts are allowed between the green and the sand traps (just be careful to make sure your cart wheels stay off of the green).