

Guide to Power Cart Etiquette

- 1. Only two carts per foursome – this includes private carts. Please pair up.**
- 2. The Ninety Degree Rule is the normal requirement on the Hills Course.**
 - a. The intent of the Ninety Degree Rule is to keep the cart off of the fairway and out of the rough as much as reasonably possible.
 - b. The Ninety Degree Rule does NOT mean drive in the rough by driving parallel to the cart path – drive only on the cart path. Driving in the rough is bad for the rough and hard on the cart (and the bumps annoy your passenger).
3. When teeing off, park the cart on the cart path by the teeing area. Do not drive off of the cart path to other tee boxes that are a short walk away--- for example, Holes 2 (Blue), and 4 & 14 (White) unless you have been issued a Handicap flag.
4. Never take a cart closer to the putting surface than 75 yards (or past the cart signs) unless you have been issued a Handicap flag.
- 5. Maintain pace of play, two hours for nine holes.**
6. Repair ball marks on the putting surface, fill divots with sand (this especially includes the tee boxes on par 3's), and rake the bunkers after your shot.
7. Never take the cart off of the path on Par 3's (especially Hole 25 along the lake) unless you have been issued a Handicap flag.
8. Help avoid driving into cart tracks in areas where many carts normally enter or exit the fairway. Choose a slightly different way on or off the fairway.
9. Avoid parking the cart with two wheels just off the cart path, especially where it is already worn or too wet.
10. Under wet conditions the course may be posted as "Cart Path Only" which means keep all four wheels on the concrete. There will be a note on the pin position sheet at the check-in counter. Consult golf shop for push cart restrictions.

If you become aware of other golfers who are behaving in disregard of the above guidance, please contact the golf shop so that we may assist them.



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Course Care & Pace of Play Tips

How to repair ball marks with a conventional tool.

1. Insert the repair tool at the edge of the pitch mark. Do NOT insert the tool within the depression itself.
2. Push the tool forward from the edge of the pitch mark toward the center. Do this around the edges of the indentation. **Do NOT twist.**
3. Do **NOT** insert the tool under the indented area and pull up - a common mistake. Think of it as pushing turf in from the edges toward the center.
4. Tamp down the repaired area with your putter so that the surface is even.

Using the single prong repair tool.

1. Our custom "Pride" single prong tool is similar to the above two prong process, but the design of the tool helps prevent twisting.
2. Use many repeated insertions around the perimeter of the damage to push the edges together.

Other Repair Tips.

1. If your pitch mark has actually displaced a piece of turf, do not replace it. Just work around the edges with your repair tool as normal. The replaced turf will simply die, delaying the healing process.
2. Pushing the tines of your repair tool under the indented area and pulling up only damages the root system.
3. After repairing your pitch marks, repair any other ball marks you see, too.

Pace of Play Tips. (Finish in four hours)

1. After you make your shot (and sand your divot), get back in the cart carrying your club. You can clean it, put on the cover, and sort your bag when you stop to make the next shot.
2. When parking your cart at the putting surface, park it so you can leave by walking away from (not towards) the foursome behind you.
3. Your place is behind the group in front of you, not in front of the group behind you.

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