

Unlike many sports, 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. Please help Black Canyon Golf Course staff promote the game of golf in a family-friendly environment.

## SAFETY

- Players should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club, the ball, or any stones, pebbles, twigs, or the like when making a stroke or practice swing.
- Players should not play until the players in front are out of range.
- Players should always alert greens staff nearby or ahead when preparing to make a stroke that might endanger them.
- If a golfer plays a ball in a direction where there is a danger of hitting someone, he/she should immediately shout a warning. The traditional word of warning in such a situation is "fore."

## CONSIDERATION FOR OTHER PLAYERS

### No Disturbance or Distraction

- Golfers should always show consideration for other individuals on the course and should not disturb play by moving, talking, or making unnecessary noise, including playing loud music.
- Golfers should ensure that any electronic device taken onto the course does not distract other players.
- On the teeing ground, a golfer should not tee a ball until it is his/her turn to play.
- Players should not stand close to or directly behind the ball or directly behind the hole when a golfer is about to play.

### On the Putting Green

- Golfers should not stand on or cast a shadow over another player's line of putt when he/she is making a stroke.
- Players should remain on or near the putting green until all other players in the group have holed out.

### Scoring

In stroke play, a player who is acting as a marker should, if necessary, check the score with each player concerned and record it at the next tee.

## PACE OF PLAY

### Play at a Reasonable Pace and Keep Up

- Golfers should play at a reasonable pace. Nine holes of golf should be completed in 2 hours and 15 minutes. Black Canyon Golf Course staff may establish pace of play guidelines that all golfers should follow.
- It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If it loses a clear hole and it is delaying the group behind, it should invite the group behind to play through, irrespective of the number of players in either group.

### Be Ready to Play

- A golfer should be ready to play as soon as it is his/ her turn. When playing on or near the putting green, golfers should leave bags or carts in such a position as will enable quick movement off the green and toward the next tee. When the play of a hole has been completed, golfers should immediately leave the putting green.

### Lost Ball

- If a golfer believes his/her ball may be lost outside a water hazard or is out of bounds, he/she should play a provisional ball to maintain a reasonable pace of play.
- A golfer searching for a lost ball should signal players in the group behind to play through as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not be found within a reasonable period of time, but in no case longer than five (5) minutes.

## PRIORITY ON THE COURSE

- Unless otherwise determined by Black Canyon Golf Course staff, priority on the course is determined by a group's pace of play.

## CARE OF THE COURSE

### **Bunkers**

- Before leaving a bunker, golfers should carefully fill and smooth all holes and footprints. A bunker rake should be used to smooth the sand surface. The rake should be returned to a location inside the bunker, near the bunker edge.

### **Divots, Ball Marks, and Shoe Damage**

- Golfers should carefully repair divot holes and any putting green damage caused by a club head or ball impact. Golfers should help ensure a quality playing surface by carefully repairing one additional divot hole.
- Upon completion of a hole by all players in a group, damage to the putting green caused by golf shoes should be repaired.

### **Preventing Unnecessary Damage**

- Golfers should avoid causing damage to the course by removing divots when taking practice swings or by hitting the head of a club into the ground, whether in anger or for any other reason.
- Golfers should ensure that putting greens are not damaged when putting down bags or flagsticks. Placing these items on the fringe is recommended.
- In order to avoid damage, golfers and caddies should not stand too close to the hole and should take care while handling the flagstick and removing a ball from the hole. The head of a club should not be used to remove a ball from the hole.
- Golfers should not lean on clubs when on the putting green, particularly when removing a ball from the hole.
- The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before leaving the putting green.
- Notices regulating the movement of golf carts should be strictly followed.

## DRESS CODE

- Collared shirts are recommended
- Cut-off shorts are not allowed. Only women may wear tank top shirts.
- Spike-free or soft-spike shoes are required if wearing golf shoes.
- Appropriate shirts, pants, shorts, and shoes must be worn at all times on the premises. The Head Golf Professional has sole discretion in determining if clothing is appropriate.

## ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Black Canyon Golf Course staff may assign foursomes when appropriate and may authorize groups larger than four at their discretion.
- Cart passes and rentals are not meant to provide single ridership. Black Canyon Golf Course staff may require cart sharing when golfers play in groups.
- Play holes in sequence; no cutting across fairways.
- Neither food nor beverages may be carried onto the premises. Food and beverages must be purchased at the course.
- Children 10 years of age and younger must be accompanied and properly supervised by a responsible adult at all times.
- Golfers must be at least 16 years old to drive a golf cart, unless accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Golf carts must remain at least 60 feet from greens at all times. Where available, stay on cart paths, particularly near tee boxes and greens.
- For player safety and course cleanliness reasons, pets are NOT allowed on the golf course.

## CONCLUSION/PENALTIES

- Golfers following these rules and etiquette will make the game more enjoyable for everyone.
- All patrons of the golf course must interact with staff in a professional and courteous manner at all times.
- If a player consistently disregards these rules and etiquette during a single round or over a period of time, Black Canyon Golf Course staff may remove the golfer. Golfers removed from the course forfeit fees paid for the day and must obtain written approval from the Head Golf Professional before returning.
- Violations of this policy may result in revocation of golf course privileges at the discretion of the City of Montrose.
- Any suggestions related to golf course operations or course playability shall be directed to the Head Golf Professional only.