

Tips for a Better Game of Golf

If you putt/chip your ball near the hole and do not plan to putt out, mark your ball with a coin or ball-marker.

Aside from being a distraction, other players will incur a 2 stroke penalty if they play a putt from the green and their ball hits yours.

Do not stand directly behind another player's intended target line while they are putting. This is a violation of the rules and very distracting because the player can usually see you out of the corner of his/her eye.

When playing for the first time with someone, be conservative at first about complimenting or critiquing a shot. Follow the lead of his friends, pay attention to his comments, and wait until you have a good understanding of what is a good and bad shot for a particular player. Don't assume that everyone's standards are the same as yours.

Slow Play

Be ready to play when it is your turn. Proceed to your ball as soon as it is safe and begin preparing for your shot. On the green, survey the contours and grain while other players are putting if you can do so without being distracting.

Write your scores on the scorecard when you reach the next tee.

Don't spend any more than 5 minutes looking for a lost ball.

Invite faster groups to play through.

When playing from a cart, drop one player off at his/her ball with several clubs and, if it is safe, drive the cart to the second player's ball. This way, the two players sharing the cart can both prepare for their shots at the same time.

If you take a cart and you are not allowed to leave the cartpath, drive the cart until it is roughly even with your ball and take several clubs (maybe the one you think you will need and one above and one below) with you to your ball. If you really have no idea what club you will need, pull your bag off the cart and take the whole thing with you to your ball.