

Play Golf America

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CHAPTER 2

Facility Orientation

There is more to playing golf than learning how to swing the club and keeping score. The game is based on long-held traditions of manners, respect for the course and a respect for other players/fellow competitors on the course.

Reservations - Call the Golf Course

Tee Times Policy

- How many days in advance
- Rates
- Cancellation policy
- Walk-on policy
- Single-player policy
- Golf car use policy (age requirements - rate)
- Walkers policy (time restrictions on walking)

Equipment Policy

- Rental clubs availability
- Rate
- Reservations
- Individual player bag / equipment policy

Dress Code

- Player requirement
- Shirts – shorts/ slacks
- Footwear requirements

Amenities Available

- Food and beverage service
- Golf shop
- Locker rooms
- Caddies
- Practice facilities

Directions and potential drive-time factor depending on your locale.

Arrival - 40 to 45 Minutes Prior to Your Starting Tee Time

Bag Drop

- Unload golf clubs
- Park vehicle

Golf Shop

- Check in
- Pay your fees
- Get a scorecard and any course information
- Acquire any equipment needs (clubs, balls, glove, etc.)

Meet Fellow Players

- Locate restroom and food and beverage facilities

Warm Up

- Stretching routine
- Practice facility and practice putting green

Starter - At the First Tee

Report to starting tee 10 minutes before your tee time to review the following:

- Course rules
- Information such as yardage plates
- Golf car rules
- Course markings
- Suggestions for tee choice or length of course to match your skill level
- Pace of play guidelines – keeping up with group in front of you.

During Play of the Round

Ranger

- Player assistance controls the pace of play (always maintain correct spacing with the group in front and help keep pace for everyone's enjoyment).

On Course

- Use continuous putting to speed up play
- Repair all ball marks on the putting greens and replace or sand your divots
- Follow all golf car paths and signage accordingly
- Mark your scorecard at the next teeing ground.

It's O.K. Rules

Your instructor may have suggested a set of rules for your level of play and the course.

Having fun is the most important factor, especially when first learning to play. Be patient and enjoy the experience. Scoring is not always the objective in the beginning.

Conclusion

- Return the golf car to the attendant if you ride during this round
- Handle and put your clubs away in the vehicle
- Post your score– follow U.S.G.A. Handicap Policy for posting
- Recap your round– enjoy the facilities with your group and plan your next round!