



Etiquette Policy

One of the central principles of the game of golf is that players play by the rules and in the spirit of the game. Rule 1.2 in the Rules of Golf details the conduct that is expected of all players and what is meant by the spirit of the game. Rule 1.2 reads as follows:-

“All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by:-

- Acting with integrity – e.g. by following the rules, applying all penalties, and being honest in all aspects of play.
- Showing consideration to others – e.g. by playing at a prompt pace, looking out for the safety of others, and not distracting the play of another player.
- Taking good care of the course – e.g. by replacing divots, smoothing bunkers, repairing ball-marks, and not causing unnecessary damage to the course



This policy provides guidelines on the manner in which the game of golf should be played. If they are followed, all players will gain maximum enjoyment from the game. The overriding principle is that consideration should be shown to others on the course at all times.

The spirit of the game golf is played, for the most part, is without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the rules.

All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.

- Play your round within the guidelines of the Pace of Play Policy.
- Repair all divots and pitch marks. Carry a sand bucket and fill your divot, and repair any pitch marks on the greens, even if it is not yours.
- Rake the bunker after use. It is **not** sufficient to just rake the sand. Smooth out your ‘craters’ created by your stance and swing and then rake to an acceptable finish. Place the rake in the centre of the bunker, in the direction of play when finished. Do **not** place the rake at the front (in or out of the bunker) across the line of play.
- Do **not** drag your feet on the green. Be mindful of your footprints around the hole after you have holed out. Be careful standing too close to the hole whilst removing/replacing

the flagstick. Tap down your footprints/spike marks as you back away from the hole. Do **not** drop the flag on the green. Lower it with your club or hand.

- Do **not** manoeuvre your buggy across the green. In periods of wet weather and frosty conditions, be mindful of your movements near the green. Best practice is **not** to manoeuvre your buggy along the step cut next to the putting surface. Try not to walk on or across frosty ground on the green.
- Be mindful of your language and actions whilst playing your round. Duntryleague is surrounded by public spaces and is regularly used by, and is in direct view of, the public at all times. Your actions reflect directly towards Duntryleague.
- Be respectful whilst in the clubhouse and maintain correct decorum and dress. Hats are **not** to be worn indoors.
- Be courteous towards your playing partners, their equipment, other golfers, staff, and the course and facilities at Duntryleague. Duntryleague staff and committee members have total authority over any reasonable direction that may be given to any member or guest, at any time.

If players follow the guidelines in this section, it will make the game more enjoyable for everyone. If a player consistently disregards these guidelines during a round or over a period of time, to the detriment of others, the committee may take disciplinary action against the offender. Such action may include limiting a player's playing privileges for a period of time or excluding the player from certain competitions/tournaments. This is considered to be justified in terms of protecting the interests of the majority of golfers who wish to play in accordance with these guidelines.