



# GOLF ETIQUETTE

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Golf etiquette refers to a set of rules and practices designed to make the game of golf safer and more enjoyable for golfers and to minimize possible damage to golf equipment and courses.

### 1. Using Driving Ranges

Most courses have driving ranges. At these facilities you can purchase range balls to hit. These balls are used on the range and should not be used on the course. The driving range is a great place to practice what you are working on in the Op 36 Learning System.



### 2. Pace of Play - Be Ready!

Golf is a lot of fun! It is even more fun when we don't have to wait a long time to hit. Be ready to hit when it's your turn and limit yourself to 1 practice swing.

These times are the longest it should take you to play each hole as a beginning player.



Par 3's  
12 Minutes  
Par 4's  
15 Minutes  
Par 5's  
18 Minutes

### 3. Order of Play

When choosing who is going to tee off or hit their shot next, we use the "Order of Play" system. This system is used when starting the hole, and while playing the hole as well.

**Teeing Off:** The order at the tee depends on players' scores on the previous hole. The player with the best score tees off first, followed by the next best score until everyone has teed off. If two players have the same score, the player who went first on the previous hole goes first.

**Playing the hole:** The player who is farthest from the hole goes first. This continues until all balls have holed out.



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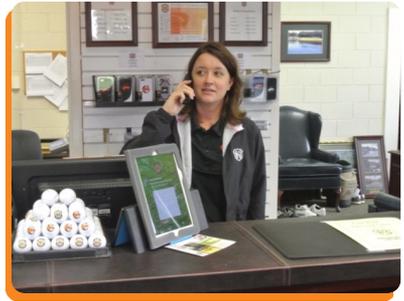
### 4. Proper Attire & Footwear

In honor of the game of golf, we wear certain clothing to the golf course. Proper attire includes: a collared shirt, khaki pants/shorts and golf/tennis shoes. Denim is not allowed at most courses, and flip flops would hurt your feet when walking and swinging.



### 5. Making a Tee Time

It is recommended to call a golf course to make a tee time when you want to play. This will reserve your spot on the tee for whatever time you and your friends want to play.



### 6. Private vs. Public Course

Golf courses can be private, public or a combination of the two (semi-private). Call ahead before you play to make sure you can play and practice. In some cases, a membership is required. If you like to play and practice a lot, your family may want to consider becoming a member of a club. At public golf courses anyone can play and practice.





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### 7. Proper Noise Level

To honor the game and your fellow golfers, do not make loud noises while others are hitting. It is appropriate to celebrate when you or another golfer makes a great shot!



### 8. Being In The Safe Zone

The safe zone is an area far enough away from someone that they will not hit you when swinging. We encourage you to stay 5 Big Steps away! While on the course here is your three step checklist:



## YOUR SAFE ZONE CHECKLIST

- Am I 5 big steps away from the person swinging?
- Can I see the eyes of the person swinging?
- Am I behind the golf ball?



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### 9. Marking Your Ball

Marking your ball allows other golfers to putt without the worry of hitting your ball. Use your enclosed Op 36 Ball Marker to mark your ball on the putting green. Place the marker directly behind the ball in relation to the hole and then you can pick up your ball.



### 10. Tending a Flagstick

When you are on, or slightly off the green, you may not be able to see the hole from your location. To help with this you may ask a playing partner to “tend the flagstick”. This way if your ball is rolling towards the hole they can remove the flagstick to potentially give the ball a better chance to go in. They can also leave the flagstick in if your ball is rolling too fast and the pin can stop it.





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### 11. Running On Greens

Putting on a nice smooth green is a lot easier than putting on a bumpy surface. Do not run on the putting green as it may damage the green and make it difficult to putt.



### 12. Fixing a Ball Mark

When a golf ball hits the green it sometimes leaves a ball mark. Use your Op 36 Divot Tool to repair the mark. Slide the fork into the grass around the hole and gently push towards the center. Tap your putter down on the mark and it will smooth out the green.





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The rules of golf make the game fair and fun.  
Learn the following rules to get started playing golf!

### 1. Tee Markers

We start each hole between two objects known as tee markers. The rules allow you to tee up your ball within 2 club lengths of the tee markers, no closer to the hole. You will be given a penalty if you tee off in front of the tee markers.



### 2. Holing Out - Ball in hole

The goal of golf is to get the ball in the hole in the lowest number of shots. You cannot pick your ball up and move it. You must hit it with one of your clubs. Once your ball comes to rest in the hole, add up the number of shots and put that number on your scorecard.



### 3. Playing the Ball as It Lies

Once you start a hole, you must hit your ball from wherever it ends up. If it ends up behind a tree or in a bad lie, you must figure out a way to play the shot. That is part of the challenge of golf!





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### 4. Swing and a Miss

If you make a swing and miss the ball you must count that stroke and add it to your score. It's okay to swing and miss. All of us have swung and missed before. As you work through Op 36 Honor, you will improve your skills so that you don't miss anymore.



### 5. You can Touch the Sand!

In the bunker, you are allowed to touch the sand with your club or hand before you hit. The rules state, "So long as you're not testing the conditions of the bunker, you're not placing the club right in front of or behind the ball, and you're not making a practice swing or backswing."





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# LEGENDS AND ROLE MODELS

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Learning about new professional golfers and legends of the game is fun! It makes golf fun to watch on TV and helps you learn. It also helps you to have a role model to look up to.

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**FOR RANK 1 ORANGE** - You must research a Current Player and a Retired Legend and answer questions about them in your Honor Test.

### YOUR OBJECTIVE:

## WHO WILL YOU CHOOSE TO RESEARCH?

FEEL FREE TO PICK ONE OF THE EXAMPLES BELOW

### CURRENT PLAYERS

- Rickie Fowler
- Paula Creamer
- Rory McIlroy
- Justin Rose

### RETIRED LEGENDS

- Arnold Palmer
- Annika Sorenstam
- Jack Nicklaus
- Kathy Whitworth

## Tips on where to find information:

**INTERNET**

**LIBRARY**

**TELEVISION**

NOTE: ALWAYS ASK YOUR PARENT'S PERMISSION BEFORE RESEARCHING