

GOOD GOLF ETIQUETTE

My boys came up with these and I'm sure there are others. Some of these are actual Rules of Golf.

If you can do these, they will not only make your game safer but also more enjoyable for everyone :)

Remember even professionals make mistakes. Just smile and keep playing the game and enjoy being outside with friends.

Before the game:

Introduce yourself at the beginning of the game and shake hands.

Make sure you have everything you need: marker, pencil, rubber, tees, balls, snack, water, hat

Bring a sand bucket

Identify your ball.

Swap cards with your marker.

On the tee block:

If you are ready first, you can tee off first (this is called "ready golf").

Be quiet while someone is getting ready and having their shot.

Watch other players' balls from the tee off.

General play:

Keep up with the group in front of you.

As you are walking to your ball think of what shot you are going to do: which club to use and start lining up.

Do not yell or run around during the game.

Be quiet when someone is taking their shot.

Stand still and do not be distracting when someone is taking their shot.

Fill divots on the fairway with sand

Encourage your fellow players, praise good shots and don't make rude comments.

Do not touch someone else's ball.

Don't get frustrated with bad shots, have a good attitude.

Rake the bunker after your shot.

Play in order of furthest from the hole (there are a few exceptions to this).

Do not walk in front of players.

Make sure your path is well clear of players before you hit your shot.

Call out FORE loudly if your ball is heading towards other players.

Know the rules.

Watch each other's balls so that they are easy to find.

Keep track of your own score.

Check your score with your marker after each hole.

Fill out your card after each hole - if there is no-one waiting fill it out straight away otherwise fill it out while you are waiting at the next tee.

Try to keep track of the other's persons shots that you are marking their card for.

Group leader:

The lowest handicapper is the group leader.

Make sure the group keeps up with the group in front by encouraging others to move faster and mark cards at the right time.

If playing in a group of four, ask the first two players who finish putting to move to the next tee and get ready to make up time.

Around the green:

Don't put your bag/buggy on the green or in front of the green. Always place it on the side closest to the next tee.

Do not walk on someone's putting line.

Tend the flag - ask if they want the flag in or out and hold onto it, don't wave it around or drop it on the ground.

Be quiet when someone else is putting

Stand still when someone else is putting. Be aware of moving shadows.

Fix your pitch marks.

Mark your ball if it is in the path of someone else's ball.

After the game

Take off your hat and shake hands / bump fist/ elbow your fellow players at the end of the game.

Add up and check the scores with your marker.