



“Take Pride” in the Golf

Proper course care is essential to good course etiquette. Incorrect course care is ineffective and can actually be harmful. Please always use the everyday methods adopted at Riverside as described below.

General

- Golf shoes with soft spikes **MUST** be worn.
- Please dispose of your litter, including cigarette ends, in the bins at or near most tees.
- No Glass containers or alcohol allowed on course.
- Divots **MUST** be repaired.
- Bunkers **MUST** be raked.
- Pitch marks on greens **MUST** be repaired.
- Push buggies/trolleys may **NOT** be taken across greens and **MUST** be kept 2 meters from putting surface. Buggies must be fitted with wide tyres
- Obey any directional signs.
- **DO NOT** step over ropes and stakes, walk around.
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Bunkers

- Before leaving a bunker, a player should carefully fill up and smooth over all holes and footprints made by him/her.
- Always enter the bunker at the lowest point. **DO NOT** walk up “FACES”.
- Pull rake toward you as you exit the bunker.
- If required, rake other affected areas.
- Do not pile sand at the edge of the bunker. Push back excess sand.
- Smooth bunker “FACES” with back of rake.
- Knock any sand from your shoes before walking on the putting green.

Bunker Rake Policy

- Always leave the rake in the flat of the bunker with the handle parallel to the line of play of the hole.
- Rakes should be placed as far from the edge as possible.

Repairing Ball-Marks

- Always start at the back of the mark and push forward with the repairer.
- Use repairer around all sides and slowly ease turf toward the centre of the mark. Do not lift the soil upwards.
- Lightly tap down with putter.

Repairing Divots

- Remove any loose turf from the affected area.
- Knock in all sides of the edge of the divot with your club or your shoe.
- Only use sand to replace dislodged soil.
- Sand should **NOT** be mounded; the sand should be below the turf surface.

Damage to Greens

- Players should ensure that, when putting down bags, or the flagstick, no damage is done to the putting green, and that neither they nor their caddies damage the hole by standing close to it in handling the flagstick or in removing the ball from the hole.

- If there is any damage made by animals or vandals DO NOT attempt to repair the damage, remove any loose material from the putting surface, DO NOT replace any material and DO NOT fill any holes with sand.
- Report the damage to a member of the ground staff or to the pro shop.
- Push buggies/trolleys may NOT be taken across greens and MUST be kept 2 meters from putting surface.
- Handling the flag
- Don't drop the flagstick on the putting surface as it will cause damage.
- Always lower the flagstick by hand.
- Avoid damage to surrounds by placing the flagstick in the centre of the cup.
- The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before the players leave the putting green

Removing Ball

- Stand back from the hole as far as is practical to remove the ball.
- Be vigilant to not scape or scuff the area around the hole with your feet. No twisting or pivoting with feet.
- DO NOT use putter head to remove the golf ball from the hole.

Tees

- Players are requested to NOT fill divots with sand.
- If there is any damage made by animals or vandals DO NOT attempt to repair the damage remove any loose material from the teeing ground. DO NOT replace any material and DO NOT fill any holes with sand.
- Report the damage to a member of the ground staff or to the pro shop.
- Push buggies/trolleys are NOT permitted on tee tops.

Course Markings

- All cart signs and ropes and stakes are to be treated as immovable obstructions and relief may be taken under rule 16-1. They are NOT to

- be removed for any reason.
- Roped off areas are to be treated as compulsory G.U.R.
- Hazard marker stakes may be removed to play a shot. Then the hazard marker stake must be replaced in the exact position which it was removed from.
- DO NOT step over ropes and stakes, walk around.

Motorised Golf Carts

Players using MOTORISED GOLF CARTS MUST abide by the rules set down covering their use as follows:

- Carts MUST always be driven with due consideration for other players.
- Carts MUST NOT travel within 15 metres of the green or tees or between bunkers and greens under any circumstances.
- Carts MUST NOT travel closer than five 15 meters from bunkers.
- Carts MUST NOT be driven over mounds or on slopes around tees and greens.
- Carts MUST NOT be driven across the BLUE lines.
- No more than two persons may ride in the cart at any one time.
- The utmost consideration must be given to the preservation of turf. KEEP OFF wet areas. KEEP OFF areas which have already been damaged by wear. KEEP OFF tees and areas subject to heavy traffic between greens and adjoining tees.
- Carts MUST be driven on only the closely mown areas of the fairways and NOT in the roughs.
- Where paths are provided, carts MUST remain on the path.
- All course signage MUST be obeyed.
- **CART DRIVERS WHO DO NOT STRICTLY COMPLY WITH THE RULES WILL BE LIABLE TO HAVE PERMISSION TO USE CARTS REVOKED.**

Take Pride,
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