



Etiquette

Golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players, care for the course and to abide by the Rules.

All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and fair play, irrespective of how competitive they may be.

Etiquette is an integral part of the game, which has come to define golf's values worldwide. Put simply, it is a series of guidelines that exist to show other players, whether through divot repair or awareness of your shadow, a degree of fairness which you would expect to receive in return.

In terms of golf's environment, etiquette is about showing respect for the course on which you are playing and the work that has been put in to create it.

It's about making sure that the game is played safely and that others on the course can enjoy the round as much as you.

In short: it's about showing consideration to **all** others on the course, always.

No Disturbance or Distraction

You should always show consideration for other players on the course and take care not to not disturb their play by moving, talking or making unnecessary noise.

You should also ensure that any electronic devices taken onto the course don't distract other players.

Only tee your ball up when it's your turn to play and remember not to stand close to the ball, directly behind it, or directly behind the hole, when a player is about to swing.

On the Putting Green

On the putting green, you should be careful not stand on another player's line of putt or, when they are putting, cast a shadow over their line.

And you should remain on or close to the putting green until all other players in the group have holed out.

Scoring

If you're acting as a marker, on the way to the next tee you should, if necessary, check the score with the player concerned and record it.

Safety

Ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club, the ball or any stones, pebbles, twigs or the like when they make a stroke or practice swing.

Wait until the players in front are out of range. Players should always alert greenstaff nearby or ahead when they are about to make a stroke that might endanger them.

If your ball's heading in a direction where there is a danger of it hitting someone, shout a warning immediately. The traditional word of warning is “fore”.

THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR DANGEROUS PLAY

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