

# GOLF ETIQUETTE - THE UNSPOKEN RULES OF GOLF

We hope for all of our golfers to enjoy a safe and fun round of golf here at Geneva Golf Club. This guide is for all of our Junior Members and will teach how things work at our facility along with many great lessons you will take with you through life.

**“Success in this game depends less on strength of body than strength of mind and character.” - ARNOLD**

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## PLAY IT SAFE

Always make sure that all other players are behind you when striking the golf ball. Sometimes the best golfers don't even know where that ball is going to go. Even more important make sure that all of your golfing partners are at a safe distance from you when swinging. Getting home safe and sound is more important than anything else.

## SPEED IT UP

Do your best to keep up with the group in front of you. Walk to your ball quickly and know what you are going to do before you get there. You should have your next shot and how you're going to hit it planned prior to getting to your ball. If you are falling behind the pace of play, please make sure to let golfers behind your group play through.

The safest way to allow a group or golfer play through is to wait for them on the tee box of the next hole and have them hit their tee shot while you or your group waits. Good communication is key here. All you have to do is waive someone forward with a signal of your hand. No one enjoys being rushed during their round, so make your round and their round more enjoyable by allowing a faster group to play through.

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## **SLOW IT DOWN**

As stated above pace of play is very important but playing too fast can also be an issue. Nobody enjoys a group breathing down their neck when they are meeting the requirements. Please wait till each group is off the green and at the next tee box before hitting your approach to the green. Never hit a shot that could roll up on the group ahead of you. Be respectful and enjoy the round of golf. The goal is to go low not play the most holes.

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## **LEAVE THE COURSE BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT**

As a Geneva Junior Member, it is important to understand that enjoyment of the course for you and your fellow members is something that you have a major part in.

This means that you should always repair all divots after your shot. On each green, you should always repair your ball mark and a few others. If your shot did not make a ball mark, it is a great habit to repair someone else's mark.

Nobody likes putting through ball marks, so let's look after one another and fix our marks. Plus, it never hurts to have some good golf karma right before your putt!

## **PAIRING UP**

Sometimes, our courses are busy, and we have to pair players up so that the golf course is run efficiently for all of the people playing. There are times when you will be paired up with other players, so be aware that you will not always be playing on your own.

Keep in mind that being paired up is a great way to meet new people, make lifelong friends and to learn from watching how others play. If and when you are paired up, a simple handshake and a "good to meet you" goes a long way and makes for an enjoyable round for all.

**“A kid grows up a lot faster on the golf course. Golf teaches you how to behave.” - JACK NICKLAUS**

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## **GOLF CARTS**

A lot of you Junior Members have your own carts and that is awesome. Being able to ride a cart on our course is a privilege and you must follow the rules to do so. The rules are as follow:

- Always Pair Up...No Solo Carts
- Drive at a Safe Speed...You're at a Golf Course not a Race Track
- Keep Carts on the Path at All Times
- Keep Cart 20 Yards Away from Greens and Bunkers
- Be Extra Careful in High Traffic Areas Such as the Tunnel
- You are not Allowed to Drive a Geneva Owned Cart until You are 16 years old.

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### **SPEAK & CONDUCT YOURSELF IN A RESPECTABLE MANNER**

Please refrain from yelling while you are on the golf course. There are a lot of other people on the course at a given me, and they deserve to enjoy their round as much as everyone on the course.

When someone is getting ready to swing or mid-swing, refrain from talking. It is considered poor etiquette to make noises during someone's swing and can cause them to play worse.

Golf is meant to be fun - so be sure to enjoy your round every time you get out on the course. But please, be aware of your surroundings and respect all other golfers.

**“The more I practice, the luckier I get.” - GARY  
PLAYER**

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## **BE PREPARED FOR THE WEATHER**

Come prepared for the weather! We all have the ability to know what the weather forecast is and can plan for our rounds of golf accordingly. Please make sure to dress accordingly for the weather.

On hot days, it is always a good idea to keep a water bottle in your bag filled with cold water. Also, consider applying sunscreen prior to playing and keeping a bottle in your bag as well.

For colder days or the occasional storm that may roll in, having a coat in the bag is always a good idea to stay warm and dry. Also, when you spot lighting or hear thunder immediately come to the clubhouse. We want you all to be safe and comfortable on the course, so you can play your best.

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## **MAKE TEE TIMES**

It is always a good idea to schedule tee times. This way, we know who is joining us that day and how many players we will have. When you make a tee time, you guarantee yourself a spot on the tee box. Tee times are convenient for you because they allow you to know what to expect prior to arriving at the course.

We will always do our best to accommodate you if you do not have a tee time. However, it is much easier to make sure you have a tee time by going online or calling over the phone. There are times throughout the season when the whole course may be booked with a golf outing or golf league - and there's nothing worse than arriving to the course without a tee time to find out there's no place for you to get out and enjoy a round of golf. Tee times are beneficial for all!

## **CHECKING IN**

When arriving at Geneva always check into the pro shop before playing your round of golf. When in the Pro Shop wait patiently if there is a line and be respectful to the employee and customers. The pro shop is not a spot to hangout, before and after your round please hangout on the driving range or putting green. You can't improve your game in the pro shop only on the practice facilities.

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## **UNSURE OF WHAT TO DO?**

There may be times where you just do not know what you should do or have questions - and that's okay! If and when this happens, please feel free to ask any staff or fellow members.

We are here to help and want each and every one of your experiences to be positive and enjoyable. We are here 7-days a week from sunup to sundown, so feel free to call us at (320) 762-7089

**“No matter how good you get, you can always get better. And that’s the exciting part.” - TIGER WOODS**

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## BASIC GOLF COURSE RULES

We are excited to have you at Geneva Golf Club and hope that you enjoy your experience. It is our goal to have ALL members enjoy their time spent on the golf course. To ensure that happens we must have some rules in place.

We are fortunate enough to have many PGA Golf Professionals on staff that would be happy to take time to give you the basic golf course etiquette rundown. If you are looking for some guidance please stop in and ask. Following a couple of the rules we have provided will allow us all to enjoy the summer.

1. Check into pro shop and only play the course they instruct you to play.
2. All Guests must pay for golf and cart fee.
3. Maximum of 4 people in a group. There may be instances where we allow 5 but that is at sole discretion of golf shop. Never on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday.
4. Never drive a cart near or on a tee box, green or bunker. Stay on the cart path when provided. Carts must always stay 20 yards from all the above. No exceptions.
5. If a group comes up behind you, let them play through.
6. Never take a full swing on a green or a divot.
7. Carts are not go-carts, drive carefully and under control.
8. Screaming, playing football, running around are not part of the game.
9. Two Riders per cart.
10. Follow general golf etiquette provided in following packet.
11. Make a tee time to play. As the summer progresses, we get busier.

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### **Junior Membership Rules Acknowledgement**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a cart lease (Circle One):      Yes      No

If you have your own cart, did you buy a trail fee (circle one)      Yes      No

I understand I need to Check in at the pro shop before every round.

I understand if I do not have a cart lease I need to pay to ride a cart or drive a cart.

I understand my guests need to pay to play or ride with me.

I have received the etiquette guide.

***Failure to adhere by these rules will result in loss of playing privileges.***

Signature \_\_\_\_\_