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**Golf Is Called A Gentleman's Game For Good Reason**

**By Edward Charkow**

Golf has long been known as a gentleman's sport. This sport even has its very own rules of

etiquette. Despite the common assumption that these rules of golf etiquette are all about maintaining the gentlemanly state of the game for the most part, they each have practical purposes. The general reasons behind the rules of golf etiquette are 1) to insure the safety of golfers on the course 2) To keep the flow of the game going or 3) to assist in the maintenance of the golf course.

Let's break these down for a few specific rules of golf etiquette:

1) Safety of Other Golfers:

- a. Don't swing your club until the area around you has been cleared of people. You do not want to risk hitting a fellow golfer.
- b. Do not hit your ball until the group playing in front of you is completely outside your range.
- c. If you find that your ball is heading in the direction of another player or group of players, be sure to yell "Fore!" to signal that they should be watchful of your incoming golf ball.
- d. Never throw your golf clubs. Besides being unseemly, you could injure others in the process.

2) Flow of the Game:

- a. You want to keep the game moving by being ready to take your shot when it's your turn. By being ready at the ball you save time walking to and from and setting up your shot.
- b. The 'away' player (the player whose ball is farthest from the green) always hits first. This saves time debating about whose turn it is and allows everyone to go ahead and get set up for his or her next shot.
- c. If you are searching for a lost golf ball, wave ahead the next group.

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d. Leave the green immediately after you've finished putting so the group behind you can continue their game.

### 3) Maintenance of the Golf Course:

a. You want to be certain to follow the golf cart path and stay off the greens with your cart as much as possible. Carts can cause damage to the course that will be costly to repair and make the game play for those behind you much more challenging.

b. Never drive a golf cart onto the green. The greens are probably the most delicate and often abused part of the golf course it is not designed to handle the weight or the abuse that golf carts can place on them.

c. Repair all divots and ball marks on the green. This is a no brainer, golf balls falling at high speeds are damaging to the delicate greens, you want to leave your greens in good shape for those behind you and hope those ahead of you did the same for you.

d. Always rake sand traps to erase footprints and ball marks.

While these rules aren't all inclusive, they are general guidelines that will get you off to a good start on the golf course. Cheers!

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## **All For The Love Of Golf**

### **By George Gabriel**

Golf is supposed to be an enjoyable game. We golf over and over again, because we love the game. So why do we beat ourselves up, just before we get off the first tee box? Have you ever heard yourself with a bunch of negative emotions before the golf round?

"Another day out on the golf course and my back is killing me." Why would you even consider golfing, if it were painful? Why did those even consider golfing with a bad back? I'll tell you why. All for the love of golf!

"I have to get through this eighteen with the least amount of pain." Why not play nine holes instead of eighteen? I'll tell you why. All for the love of golf!

"I am not too sure if the mental part of my game can take any more. It's tough mentally when things just aren't going right." If your confused mentally, why even bother picking up a golf club? I'll tell you why. All for the love of golf!

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"I hope this is not going to be another brutal round, like the other day?" When things are not going right, why not take a day off from golf and meditate instead? I'll tell you why. All for the love of golf!

"If I do not hit the fairway on the first tee box, I think I'll quit playing golf after eighteen." Why quit after eighteen when the first shot may be the reason to quit? I'll tell you why. All for the love of golf!

"If I do not make par on the first hole, I am not going to keep score for the rest of the round." If your temper is that bad, why carry a scorecard at all? I'll tell you why. All for the love of golf!

"The first water hazard my ball ends up in, my golf clubs are going in with it." Do yourself a favor and play with rentals. Why? All for the love of golf!

"I better not three putt any greens today. I'll break my putter on the first three putt green, if I do." Do yourself a favor and pick up for two. Why? All for the love of golf!

"Frosty will never see winter, if I get a snowman today." Do not play golf with anybody by the nickname Frosty. Why? All for the love of golf!

To help avoid some of these negative emotions, booking a tee time in advance will help keep your mind on a positive level. Why? All for the love of golf!

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