

# The 10 Golden Rules



Respect, sportsmanship and pace of play are 3 very important topics that must be taken seriously by every participant in the PGA Junior League at The Links Golf Course. Please read over the 10 Golden Rules.

1. We are guests at The Links Golf Course. We will respect the course by fixing divots and ball marks and thank The Links staff whenever appropriate.
2. We will listen to and respect our coaches & scorekeepers. We will also show good sportsmanship towards our opponents during and following the matches.
3. Players shall walk with a purpose (no lollygagging) so you can keep up with the group in front of you and to finish your round in 2 hours or less.
4. Players are limited to one practice swing per shot.
5. Teammates should discuss aim, club selection and strategy for each shot, but this should be limited to 25 seconds per shot.
6. After discussing the shot, a player should hit the shot in 15 seconds or less.
7. To save time, the high score per hole is triple bogey. Example: If your team has hit 6 shots on a par 4, you are NOT allowed to play the 7th shot.
8. Players should prepare for their shot when other teams are playing and stand within 15 feet of the tee markers when starting a hole. Additionally, never stand directly behind the golfer hitting or equal to or ahead of the golf ball. It's recommended to stand diagonal facing the golfer who's hitting.
9. All players will concede putts one foot or less for pace of play and sportsmanship.
10. Conceding a hole is recommended in certain situations to save time (see below).

## Definitions:

A "**conceded putt**" is a putt that your opponent in a golf match gives you; that is, your opponent allows you to count the putt as made without requiring you to actually stroke it into the hole. As soon as your opponent tells you he's conceding your putt, your putt is considered holed. If you were laying three and your putt is conceded, you pick up your golf ball, mark down a "4" on your scorecard and move on. Additionally, if the first player's putt is conceded, the second player is still allowed to play their putt if they have a chance to win the hole.

"**Conceding a hole**" in golf helps speed up the game. Once a player realizes they have little or no chance of winning a hole in match, they can end the hole early. For instance, if one player is on the green in two shots, while the other player has hit four shots but is in the woods, the latter player may simply concede the hole, realizing there's almost no chance of halving or winning the hole. In order to keep the game moving, this player might concede, award the hole to the other player and move on to the next tee.

