

The Golfer's

GOLF GUIDELINES

#greaterthangolf
#flattenthecurve
#walkthewalk
#greenergolf

GOLF'S ROADMAP TO NORMALITY

1. PREPARE

- Embrace that golf is going to be different while social distancing.
- Check if the kitchen is open for takeout before heading to the course. Bring water and a snack with you. No water will be available.
- Wet a towel at this time. There will not be ball washers on the course.
- Book your tee time and pay green fees online or by phone.
- Pledge to be a safe golfer.
- Plan ahead: allow yourself enough time to be prepared and be on time.
- Pack hand sanitizer or sanitizing wipes.
- Stretch and warm up before you leave home.
- You will go straight to the first tee upon arrival.
- Now you're set, head to the course!

2. ARRIVE

- Park, put your face covering and gloves on (recommended). Remember you're going to be practicing social distancing for the next few hours.
- Gather your gear and head to the starter. The starter will remind you of current rules in place, then point you to either the first tee or golf car that has been sanitized for you. If you take a golf car, it is a good idea to wipe it down first with sanitizing wipes (your own or provided).
- If you haven't already, check with the starter for a safe way to wet your towel at this time.
- Go to the first tee. You are free to take off your face covering and gloves once you are on the tee.
- Remember to practice proper social distancing standards for the round. Cover your cough or sneeze properly, with your sleeve, and sanitize regularly. Obey pack-in-pack-out procedures for garbage.



#walkthewalk

3. PLAY

- If you see a tee, let it be: Do not touch tees left from prior players.
- Maintain social distance: between player(s) at all times (6 ft+).
- Tee markers: if unmarked, flip a tee or the winner of the last hole picks.
- Bunkers: it is acceptable to either (a) play it as it lies; (b) replace the ball from a disturbed lie, or; (c) take free relief outside the bunker, no closer to the hole. Smooth footprints with your feet, to the best of your ability.
- Markers: Don't remove or touch markers in or out of play. If a marker is going to interfere with your play, take a free drop at the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole.
- Play ready golf: we're all happy to be out here, don't take it too seriously.
- Be grateful: Maintenance staff hours and labor may be restricted during this crisis; play the ball as it lies but if you feel like you have been dealt an unfair situation, make it right and play on.
- Score: we recommend keeping score digitally.

4. AFTER GOLF

- Instead of shaking hands: tip your cap, bow, wave, thumbs up, etc.
- Maintain social distance at all times. Remember, we're flattening the curve. Lead by example.
- Exiting the facility: place your face covering on (recommended) before you exit the last green and wash or sanitize your hands. After dropping off the golf car, walk directly to your car. Once you reach your car, load up your gear, and get in. You may remove your face covering at this time, obey local governance at all times.*
- Support: reflect on your time out on the golf course. Share your gratitude for your partners and round by posting on social media, or heckle your friends with a group text.

"The most important shot in golf is the next one."

- Ben Hogan



GOLF GUIDELINES

GOLF'S ROADMAP TO NORMALITY

#greaterthangolf
#flattenthecurve
#walkthewalk
#grenergolf



SAFE GOLFER'S PLEDGE

I, [YOUR NAME], pledge to follow the recommendations set forth in Golf Guidelines. I understand that as a golfer, my actions are visible to the surrounding community and therefore any incidence of not following these guidelines could negatively impact the health of my community and affect my ability to play golf in the future.

I value the opportunity to act as an honorable representative of our great game so that golfers around the country will maintain the privilege of being able to play golf.

RELAXED RULES OF GOLF*:

- 1. MAXIMUM SCORE:** Double par (6 on par 3s, 8 on par 4s, 10 on par 5s). Be grateful to be outside on the golf course, there are more important things than score.
- 2. PENALTIES:** All are one stroke, including out of bounds, hazards, lost ball and unplayable lie. Drop a ball near where the original was lost and play on.
- 3. SEARCH TIME:** Two minutes to look for your ball. If lost, proceed under Rule 2.
- 4. UNFORTUNATE LIES:** With your playing partners' consent, balls may be dropped out of divots or footprints, away from tree roots and any other dangerous lies.
- 5. CONCEDED PUTTS:** Putts may be conceded with your playing partners' consent. Many "holes" will now be raised hole liners and modified for health reasons. Be generous.
- 6. EQUIPMENT:** No restrictions, including number of clubs. Because many courses are walking only, you may want to carry just a few clubs, maybe even just one.
- 7. COMMON SENSE:** When in doubt, use common sense and fairness. Golf course maintenance is limited during this health crisis so use fairness and attempt to leave the course better than you found it.

*modified from the Relaxed Rules of Golf developed by the Golf Channel in 2015

