



## Etiquette & Attire

For those getting into golf for the first time, it is important to familiarize yourself with some very basic rules and proper etiquette practices. This will make your first couple of trips to the range and golf course as comfortable and enjoyable as possible.

### Attire

Almost all golf courses and practice facilities have strict dress code policies. As part of your Welcome Packet, American Golfers will receive a SMGA logo collared shirt and hat. **We highly encourage you to wear these every time you're out playing and practicing.**

#### Clothing

A collared shirt and Dockers-style shorts or slacks will get you onto most golf courses, no cargo pockets. Jeans are not permitted. Please make sure your shirts are tucked in, and are wearing a belt.

#### Shoes

Golf spikes are not required. Older model golf shoes with metal spikes are no longer accepted on golf courses. Comfortable, athletic style running shoes are acceptable.

If you have any questions about the dress code policy for a golf course or practice facility, you can always call the course directly, and they would be happy to discuss their dress code policy in more detail.

### Etiquette

Having a good golf swing is only one part of being a "good golfer". Understanding the proper etiquette is important, since you will be playing almost all of your golf rounds with other players. Here are some common offenders for beginners:

- Quiet, Please! When other people are hitting, think library!
- Turn off cell phones or place in silent/vibrate mode.
- Fore! Yell "fore" loudly if you think your golf ball is going to hit someone.
- Follow all course signs and instructions from maintenance staff.
- Replace the flagstick after every hole!
- Care for the course, replace divots, fix ball marks, drive on cart path as much as possible.
- Pace of play is the time it takes to complete a round. Each course is different.
  - Make sure you are keeping up with the other players.
  - If you are falling behind, you may have to pick your ball up.
  - Lost balls are inevitable, please take only a few minutes to look for it.