

GOLF COURSE ETIQUETTE

There are a great many things which fall in to the category of Golf Course Etiquette. While we could cover all of them, you would forget half of them before you are even done reading this section. So, we will cover a few of the most basic components of etiquette. We will cover those parts of golf course etiquette which are most important for you to know when you are participating in the *Jr. Pros to be...* program at Afton Alps.

- Be respectful of all of your playing companions. Golf is a game of “gentlemen” and “ladies”. Treat each other in that manner.
- Do not talk while others are playing their shot, nor should you walk around if you are near them. It is okay to whisper if you are away from the person playing and it's okay to walk to your ball or take practice swings if you are out of their sight. If you are unsure of what to do, it is always better to do nothing.
- The only time it is appropriate to yell on a golf course is if someone is in danger; more specifically if they are in danger of being struck by a golf ball. In that case yell “fore”.
- Move up the fairway as a group and be ready to play when it is your turn. This means that you can spread out to walk up the fairway as a group but you should never be ahead of the person hitting their shot. Not only is this an important part of playing golf respectfully, but it is an issue of safety and pace of play as well.
- Every group is going to play their round at different speeds. Some groups will move more slowly and some will move more quickly. It doesn't necessarily matter if you are playing slowly or quickly as long as you continue to keep moving. If the group behind you is playing more quickly than your group allow them to “play through” when there is an opening. A

good time to do this is when you are teeing off on your next hole.

- Golf courses don't maintain themselves and so it is our responsibility as players to help out the workers who do maintain the course as much as we can.
 - If you take a chunk of turf with your shot replace it so that it can grow back.
 - If your ball leaves a mark on the green please be sure to fix the ball mark.
 - If you break your tee on the tee box pull the broken part out of the ground and throw it in the receptacle on the tee.
 - If you take a divot on the tee be sure to fill it in with sand and seed. There are sand and seed boxes on the tee.
 - Eventually you will hit your ball into one of the bunkers. Be sure that you rake the bunker any place you have left a mark, including your foot prints. This not only helps out the grounds crew but it also allows other players to have the same nice surface to play out of that you had.