

GREENKEEPER'S CODE OF PRACTICE

It is important that all greenkeepers from the beginning of their career are aware of golf etiquette and how it affects their working practices.

The following are guidelines to good etiquette:

1. Be polite and considerate at all times to colleagues, golfers and the general public.
 2. Ensure your working clothes are appropriate, safe, tidy and presentable.
 3. Always be on the look-out for golfers and not necessarily just those playing the hole you are working on.
 4. When play approaches, acknowledge the fact and, if it is reasonable do so without causing undue delay, complete the task.
 5. Try not to follow golfers, work against play or better still try to avoid cutting when the course is busy.
 6. Do nothing which might upset a player's concentration as they are about to play.
 7. When cutting a teeing ground, position the markers back on the tee as soon as finished or during cutting if golfers approach.
 8. When cutting fairways try to position yourself out of reach, or move to the side. If not possible, stop your machine until all golfers have played. Keep an eye out for balls in the line of cut.
 9. When cutting a green, replace the flagstick as soon as possible.
 10. Do not change the hole position when golfers are playing the hole or when golf balls are on the green. Never change a hole during a stroke play event except when directed by the committee to do so or when golf balls are on the green.
 11. Do not play loud music from tractor cabs, etc.
 12. Do not drive in a manner which may be dangerous to yourself and others, or likely to damage the turf.
 13. On competition days, work on the course should be planned to ensure that there is no interference with play.
 14. Report unexpected findings back to the course manager/head greenkeeper.
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