



RULES OF THUMB

BEGINNER RULES TO PLAY BY

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#6 20 Beginner Rules to Play By

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1. Respect the course, your companions, and the game
2. You are expected to keep pace with the group in front of you
3. Be ready to play when it's your turn
4. Don't step on another player's line of putt
5. Play without delay
6. Practice swings are okay, practice shots are not allowed
7. Wait for the group in front to move safely out of the way
8. Shout a warning if your ball is headed toward other people
9. Move aside and let fast playing groups pass through
10. Don't throw or drop clubs, especially on and around the putting green
11. Replace flagstick carefully after play of each hole
12. Leave the course in a condition which you would like to find it

13. You cannot touch the ground with your club when your ball is in a bunker or water hazard
14. Loose impediments (leaves, sticks, etc) may be lifted without penalty (except in a hazard)
15. You may take relief without penalty from obstructions (fixed man-made objects and cart paths)
16. Movable obstructions (e.g., a rake) may be moved without penalty
17. Repair divot holes, ball marks on putting greens, and smooth bunkers
18. The order of play on each hole is determined by score on the previous hole
19. Play the ball as it lies...don't touch it unless rules say otherwise
20. When in doubt, ask your playing partners

The Spirit of the Game

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Golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.