

## **CADDIE Rules and Regulations**

1. Alberta Golf Association allows caddies in some events. When caddies are allowed in an event the player must report the caddie's full name at registration.
2. The caddie must wear AGA designated caddie identification apparel at all times when caddying on the course.
3. A "caddie" is one who assists the player in accordance with the Rules, which may include carrying or handling the player's clubs during play.
4. The caddie is responsible for knowing the rules. During a stipulated round, for any breach of a rule by his caddie, the player incurs the applicable penalty.
5. The player may be assisted by only one caddie at any one time.
6. The committee may, in the conditions of a competition prohibit the use of caddies or restrict a player in his choice of caddie.
7. If someone carries or transports a player's clubs whether on a pull cart or motorized cart he is by definition the player's caddie.
8. A player may have different caddies during a round, provided he has only one caddie at one time.
9. A caddie may, without the player's authority: Search for a player's ball (the caddie should ask the player before beginning the search). Place the player's clubs in a hazard. Repair old hole plugs and ball marks. Remove loose impediments. Mark the position of a ball, without lifting it. Clean the player's ball. Remove movable obstructions.
10. If a player's ball is accidentally deflected or stopped by his caddie there is a one stroke penalty. If a caddie purposely stops a player's ball there is a 2 stroke penalty (unless it has rolled to a position from which the player would be required to re-drop under Rule 20-2c) e.g.: A player takes relief from a lateral water hazard and drops his ball on grass sloping down to the hazard. The ball roles down the slope towards the hazard. The caddie may, after it crosses the hazard line, stop the ball from going into the hazard.
11. A caddie may not deem a player's ball to be unplayable.
12. A caddie may mop up casual water or remove dew or frost only on the teeing ground.
13. A caddie must not position himself behind the player while the player makes a stroke.
14. When the player is making a stroke a caddie may not purposely stand close to the player to shade the player, or his ball, from the sun, or protect the player from the wind or other elements, by using an umbrella, etc.
15. When the caddie is attending the flagstick he must not suggest to his player that he putts towards his foot and leave his foot in that position. He must move his foot.
16. Two players may use the same caddie.
17. A caddie may practice on or test the putting green surfaces of the course before the competitor tees off.
18. A player in the same competition, after completion of his round or after withdrawing, may then caddie for someone else in the competition.

## Tips for Caddies

1. Before a round begins the caddie should clean and count the player's clubs (14 maximum). Inspect the golf bag to ensure there are enough balls, tees, gloves, etc.
2. Carrying/Transporting golf clubs. Care should be taken when carrying clubs to prevent them from rattling when near golfers. If carrying, do not drop clubs; to prevent noise and damage to grass. Clubs should be placed well away from any possible line of play. To speed up play, when the player is on the green determine the direction to the next tee and place the bag close to that exit point.
3. Make sure the player's clubs are clean before every shot. A wet towel and tee or groove cleaning tool are essential.
4. You should clean golf balls: before a round, before play of a hole, when the player picks up their ball from the green and other situations when the player gives you the ball to clean.
5. Replace the golfer's fairway divot.
6. Repair ball marks on the green only at the player's request and direction.
7. A caddie may give their player advice on anything at any time, this includes yardages, club selection, how to play a shot, Rules, etc.
8. Keep sight of your player's ball. Spot where it lands.
9. Be aware of Club or tournament "Dress Codes".
10. Keep pace with your golfer. Keep back and still when he is swinging.
11. Caddies should be familiar with The Rules of Golf especially rules like Flagsticks (Rule 17), they are complex.
12. When attending the Flagstick hold the Flagstick while standing to one side, do not stand on the line of the putt. Pull it out part way from the bottom of the hole so that when the putt is struck you can remove it easily. Always remove the flagstick when the putt is struck.
13. On the green do not walk on your player's (or anyone else's) line of putt. Make sure that your shoe soles will not mark a green.
14. If your player is in a bunker be ready with a rake (if it is a greenside bunker have the putter ready as well). After the player hits out of the bunker (hand him his putter) rake the bunker. Never rake the bunker before the player plays from a bunker.
15. Do not substitute a player's ball with another ball without the player's consent.
16. Do not touch or lift a player's ball in play.
17. Immediately inform your player of important information. E.g.: Thunder, damaged club, ball deflected by outside agency, ball accidentally moved by caddie, etc.
18. A caddie should not search for his player's ball until directed to do so by the player.
19. Caddies should not use profanity on the golf course nor consume alcohol.
20. Always be on time and follow your player's instructions.
21. Don't use a cell phone while caddying.
22. Do not use a club to pick golf balls out of the hole.

