

TGC Youth Membership Etiquette Agreement - 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians and Youth Members,

The Tyler Golf Club Board of Directors, its Management, and its Members welcome you to the Tyler Golf Club! We believe that the future of the game of golf, and this club, lies in the hands of its future members. We are delighted to be able to offer Free Youth Memberships at the club to support this effort. We hope that by introducing school age kids to a game we love, that we can foster a passion for a sport that can be enjoyed for a lifetime.

Please review this Etiquette Agreement with your youth member. It outlines some basic principles that all golfers are expected to adhere to.

One of the greatest aspects of golf is that its players govern themselves and respect the rules of the game. The game is more fun and rewarding when you play within the rules. Golf is governed by many rules but generally a few basic rules apply to most situations.

As a player, you have the obligation to your fellow players to see that the Rules of Golf are followed. This one simple statement will give you an entire philosophy for the Rules of Golf:

***'Play the course as you find it,
play the ball as it lies,
and play fairly.'***

Within the Rules of Golf, there are core golf etiquettes that are engrained into the very essence of golf:

1. Safety: Be aware of the players in your group, others on the course and yourself. Never take any action that could endanger anyone.

2. Consideration of other players:

- **Show consideration of your actions by not disrupting anyone through excessive movement, talking and unnecessary noise.**
- **On the putting green, be sure not to stand in nor cast a shadow through the line of someone's putt.**

3. Course Conditions: Do everything you can to leave the course better than you found it.

- **Bunkers – be sure to rake your footprints while leaving a bunker. Feel free to rake those that others left behind as well!**
- **Divots – Taking a divot is not bad, but leaving it un-repaired is bad.**
- **Ball marks – make the effort to repair any marks made on the putting surface.**

4. Upon Arrival at the course:

- **Check in at the clubhouse.**
- **Make sure you have enough golf balls, tees, ball markers and a divot tool.**

5. On the Course:

- **Be ready to play when it is your turn.**
- **Be sure to maintain a good pace of play. 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.**
- **Never stand or walk in front of a golfer who is about to hit their shot. Also, avoid moving, talking or standing close to or directly behind someone as they are making a shot.**
- **Yell "FORE" when a struck ball is heading towards other golfers.**
- **Observe all cart path rules and don't drive carts too near greens or in unsafe areas.**
- **Enter bunkers from a low, flat place, and rake bunkers after play.**
- **Do not place golf bags on the putting green.**
- **Avoid yelling, screaming, throwing clubs or using profanity.**
- **Play according to the Rules of Golf.**

Please read and agree to the following terms and conditions in order to be allowed a Free Youth Membership at the Tyler Golf Club. Return this signed agreement to the clubhouse as your membership application.

By accepting a Membership at the Tyler Golf Club, I understand that adhering to proper golf etiquette is required to maintain my free golfing privileges.

I understand that my golf privileges may be suspended for a certain length of time, or lost for the season, if Club Management determines that my behavior is not appropriate. A suspension could also lead to exclusion from any youth tournaments.

Examples of inappropriate behavior may include, but is not limited to:

1. Cheating
2. Willful destruction of golf course or personal property
3. Abusive language or conduct towards management or other players
4. Abusive or derogatory criticism of others
5. Club throwing and/or physical endangerment of others
6. Offensive or excessively loud behavior
7. Alcohol and/or substance impaired behavior
8. Inappropriate golf attire. i.e. Shirts Required at all times, soft spike or spikeless/heelless shoes only.
9. Other conduct deemed to be unbecoming

Youth Member Name (please print): _____

Grade: _____ School: _____

Youth Member Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

We look forward to seeing you on the course, and feel free to contact the clubhouse or a TGC Board Member with any questions you may have.

Note: For all those new to golf, here is a quick reference guide to a history of golf, some basic rules, and a glossary of common terms:

http://pdf.pgalinks.com/p-g-a/FS_Golfers_Guide_1.pdf