



The Rules of Golf

Golf is a game. But remember, *every game has its rules*. The official Special Olympics Sports Rules shall govern all Special Olympics Golf competitions. Special Olympics has created these rules based upon The Rules of Golf as governed by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews (R& A) and the United States Golf Association. To enjoy a fair match and protect the integrity of competition, it is important know and understand the basic rules of the game.

Etiquette

Courtesy on the Course

1. If someone else is playing from the tee, do not tee your ball until he or she has played.
2. Always stand still and to the side of rather than behind another player when he or she is playing. Do not talk.
3. Be ready to play when it is your turn.
4. When you are playing slowly or looking for a lost ball, ask the group behind you to play through so you do not slow everyone down.
5. Write down scores on the way to the next hole, not on the green you are leaving.
6. Never take more than one practice swing, if any.



Safety First

Both in practice and play, always make sure that:

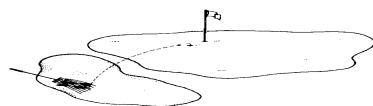
- No one is near you when you swing the club; and
- No one is ahead of you where your shot might hit them.



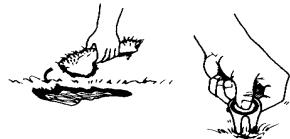
Taking Care of the Course



1. Always wear golf or tennis shoes. Do not slide or drag your feet on the green.
2. Always rake a bunker after you have played from it.



3. Replace divots and repair depressions made when your ball hits the green. These are called "ball marks."



4. Never place your golf bag on the green. Put the flagstick carefully back into the hole after putting,

