

Course Etiquette Ashburton Golf Club (Brandon)

Brandon has a reputation of being a friendly, social and welcoming golf club. All members are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that adds to all members and guests enjoyment of golf at Brandon and in doing so enhances Brandon's reputation with the golfing community.

Give way to Green Staff

- The green staff have at all times, absolute right-of-way on the course.
- When a green staff member is within range, a player must not play. This includes not hitting over and/or around green staff or other players.
- Any breach could result in member/player suspension or termination of membership.

Safety

The following are suggestions to assist with on course safety and maintaining the pace of play without affecting your enjoyment of the game

- Walk smartly between shots and from the green.
- Mark your card at the next tee, with the player with the honour of marking their card after teeing-off.
- Always move your own ball as quickly as possible without interfering with other players line of sight or swing.
- Ensure no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by your club, ball or any stones/pebbles, twigs etc. when making a stroke or practice swing.
- Do not play your ball until all players in front of you are clearly out of range.
- Do not hit over and/or across other players.
- If you are losing ground, or have a lost ball, call the following players through.
- If there is any doubt that a ball is out-of-bounds, play a provisional ball.
- On the tee, play out of turn if necessary.
- On the green, leave your clubs as close as practicable to the next tee.
- Pick up' immediately if you cannot score on the hole.
- If falling behind the group in the front, the first two players to putt should proceed to the next tee and tee-off.

Repairing Divots

- If a divot is taken, replace divots and gently press it down with your foot, cover with a little sand to aid the growing process.
- If the divot is shattered, fill with sand.
- If you take a large divot on a tee, especially a par 3, fill with sand.

Repairing Pitch Marks

- Always start at the back of the mark and push forward with the repairer.
- Use repairer around all sides and slowly ease the turf towards the centre of the mark. Do not lift the soil upwards. Lightly tap with a putter.

Bunkers

Leave the bunker in the condition that you would like to find it, which means:

- Entering and exiting the bunker at its lowest point, not climbing down from the highest point, this will avoid damage to the wall.
- Rake the bunker after your shot and rake all of the marks you have made, not just the divot.
- After raking the bunker, leave the rake in the middle of the bunker, 1 meter from the bunkers edge.

Additional Course Care/ Etiquette

- Sand buckets are available outside the Pro Shop and players should be carrying one during their round.
- Do not lift the ball out of the hole with your putter head.
- Do not use the flag stick to flick the ball out of the hole.
- When using carts, please keep them off the tee-blocks and greens at all times. No trundlers or carts are allowed on the tee-blocks.
- Respect ground under repair (G.U.R) areas. Do not take trundlers into G.U.R areas. If you take down a rope that is around the green in order to play a shot, restore the rope to how it was.
- Do not take down a rope that is around a green to take your trundler/cart through. Walk around.
- When dropping bags or flag sticks ensure no damage is done to the Putting Green and avoid standing too close to the hole. The flag stick should be replaced in the hole before leaving the Putting Green.
- Do not use more than two balls in a "practice round".
- Use rubbish bins to dispose of litter.
- Brandon promotes ready golf.

Spirit of Golf

Brandon promotes the 'spirit of golf' and in doing so endeavours in all circumstances to avoid foul language, verbal or physical abuse on the course towards any green staff, members or other players.

If a member/player becomes verbally and or physically abusive towards green staff and or other members and players, then the members of that group must immediately cease their round of golf and report the matter as soon as possible to the Pro Shop and or Clubs Board.