

# The Golf Rules Review

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## Golf Etiquette Faux Pas Continued....

1. **Standing too close to someone when they are trying to putt or standing in their peripheral vision.** It is amazing how far some players can see with their peripheral vision as they are getting ready to putt. Stand so you are looking at the top of their head or their butt, and do not stand behind or in front of on their line of putt.
2. **For cart path only holes, not taking multiple clubs and having to go back to the cart for another.** Whether is it cart path only or not, don't make your playing partners wait while you do walk back and forth between your ball and the club to get different clubs. Make do with what you have. I was recently impressed to see one of our new golfers, take half her clubs and walk/play right up to the hole.
3. **Casting your shadow on another player's line of putt.** I don't even like it when I can see my own shadow while I am putting.
4. **Taking divots when making a practice swing.** Swing above the turf for your practice swing to prevent undue damage to the turf.
5. **Taking multiple practice swings** to try to get the perfect stroke. Practice swings should be for rhythm and readiness. Limit them to one unless you are chipping from difficult lies.
6. **Making practice swings while another player is getting ready to hit.** It is distracting to the player getting ready to hit. If they can see or hear you, they often stop their routine thinking you want to hit first which delays the game.
7. **Jumping near the hole in jest to try to get the ball to drop in.** Please don't do this, it's not funny and damages the green.
8. **Not putting your cell phone on vibration** if you bring it to the course.
9. **Hitting into the group in front of you..** Remember to yell "**Fore**" if it looks like your ball is headed in someone's direction.
10. **Not raking a bunker,** often because the rake isn't nearby. Rake the bunker so it is painless for the players behind you.
11. **Insisting on 'Honors' during stroke play.** The USGA encourages everyone to Play ready golf! Even Professional Golfers did so during the Tour Championship.

## Simple Courtesies

1. Show up early for your tee time.
2. Park your cart on the side of the green nearest to the next tee box. This helps you make a quick exit for the group behind you to hit.
3. Obey cart path rules and be mindful of slippery slopes and wet areas.
4. Watch your playing partner's shot so it will be easy to find their ball if needed
5. If using a pull cart, avoid pulling it on the green, fringe, or the teeing ground.
6. Hit & Sit! You can put you clubs away at the next stop when your partner is hitting.
7. Wait to record your scores until you get to the next tee. Or better still, have your passenger to record them while you drive.



*Ok, that's enough practice swings.*