



HENLOW GOLF CLUB



Golf Etiquette

1. CONSIDERATION FOR OTHER PLAYERS

- Please ensure that you are ready to tee off on your allotted competition tee time.
- If there are no players approaching from the 3rd tee, you may tee off from the 4th or 13th tee box. Be aware that if players approach you from behind you should let them play through.
- Be fully prepared at the start of the round with tees, balls, pencil, glove etc.
- The player who has the 'honour' should be allowed to tee-off first and should do so without delay.
- You should not talk, stand close or otherwise distract fellow players while they are taking their shots.
- Don't play until the group in front of you is out of range.
- If you lose a ball and it is obvious that it will not be found easily, signal the group behind to play through. Do not wait the five minutes allowed under the "Rules of Golf" for ball searching, before doing so. If you believe a ball may be lost, immediately after you have hit it, play a provisional ball.
- If a playing partner is in a bunker and your ball is nearer the hole, be ready to rake for your partner to save time whilst they get ready to play their next shot.
- In a friendly fourball arrange for the last player teeing off to mark a card. It saves time.
- Be ready to play your shot if you are out of the eye line of your playing partner.
- Don't necessarily wait until your partner has played theirs before you think about selecting your club.
- Keep moving as quickly as you are able whilst walking between shots.
- Make sure you do not leave your trolley or bag in front of the green. Always park your trolley or place your bag at the point where you will exit the green on your way to the next hole. Don't waste time by having to go back for your bag.
- When completing a hole, move off the green immediately. Leave the marking of scorecards, etc. until you are well clear of the green.
- Please avoid the use of mobile telephones on the course, consider others and switch ring tones off. Phones maybe left on for emergency purposes, but this must be with the agreement of your fellow players.
- No sharing of clubs, bags or trolleys.

2. SLOW PLAY

- Those teeing off first have a particular responsibility in that they set the tempo for the whole day. If the first group out takes 4 ½ hours, those following will be doomed to a round of 4 ½ hours or longer. 3 ½ - 4 hours should be more than enough for a four ball match, even under medal conditions.

3. CARE OF THE COURSE

- Before leaving a bunker, make sure you smooth over all holes and footprints with the rake. Always leave the rake in the bunker.
- Always replace divots on the fairways and repair pitch marks on putting surfaces.
- (If a pitch mark is repaired immediately it only takes 24 hours to recover. Leave it and it could take up to 15 days!)
- Don't take your bag or trolley near the putting greens or between green and bunker.
- Take care not to damage the hole when removing the flagstick and do not drop the flag on the green, place it down.
- Don't lean on your putter particularly when removing the ball from the hole.
- If taking practice swings on the tee area, extra care must be taken not to damage them.
- Do not replace divots on a tee area. Use the seeded soil provided to fill any divot holes.
- Observe all notices regarding 'Ground Under Repair' and keep to the designated paths, especially when pulling a trolley.
- Avoid walking on worn areas even if this adds a few yards to your direct route.

4. PRIORITY ON THE COURSE

- Two-ball matches take precedence over three and four-ball matches and should be invited to play through.
- You should ensure that you keep pace with the group in front of you at all times.
- If, however, you should fall behind by more than one clear hole, you must signal the group directly behind you to play through and that includes matches.
- A single player has no standing and should give way to a match of any kind.
- 10th tee players have priority over the 1st tee players.
- If players are one both the 1st and the 4th/13th tees, then players on the 1st should tee off first and then wait for the players on the 4th/13th to tee off, only then should both groups walk to their balls.
- It is courtesy to allow the Captain and Ladies' Captain precedence on the course.

5. GENERAL

- Keep your voice down, not only on the course, but also around the 4th and the 13th tees, particularly when coming out of the clubhouse or in the car park. Members are responsible for their guests.
- When practicing on the practice putting green or net, you must stop when players are on the 4th/13th tees.
- If you have booked a tee time for a competition and are not able to play, remove your name as soon as possible. If you are not able to remove it telephone the Club Manager or Competitions Secretary and notify them.
- Members must display their membership tags on golf bags, which will be subject to checking by at any time.