



*The Royal Calcutta Golf Club*  
*The Home of Golf in India since 1829*

## **COURSE CARE & PLAYER ETIQUETTE ADVISORY**

These guidelines assist in the upkeep of the course and ensure that you and your fellow Members have an enjoyable round of golf.

***A member or golfer is advised that any failure to comply with the below advise and guidelines could attract disciplinary action against the offending member or his/her caddy as per the code of conduct policies and bylaws of the Club.***

***Authorised Course Officials or Representatives will be a Greens / Golf Committee Member or Course Marshal or Referee. They have been empowered by the relevant Committee to monitor and enforce this Policy.***

***This advisory is to be considered in conjunction with the prevailing RCGC Code of Conduct, Dress Code, Pace of Play Policy, Local Rules and the R&A Rules of Golf.***

### **COURSE CARE & CLUB POLICIES**

An important part of golf etiquette is the care of the golf course. A few moments of courtesy during a round will assist the Club's ground staff and ensure a more pleasant round for all golfers.

It is advised that all members familiarise themselves with the most current RCGC Local Rules, Pace of Play Policy, Club Tournament Conditions of Play and the RCGC Code of Conduct (Disciplinary Policy). The Golfer along with his/her caddy are responsible for adherence to the on course policies of RCGC. Please note that RCGC has adopted the R&A Rule 1.2 - Standards of Player Conduct (All players are expected to play in The Spirit of the Game) and R&A Rule 1.2b – (Code of Conduct) as a Local Rule.

### **GREENS CARE – INCLUDING THE REPAIR OF PITCH MARKS**

The condition of greens can have a major impact on players' scores, so careful attention must be given to the putting surface. The most important aspect is the repair of pitch marks – the longer a mark stays unrepaired, the longer it takes to mend. A pitch mark should be repaired as follows:

- Attend to each side of the pitch mark, easing the turf towards the centre to replace the damaged area with your pitch mark fork or a tee.
- Do not lift the pitch mark fork or tee upward bringing soil to the surface.
- Complete the repair by tapping down with a putter.

## REPAIRING DIVOTS

Sand is available at the tee boxes and divots should be repaired as follows:

- Replace the divot as it will regrow and repair quicker when replaced carefully.
- Use sand to lightly cover the replaced divot. Use a foot to level the sand so that a reasonably flat lie remains for following players.
- If buckets are not available or you have run out of sand, replace the divot in its hole.
- If you cannot find the divot, knock in the sides of the divot hole with a club so that a level lie is maintained.
- A careless repair may provide an unfair lie for other players, and may also damage course equipment and will result in the divot taking longer to mend.
- Please avoid making practise swings on the fairway turf or on the tee box and repair the divot if any.
- Ensure that your caddy repairing bunkers and is carrying sand to repair divots at all time during your round.

## SMOOTHING BUNKERS

It is important to leave bunkers in good condition for following players. Bunkers should be smoothed in the following manner:

- Enter and leave the bunker from the lowest point.
- After playing, you or your caddy should smooth the area repairing footprints and divot using the rake.
- After use, replace the rake on outside the bunker on the side away from the green.

## GOLF CARTS / TROLLEYS

The Club reserves the right to change the use of golf carts depending on weather conditions. Golf carts can be damaging to the course if not used carefully.

- For safety reasons, no more than 2 persons (including the driver) and 2 golf bags are allowed on a Golf Cart.
- Carts are to be driven only on the cart paths.
- Carts must be kept not less than fifteen metres away from green surrounds and driven on cart paths near teeing grounds.
- Bag Trolleys are not be taken on the Greens or Tee Box.
- Bag Trolleys are not to be taken beyond the white markings around the greens or on the collars.
- Do not drive between bunkers and the edge of the greens.
- Carts are to be kept off fairways at all time and particularly in wet and damp conditions.
- Do not drive through damaged or wet areas.
- Do not drive or cut across closely mown areas.
- Neither the driver nor the passenger is permitted to pull a golf trolley whilst the cart is in motion.

## **SAFETY AND CONSIDERATION FOR OTHERS**

Safety and consideration for others are common sense, but please take note of the following:

- When grounds staff are working ahead, wait until they acknowledge your intentions before hitting towards them.
- Before playing a stroke or taking a practice swing, always ensure that no one is in your line of play or near your swing path.
- If your ball is headed towards someone else, shout “fore”, golf’s universal warning, as loudly as possible or alternately Royal’s own “oop”.
- Try not to move, talk or create any disturbance or noise while another person is about to play.
- Ensure mobile phones are turned off or on silent.
- Do not stand close to or directly behind the ball, or directly behind the hole, when a player is about to play.
- Do not play a second practise ball on the course. Save the practise for the range.
- Be careful not to stand on or damage other players’ lines of putt and that your shadow does not distract others.
- Remain near the putting green until all players in your group have holed out, unless your group has to catch up with the group in front.
- In stroke play, confirm the score of the player for whom you are marking on the way to the next tee.
- In match play, please pick up you ball once the result of the hole is obvious and/or the hole is conceded.
- Please practise on the range only from the designated areas during the stipulated times.
- Do not litter or spit pan / pan masala / gutka on the course. Litter is to be disposed only in the provided trash bins which are available all around the course and club house.
- Please be constantly mindful of your hole and round timings in context to the RCGC Pace of Play Policy.