

The Toronto Golf Club

GOLF RULES

DRESS CODE

The Purpose of the Dress Code is to ensure that sensible, reasonable and appropriate standards are maintained at all times on Club premises.

Golf attire should be neat, tailored and consistent with the standards of the Club and tradition of the game of golf.

It is unfair to the Directors, Golf Committee, Club staff, Pro Shop and Watson and Colt course starters, to be forced to deal with infractions even though they are authorized to do so.

It is the responsibility of every player to ensure that their family members and guests comply with the Dress Code at all times.

The Pro Shop is well stocked with suitable clothing and any inadvertent errors may be easily corrected.

DRESS CODE - MEN & JUNIOR BOYS

1. Golf shirts must have a collar or must be a recognized golf shirt design, e.g. mock turtle or turtleneck.
2. Shirts must be tucked into trousers.
3. Tailored trousers or shorts are required. The following are not permitted:
 - a) Rugby pants
 - b) Sweat pants
 - c) Cargo pants or shorts
 - d) Blue jeans or denim pants or shorts
4. Golf shorts are permitted provided that they are tailored and knee length (Bermuda length). Jamaica length and tennis shorts are not permitted.
5. With shorts, only the following socks are permitted and are available in the Pro Shop:
 - a) Proper knee length Bermuda socks with a turned down cuff
 - b) Ankle socks or sockettes
6. Closed toed sandals or deck shoes may be worn on the lawn with or without socks. Socks are required in the formal areas of the Clubhouse.
7. Hats must be worn with the peak facing frontward. Hats are not to be worn in the Clubhouse.
8. Any logos or advertising must be golf related.

9. Metal spiked golf shoes and golf sandals are not permitted.

Players and guests are required to change into golf attire in the Locker Room or Tee House.

DRESS CODE - WOMEN & JUNIOR GIRLS

1. Sleeveless tops are permitted provided they have a collar and conversely, any top worn without a collar must have sleeves. Tank, tube, crop and halter tops are not permitted.
2. Tops must be tucked in except those with banded bottoms.
3. Conservative tailored golf skirts, shorts or pants (including Capri-length) are appropriate. Short skirts or shorts (e.g. tennis length) are not permitted.
4. Jeans, cargo, rugby, sweat and spandex pants/shorts are not permitted.
5. Golf socks must be worn.
6. Caps and visors are not to be worn backwards.
7. Any logos or advertising must be golf related.
8. Metal spiked golf shoes and golf sandals are not permitted.

RULES OF GOLF ETIQUETTE

Rule 1 No player should play until the golfers in front are out of range.

Rule 2 Play without delay on the fairway and particularly on the green. While your partner or opponent is playing, study your own shot and be ready to play your turn. This procedure will speed up play for all.

Everyone is encouraged to play when ready and not necessarily in order of play.

Rule 3 Players searching for a ball should allow other players coming up to play through and should not continue play until those players have passed out of range.

Rule 4 When the result of a hole has been determined, players should immediately leave the putting green and proceed to the next tee where score can be noted. Player with honour should tee off before recording score.

Rule 5 A faster group should be invited to play through a slower group at any point on the golf course and irrespective of the number of players in each match. A single player has no standing on the course.

REMEMBER: It is not enough to stay ahead of the group behind you, but instead be immediately behind the group ahead of you.

Rule 6 All players are reminded to rake bunkers and to repair all ball marks and divots.

SPEED OF PLAY

The Toronto Golf Club has a reputation for prompt play. It is essential that this reputation be maintained. It should be possible for a four-ball match to complete an 18 hole round in under four hours. Observance of the Club's Rules of Golf Etiquette, listed below, will ensure that this aim is achieved.

LIGHTNING WARNING POLICY

Lightning is a severe hazard that must be viewed seriously. The Thor Guard Lightning System will be activated if there is a threat of cloud to ground lightning (the most dangerous to golfers) within the area. Players will be warned of a red alert by the following: The system will sound one prolonged blast (15 seconds) signaling suspension of play. Also, strobe lights will flash above the horn clusters. The horn clusters and strobe lights are located to the right of the 16th tee, between the 10th & 11th fairway and to the south side of the Tee House (practice facility). Additional horn clusters (without strobe lights) are located on the Clubhouse roof and at the Maintenance facility. For your safety, lightning protection has been installed at the washroom at the 7th tee, the rain shelter on #16 and at the Tee House.

All players **MUST** adhere to the Club's policy of immediately stopping play and seeking shelter when the System is activated and not recommencing play until the System or the Pro Shop has advised that they may do so. The System will sound 3 blasts of 5 seconds each to signify all clear.

This policy applies to the Colt and Watson courses as well as the Practice Tee areas.

In the interest of safety, staff is not permitted to drive golfers to the Clubhouse during a red alert.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES (WCD)

1. While on Club property, all WCDs are to be switched to silent mode (no ringing, beeping or vibrating).
2. Talking on a cell phone is prohibited on the golf courses, in the Clubhouse and on the property in general, other than in a vehicle in the parking lot, in a designated phone booth or in the Business Centre.
3. Silent, non-audible use of WCDs is permitted in the following areas, but must be discreet and non-disruptive to others:

- Locker rooms
- Pro Shop
- Second and third floors of the Clubhouse (other than in the Men's TV Room, Men's Balcony, Women's Scoring Room and Women's TV Room)
- Learning Centre
- The Tee House at the practice area
- Parking lots
- The Business Centre

For clarity, use of WCDs is not permitted on the main floor of the Clubhouse (including the Lawn and other areas where players and their guests are enjoying food and beverage service), other than in the Men's locker room or rooms that have been booked for meetings.

4. Provided proper golf course etiquette is observed and pace of play is not affected, silent, non-audible use of WCDs is permitted on the golf courses only on tee boxes if you are waiting for the group in front to clear. Any use of WCDs on the golf courses outside of the tee boxes or in any manner that slows down the pace of play will not be tolerated. Players are encouraged to carry their WCDs in silent mode for use in emergency situations on the golf courses. The use of WCDs as GPS measuring devices is permitted as long as the WCDs are not used for other purposes not permitted by this policy.

Players are responsible for ensuring that their guests are aware of, and comply with, all Club policies.