

HOW TO BE A GOOD CADDIE



CORE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Stay even with or ahead of your player at all times.
- Watch where your player, and others, hit their shots.
- Clean your player's club after every shot.
- Replace all divots immediately.
- Rake bunkers properly after use.
- Measure distances (yardage markers, rangefinder).
- Be ready with a towel to clean clubs or balls, especially in wet conditions.
- Stay available, read your player's style (some want help, others prefer space).



PLAYER INTERACTION: READ THE ROOM

- Every player is different. Some may need help with yardages or advice, while others prefer minimal interaction. Pay attention to your player's cues and adjust accordingly. Stay available and professional, but sometimes the best thing you can do is simply keep up and be quiet.



TOP 10 RULES

1. Know the game of golf and understand how each of the 14 clubs is used.
2. Always know the location of your player's ball.
3. Never touch a golf ball while it is in play.
4. Stay ahead or even with your player, never behind.
5. Be careful around the putting green. Never stand in a player's line of putt, and ensure your shadow is out of the way.
6. Rake all bunkers after use and replace any divots on the fairway and green.
7. Learn the yardages of each hole, especially where the 150-yard markers are located.
8. Handle the player's clubs and bag as your own. Never swing their clubs.
9. Always keep quiet and stay focused.
10. If you're unsure of what to do, ASK!

BEST PRACTICE DURING PLAY



ON THE TEE BOX

- Note the brand and type of golf ball your player is using.
- Line up on the right side of the tee box, keeping the bag close to the tee marker.
- Be mindful of your shadow and adjust your position to avoid distracting players.
- Stay silent while players are hitting.
- Track your player's ball flight and mentally mark its landing spot with a landmark.
- Help track all players' shots if possible.
- After your player hits, clean the club, return it to the bag, and replace the headcover if applicable.
- Move quickly off the tee box, staying ahead or even with your player.



THROUGHOUT THE FAIRWAY

- Walk ahead or alongside your player; never lag behind. Keep clubs from rattling using your hands or a towel.
- Move quickly toward your player's ball but never ahead of the group's furthest ball.
- If another player is hitting, stand quietly out of the way.
- Help with yardages only if requested by your player.
- Verify the ball belongs to your player, but DO NOT touch it.
- Bring the bag up to the ball and stand slightly behind and to the side.
- Watch the next shot carefully and track its landing spot.
- Clean clubs after each shot while walking to the next ball. If the shot lands on the green, have the putter ready.



AROUND THE GREEN

- When on the putting green, avoid stepping in anyone's line of putt and be mindful of your shadow.
- Learn to judge which ball is furthest from the hole; that player putts first.
- Ask the furthest player if they want the flagstick attended or removed.
- If attending, stand at least two feet from the hole and ensure your shadow doesn't cross the line of putt. Hold the flag to prevent it from blowing in the wind if possible.
- After the player makes contact with the ball, carefully remove the flagstick and move to the side, staying quiet and out of others' lines.
- If you're attending the flagstick for multiple players, be prepared to ask and adjust accordingly.
- Once all players have holed out, return the flagstick and quickly move off the green to meet your player at the next tee.



BUNKERS

- Stand outside the bunker while your player makes the shot.
- After the shot, enter the bunker at the lowest point to avoid damaging the lip. Use the rake (or shoe if no rake is available) to smooth footprints and ball marks, being mindful not to disturb other players.
- Pick up the bag and club, then move quickly to your player's next shot, cleaning the club as you go.
- If your player is in a greenside bunker, hand them the putter if the shot lands on the green, then rake the bunker. If not, stay with your player until the ball is on the green, then rake the bunker.