

## “Helpful Hints for Junior Golf Rangers”

### Golf etiquette around tees, fairways, greens and in sand bunkers.

1) **Tees** - The tee box is only for the person who is hitting the ball, thus no one will be close to the player hitting. The ball must be teed up between the markers, not in front of them, no more than two club lengths behind. No one should be in the Tee Box who is not playing. Players should place golf bags off the Tee Box. No mulligans or redo's are allowed. All strokes are to be counted. The person with the lowest score from the previous hole has the “honor” hitting off the next Tee first. Be sure players are out of hitting range before anyone hits.

2) **Fairways** - Players must replace all divots. A divot is a chunk of grass cut loose from hitting the ball. Players should not stand close to others when they are taking a shot - they may be hit by a club. Golf bags should be placed a safe distance from the ball. A ball is lost if it can not be found in five minutes - player must return to the position where they previously hit the ball and count a one stroke penalty.

3) **Greens** - The putting green is a very delicate surface and it is important our Junior Golfers treat this area with extreme care. Protect the greens from shoe scuffs (no running), bags and clubs. Golf bags must be kept OFF the green. Players need to learn NOT to walk in the line of another players putt and must take special care not to damage the hole. In addition, players should be aware of shadows interfering with someone else's putt. Balls should be marked with a ball marker or coin if necessary. Player furthest from the hole putts first. Players need to repair any damage to the green by a ball or feet. All putts must be holed - “NO GIMMES”.

4) **Bunkers** - **Always enter from the low side!** Before leaving a bunker the player must rake the sand smoothly. Rakes are to be left inside the bunker with the handle perpendicular to the edge of the bunker. Player may not ground the club. If a player is having difficulty getting out they should be advised to hit the ball toward the low side of the bunker and proceed from there.

**Many Juniors lack the physical strength to rake bunkers properly. Please give assistance if necessary.**

5) **General Rules** - Dress code applies to all Juniors. Players should never talk or make a noise when others are making a shot. **Slow Play will not be tolerated. In an effort to expedite play, Juniors may be shuttled by golf cart from greens to following tees.** Signal groups through when looking for lost balls or when a group falls a hole behind the group in front. Use waste cans on the tee box to dispose of all garbage (i.e.; candy wrappers), including broken tees.

**REMEMBER:** This is only a small portion of the rules and etiquette of golf. The “Easy Way to Learn Golf Rules” are available at the Starter table every Thursday morning. All Junior Golfers and Parent Rangers should take time to read the rule book. Golf is a game played by ladies and gentlemen. It is to be played as such, by having controlled language and temper. The caddies that keep score for our Juniors must always be treated with the utmost respect. **IF ANY JUNIOR GOLFER DOES NOT CONFORM TO THE RULES AND ETIQUETTE OF GOLF, RANGERS MAY REMOVE THEM FROM THE COURSE AND THEY MAY BE SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY.**

**Maximum score allotted on any hole is 11 strokes. After 7 strokes, player must pick up ball and drop on front fringe of green. No more than 4 strokes may be taken from fringe.**