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Golf for beginners

Millions of people hit the links to play golf recreationally, and many young stars of the game are inspiring others to try their hand at this difficult sport.

In its "U.S. Golf Economy Report," released in 2018, WE ARE GOLF, a coalition of golf's governing bodies, found there was a 20 percent increase in junior golf participation in the five years between 2011 and 2016. Plus, there were 2.5 million golfers who played for the first time in 2016, up from 1.5 million in 2011. Even more exciting for the industry is non-golfers interested in playing golf doubled to 12.8 million.

There has never been a better time to play golf. However, to the uninitiated, golf can be complicated. There are many different rules and all sorts of equipment to learn and lingo to follow. In fact, the experts at Golf Digest say that some people can be scared off even before they hit the green. Fortunately, all it takes is a little research to get started on learning about and ultimately embracing the game of golf. Here are six ways to get started.

1. Start off on a practice range and not on the golf course. The range is a great place to acclimate oneself to the game and practice your swings.

2. Hook up with someone who can show you the ropes. Going it alone can tame feelings of embarrassment from being new to the game. How-

ever, having someone in your corner guiding you can make it easier to learn and love the game. Work with a local golf pro or enlist the help of a friend or family member with some golfing experience.

3. Learn all you can about the clubs, including which kinds are used for various types of shots. While a golfer is allowed to carry as many as 14 clubs in a bag, you will not need that many when first starting out, nor do you have to invest thousands of dollars in a set of clubs. It's possible to find used clubs online if you want to try the sport before committing.

4. Lean toward more loft when selecting clubs. Look for drivers that have at least 10 degrees of loft and fairway woods that start at 17 degrees, offers Golf Digest. This will make it easier for beginners to get the ball into the air and can reduce sidespin so shots fly more straight.

5. Pay attention to short shots as well as the long ones. Spend as much time practicing with wedges and the putter as the driver to really tighten up all of your shots.

6. Learn the proper grip and stance by working with a coach. Invest in a glove to avoid callused hands, as you'll be spending significant time practicing.

With these tips, novice golfers can get on the road to developing a great golf game relatively quickly.



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Tee Times: Call for times

Driving Range: No

Food: Snack and full-service bar

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A look at 10 very important rules in golf

1. Clubs in your bag

You're allowed to carry up to 14 (that's FOURTEEN!) clubs in your bag during a competitive round. You may carry less but make sure you check the contents before you start and discard any additional ones - it can cost you penalty strokes for every hole you play.

The 2001 Open Championship final round overnight leader Ian Woosnam can tell you all about this rule after being deducted two strokes for having one club too many in his bag! Do not commit the same mistake!

2. Play within the parameters of the tee

The first tee shot of a round is always daunting, even for seasoned golfers, so make sure you tee up between and behind the front of the appropriate markers - usually white for medal tees, yellow for men, red for ladies - and within two club lengths.

With all the swing thoughts that go through the average player's head, it

can be easy to forget about these basic parameters. There is a two-stroke penalty for teeing up the ball outside of them (you may take your stance outside if you prefer) in strokeplay

3. Avoid playing the wrong ball

Sounds blindingly obvious but unless you mark your ball before you start, there's a danger - with so many golf balls similarly stamped - you may mistake yours for another player's ball.

Playing the wrong golf ball in matchplay could mean loss of hole in singles and will be a two-stroke penalty in strokeplay. To avoid such a penalty, then get marking your ball more clearly with distinctive personalised symbols.

But if you're unsure the ball - in the rough, for example - is yours, notify your playing partners, mark it carefully with a tee peg, lift but do not clean it (only to identify it) and replace in the identical spot you're within your rights.

4. Green rulings

Once you have reached the green, there are a couple of key Rules of which you need to be aware. Once the ball comes to rest on the putting surface you may mark it with a coin, or disk, lift and clean it but remember to replace in the exact spot.

Golfers are now allowed to repair almost any damage on the green, such as spike marks, ball-marks, indentations from a club or flagstick, and animal damage.

However, golfers are not permitted to repair aeration holes, natural surface imperfections, or natural wear of the hole.

5. Play your ball as it lies

Always play your ball as it lies, wherever it comes to rest, unless the Rules allow you to do otherwise.

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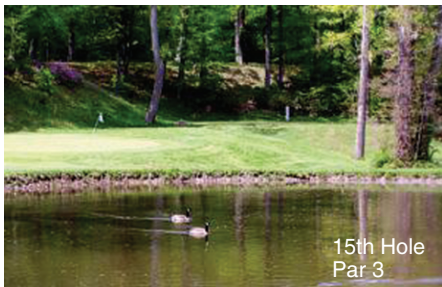
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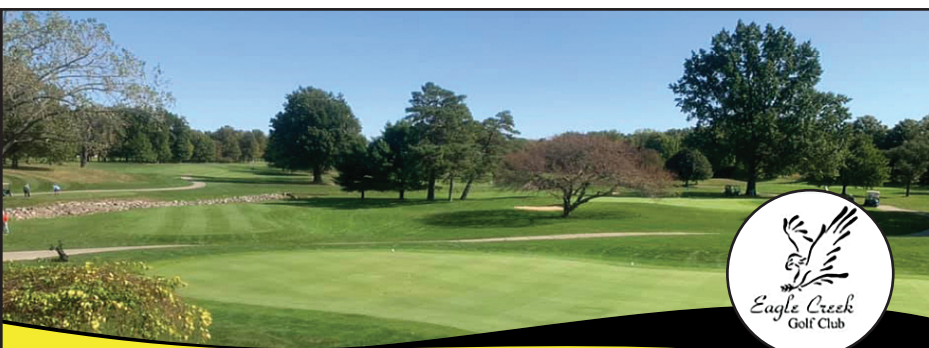
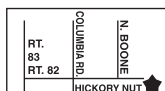
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Attire: No tank tops

Tee Time: Available

Driving Range: No

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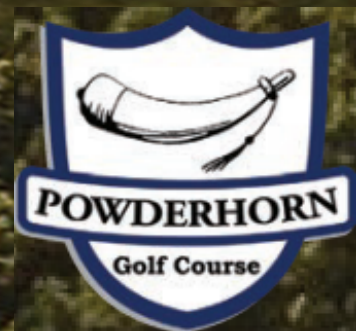
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Yardage: 3034 Par 36

Carts: Yes
Attire: Casual golf attire
Tee Times: No
Driving Range: No
Food: Twin Lakes Restaurant

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Yardage: Blue 6356, White 5957, Red 5419 Par 72
Carts: \$7 per person for 9 holes,

\$14 per person for 18 holes
Attire: Casual golf attire
Tee Times: Yes
Driving Range: Yes
Food: Snack bar

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www.woussickett.com
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Yardage: Blue 6149 Par 70, White 5669 Par 70, Red 4502 Par 71

Carts: Yes
Attire: Casual golf attire
Tee Times: Recommended
Driving Range: Yes and practice area.
Food: Snack bar/grill

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Yardage: Gold 7,025, Black 6,623, Green 6,200, Silver (Senior) 5,873, Red (Ladies) 5,815

Carts: Yes
Attire: Golf attire only
Tee Times: Required
Driving Range: Yes
Food: Grill Room banquet hall

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Yardage: Tees: Red 5,476, Gold 5,582, Black 6,608, Green 5,807, Gray 6,352
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Attire: Casual golf attire, no
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Tee Times: Available, but not
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Attire: Casual golf
Tee Times: On weekends
Driving Range: No
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Carts: Yes

Attire: Casual, soft spikes only

Tee Times: Recommended

Driving Range: Yes

Food: Snack bar

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Gold 5,003, White 5,797

Blue 6,051

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Attire: Soft spikes
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Tee Times: Recommended

Driving Range: Yes

Food: Snack shop & Pro shop

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Carts: Yes

Attire: Proper golf attire, no
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Tee Times: Daily April -
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Driving Range: Yes

Food: Full-service snack bar

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Madison 44057
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Yardage: White 6,145, Blue
6,487, Gold 5,428, Red 5,288

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Tee Times: Recommended

Driving Range: Yes

Food: Snack Bar

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10 of the Most Scenic Golf Courses in America

1. Pebble Beach Golf Links, California

Pebble Beach Golf Links is a public golf course adorned with dramatic views of the Pacific Ocean. It is a great meeting of land and water with impressive scenes combining mountains, cliffs, flora, and trees. This 18 hole- par 72 course has both challenges and stunning views to leave a significant impact on the golfers. It is basically situated in a town called 'Pebble Beach,' which is about 2 hours away from San Francisco by car. It is a bucket list course for golfers, but only a few can play after paying the expensive green fees of Pebble.

2. Cypress Point Golf Course, California

Cypress Point golf course is just 6 min away from the Pebble Beach Golf Links. It is famous for the dramatic holes along with the mesmerizing views of the Pacific Ocean. The variety of this course is just fabulous. You may even happen to have a few deer grazing. It is an 18 hole- par 72

course that was created by the famous designer Alister Mackenzie. You would enter the Del Monte forest to start the game. While finishing, you would be enjoying the views of the rocky coastline.

3. Augusta National, Georgia

Augusta National is famous for its appealing flowers and trees. No wonder that it was built on a former nursery site. Be it Tea Olive, Magnolia, Juniper, Yellow Jasmine, Camelia, or Holly, every flower is planted with much care. The course especially looks stunning during April month. The private club of Augusta National is also referred to as Augusta or the National. The club has two courses. One is 18 hole championship course, and the other is a 9 hole- par 3 course.

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spot. If a ball at rest is lifted or moved by anyone or any outside influence before the stroke is made, the ball must be replaced on its original spot.

Players should take care when near any ball at rest, and a player who causes his or her own ball or an opponent's ball to move will normally get a penalty (except on the putting green).

6. Unplayable lies

If your ball has come to rest in a position that you believe to be unplayable, you have three options.

A player may take unplayable ball relief using one of the three options in Rule 19.2a, b or c, in each case adding one penalty stroke.

The player may take stroke-and-distance relief under Rule 19.2a even if the original ball has not been found and identified. But to take back-on-the-line relief under Rule 19.2b or lateral relief under Rule 19.2c, the player must know the spot of the original ball.

7. No way back from Out of Bounds (OB)

Knowing what to do when your ball sails out of bounds is crucial to a beginner. A ball hit beyond the confines of the course (usually marked by white stakes) must be re-played from the original position adding a penalty of one stroke.

The scorecard of any course should have its boundaries clearly marked or described.

If you believe a shot has gone OB or into a water hazard always play a provisional and declare it.

You now have three minutes (it used to be five minutes) to search for it and if indeed it is lost you saved valuable time continuing with the provisional ball despite a one stroke penalty.

If your original is subsequently found in bounds or dry within three minutes of the point of search you must continue with the original ball.

8. Seeking advice

While it is one of the most sociable of sports, golf is a solitary game and this is reflected within the Rules.

You cannot ask advice on club selection for example from anyone other



than your team mate (if you are playing fourball or foursomes for example) or a caddie.

Neither should you offer advice to opponents in competition. However, you may ask for information on the Rules, distances or positions of hazards or the flagstick.

9. Definition of ball striking

Striking the ball would seem like a matter of technique but it is also governed in part by the Rules.

For instance, if you find yourself in a difficult lie with an awkward stance, you must strike the ball with the head of the club.

You cannot spoon, scrape or flick it in a style that cannot be described as a 'stroke'. A two-shot penalty in stroke-play and loss of hole in singles match-play will be the outcome.

10. Score correctly

At the end of a strokeplay round, you must make sure your card has been completed correctly - achieved by comparing scores you have marked on a playing partner's card (you will have exchanged cards at the start of the round) with those he or she has recorded.

Once you agree, the card must be signed by both parties as a correct record of each hole. Incorrect scorecards and unsigned ones will lead to disqualification.

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Golf Facts You Should Know

1. Golf is the 10th most popular sport in the world with 450 million fans. During the 2020 PGA Championship round, 6.873 m viewers tuned in on CBS to catch the action on the greens.

2. The modern game of golf can be traced to Scotland during the 15th century. Although the ancient origin of the game is not clear, historians believe that golf may be associated with pagana, an ancient Roman game that involved hitting a leather ball using a bent stick. It may also be rooted in the Chinese game called chuiwan, wherein a stick is used to hit a small ball to sink it into a hole in the ground.

3. Golf is a ball game that does not have a standardized playing area or court. The playing field consists of golf courses that feature a series of holes located in different terrains. The difficulty of the game increases or decreases depending on the layout and arrangement of the terrain.

4. Golfers have to contend with different forms of terrain in a course. These include the fairway,

the long-grass rough, the sand traps or bunkers, and hazards such as rocks and water. The courses with the best designs feature holes with a unique layout.

5. The term golf originated from the Netherlands. The Dutch word for club is "kolve" or "kolf". The Dutch likely introduced the word to the Scots through trading during the 14th until the 17th centuries. Due to linguistic differences, the Scottish dialect modified the pronunciation and the terms became "gouff" and "goff". In the 16th century, the term became, simply, golf.

6. The oldest known golf course in the world is The Old Course at St. Andrews in Fife, Scotland. It is called the Home of Golf and is treated as a pilgrimage site by fans and players of the game.

7. Golf may be an elite sport now but it was originally simply a game that shepherds played to pass the time. They hit rocks using sticks during breaks. Scotland's geographical landscape was – and still is – ideal for playing the game.

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9. Before 1764, The St. Andrews Old Course had 22 holes. The 18-hole courses common today came about when golfers agreed to combine certain holes to make 18 holes. The change in the layout was recommended by William St. Clair who was the then-captain and winner of the last game using the 22-hole configuration.

10. Most golf courses consist of 18 holes. These are divided into the front 9 and the back 9. Tournaments generally have a playing format of 18 holes.

11. The first golf courses in Scotland were village greens and cattle pastures. This is due to the wide expanse of space that was available to play the game. When the sport came to the U.S., Americans also began using pastures and meadows.

12. The first balls used in playing golf were made from leather balls stuffed with bird feathers. These balls could travel longer distances than other types of balls that were made after. They were last used in the mid-1800s.

13. The next batch of golf balls was made from wood – specifically, beech. Since they were hand-carved, the balls were not perfectly round, which made them more difficult to play with because they were unpredictable.

14. The first golf balls that were mass-manufactured were made from the sapodilla tree sap. The sap was heated and dried in a round mold. These balls were called gutties and were simply re-heated and re-molded when they

lost their shape.

15. The nicked and banded up gutties were the inspiration for the modern golf balls. Since the small nicks stabilized the ball's flight path, golf ball manufacturers began to carve and etch textures into the surface of the balls.

16. The modern golf ball is made of urethane and has 300 to 500 dimples. The average depth of these dimples is around 0.010 inch. The dimples are typically round but other shapes are used as well. Callaway's HX golf ball, for example, has hexagonal dimples.

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18. Golf holes actually do not stay in one place and are moved regularly. This is to keep the condition of the greens in top shape. Moving holes is important especially during busy days when the greens are at risk of being worn out.

19. At one point in its history, golf was actually banned in Scotland by King James II. In 1457, Scotland was at war and needed to focus on military training. Golf was so popular that it distracted even the military, prompting the king to prohibit the sport. The ban was largely ignored by the Scots.

20. Royal approval of golf after the ban was cemented by King James IV (still of Scotland). The king became a fan of the sport and was an enthusiastic golfer himself. His endorsement is the reason why golf became popular among the royals.

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GOLF TERMINOLOGY

Golf: the origin of the word “golf” is thought to have come from the Dutch word “kolf” or “kolve”, meaning “club” and the passed into Scottish language and became to “golfe,” “gowl” or “gouf” because of the eccentricities of Scottish dialect. Many people wrongly believe that it’s because it forms the acronym; “Gentleman Only, Ladies Forbidden”, but that is merely an internet myth.

Birdie: coined by an American named Ab Smith who initially referred to a “bird of a shot” which later became a “birdie.”

Caddy: is derived from the French word “cadet” (with has roots in the Gascon Occitan as capdèth or capdet, meaning chief then younger boy) used to refer to the Cadets de Gascogne, the youngest sons of the aristocratic families of Gascony who were captains serving in the French Army during the 15th century.

Scratch golfer: a golfer with a handicap of zero.

The Honor (Honour in British English): when a golfer is entitled to tee off first, usually having won the last hole, or maintained “The Honor since the last hole with a winner.

Condor: not a phrase you’re likely to come across in golf, a “condor” is the name for a score of 4 under par. There have only been four verified condor’s, all hole-in-one’s on par 5.

Links golf courses: are characterized by being built on the thin strip of grass, sand and dunes between the sea and typical agricultural land. As a result they often have undulating fairways, are interspersed with sand dunes, have numerous bunkers and very little in the way of trees.

Parkland golf courses: typically have lush, well maintained fairways, mature trees and woodland, deep rough and bunkers.

Resort golf courses: resort courses are typically more playable than other types of golf courses because they’re designed to entertain guests of hotels and resort companies. Featuring wide fairways, short cut rough and forgiving greens, resort courses are designed for quick, easy play and to make the most of their natural surroundings.

Heath-land golf courses: usually have rolling fairways, sculpted through the natural landscape with bushes, shrubs and few trees.

Desert golf courses: rely heavily on man-made watering systems to maintain lush fairways and greens in stark contrast to their barren desert setting. Popular in southwestern US states they’re also becoming more common in North Africa and the Middle East. Desert golf courses are usually flat with man-made lakes and waterways, cacti, palm trees and rocky outcrops.

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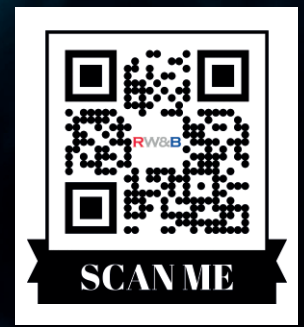
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