



Basic Golf Etiquette

Proper Behaviour on and off the Course

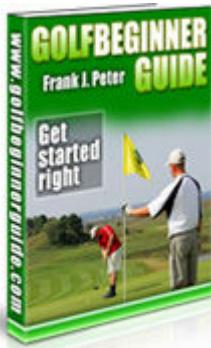
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Most of the following is actually common sense, or at least it should be. However, you will meet quite a few golfers who just don't care – don't be one of them! Here's how it should be:

On the golf course	
Be sure to be patient and respect other players on the course as you wish to be respected.	Before putting be sure to leave your trolley somewhere beside the green, preferably in an area beside the next tee-off zone.
Don't produce any loud noise. Normal speaking or conversation is ok; shouting or loud laughing is not!	Adapt your walking speed to that of your flight partners. Neither walk too fast nor to slow, try to stand somewhere beside the player who has to do the next shot.
Be prepared to arrive at your scheduled tee-off in time.	While walking to your ball, try to consider how to play it best.
Always check your marker and your ball number in order to avoid confusion (and possible stroke-penalties!) during the game.	If possible, try to observe not only your own but also the balls of the other players in your flight. This will help to save time in case one of your partners may not be able to find his ball immediately after his shot.
Don't make practice swings on the tee-off zone.	In case you or your flight is forced to search after any lost ball, invite the following flight to follow through before continuing your search.
Do not stand too close behind, near or in front of any other player.	On the Green
Be absolutely quiet while any other player wants to make his shot.	The ball with the longest distance to the hole has to be played first.
On the first tee usually the player with the lowest handicap has the right to start the game by doing his first shot. On all other tees the player with the best score out of the previous hole has "the honor", meaning he has the right to play his ball first.	Don't step on putting lines of your flight partners.
Always be prepared to play your ball in order to avoid any delay in the game.	Mark your ball as soon as it lies on the green.
Leave tee immediately after you made your shot.	When holding the flagstick, don't stand too close to the hole. Watch for any shadow your body may produce in the sun because this may interfere other players in their game.
Take care for a flowing game! Don't stand or wait if not necessary.	Don't stay too close to your flight partners when they want to take their puts.
Don't play your stroke if other players intend to do their puts on any green in the neighbourhood.	Don't move or speak as long as your flight partners play their balls.
Don't play your shot as long as any player in front of you may be in hit distance to you.	Don't pull the ball out of the hole with your putter as this may damage the hole. Bend down and pick it up.
Replace divots and step it into place, repair any damage caused e.g. by your spikes, pitch marks etc. immediately. After any bunker play be sure to use the rake and leave the bunker in perfect condition.	Avoid any damage of the green, including flag hole, spikes, pitching holes! Remove all traces before leaving the green.
Don't drive your buggy or trolley over tee-off areas, greens or through sand bunker.	Replace flagstick carefully. Do not damage the hole!
	Leave the green as soon as possible. There is time to note your score while waiting for tee-off on the next tee.

Recommended Reading:

The Golf Beginner Guide - www.GolfBeginnerGuide.com

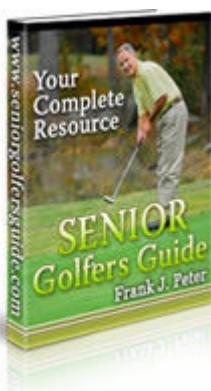


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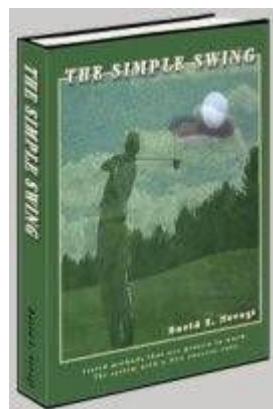
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