

SSV MEN'S GOLF CLUB STANDARDS OF PLAY

1. Pace of play is very important. Keep up with the group in front of your foursome. Do not allow an open hole between your group and theirs.
2. Putt out on all holes, no gimmees. Accurately count ALL your strokes. Do not depend on your partners for your score.
3. The League recommends marking a ball on the green by placing your marker as close to the *back* of the ball as possible. This traditional method of marking will avoid confusion. Never lift or move your ball before you mark it. The mark can only be moved if requested by another player.
4. Replace or sand all divots. Sand is available near the ball machine in the driving range. On the green, always repair your ball mark and others that you see.
5. Players with handicapped flags on their carts are asked to park at least twenty (20) feet from the greens and tee boxes.
6. Remove ball from hole with hand or suction retriever, **NOT** your putter blade.
7. Make sure at least 2 members of your group are keeping a complete scorecard with legible names of all players. When all in your group agree on the scores, return a signed **and attested** scorecard to the pro shop.
8. Proper golf etiquette must be maintained on the course at all times. Consider if your language or actions may be negatively received by fellow golfers or the public. The Board will meet with any Member who is the subject of numerous complaints about their etiquette/behavior during League play. The Board will share the complaints with the Member, allow the Member to respond to the complaints, and try to resolve the issue for the benefit of all League Members. If further complaints are received after this meeting, a second meeting will be held to seek a resolution to the issue. This resolution could be the suspension of the Member from League play on a temporary or permanent basis.
9. Arrive for league play in plenty of time to check-in. 30 minutes at a minimum is recommended.
10. If you are in doubt about any rule, ask your playing partners for an opinion. If you disagree with their opinion, play two balls through the green and get a ruling from the pro shop or the Men's League rules chairman after the round. Please do not get into an argument on the course. Remember, golf is based on respect for the game and others.
11. If you are prone to self-deprecation, please remember that your playing partners may not share your demonstrativeness. Kindly cuss yourself out quietly.
12. Food for Thought:
 - a.) The rules of golf are only designed to ensure that what is fair for one is fair for all.
 - b.) We play for \$3.00 not \$300,000.
 - c.) There is nothing wrong with giving a playing partner the benefit of the doubt.
 - d.) There is a reason **we are not** golf professionals.
 - e.) Golf pros have good and bad days, shouldn't you?

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