

GOLF COURSE ETIQUETTE

Each person should do his/her part to make a round of golf at the Rutland Country Club an enjoyable experience.

Please follow these guidelines:

1. Consideration should be given to other players. In the interest of all, players should play without delay. No player should play until the players in front are out of range.
2. Players searching for a ball should signal the players behind them to pass as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not easily be found; they should then search for no more than five minutes. Play should not continue until players following them have passed and are out of range.
3. No one should move, talk, or stand close to or directly behind the ball or the hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke.
4. The player who has the honor should be allowed to play before his opponent or fellow-competitor tees his ball.
5. A single player has no standing and should give way to a match of any kind.
6. A round of golf should take four (4) hours or less.
7. Holes must be played in numerical order.
8. Whenever the golf course is posted as "Closed," all play is prohibited.
9. Do not waste time. Be ready to make your shot when it is your turn to play. Play out of turn if doing so will contribute importantly to the progress of your group.
10. Never leave the golf cart in front of the green where you will have to go back to get it.
11. When play of a hole is completed, leave the green promptly and proceed to the next tee without delay. Do the scoring for the completed hole while the others in your group are playing from the next tee.
12. Assist guests in locating their next tee.
13. Our course offers little distance between fairways. Should you have any doubt that you may have hit your shot into another group (e.g., from 4th tee to 8th fairway), **YOU MUST YELL 'FORE!'...**and please, don't be shy--let them hear you!
14. Some tees are close to greens and other tees. When playing your shot, check to make sure no one else is hitting or putting at the same time. Respecting others' concentration in golf is an important ingredient in the "gentlemen's game."
15. **DISPUTES** are typically related to the Rules of Golf prescribed by the USGA. Disputes about the Rules of Golf should be directed to the Golf Professional.
16. **COMPLAINTS** are typically related to the conduct of play and should be reported to the Ranger or Golf Professional.
17. We urge all members to acquire the USGA "Rules of Golf" and familiarize themselves with its content.
18. Players should register every score in the handicap computer, located in the Pro Shop, after completing a round. Scores are adjusted as follows on the next page.