

Golf Clinic
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Pace of Play:

“A round of golf is meant to be played at a prompt pace. Each player should recognize that their pace of play is likely to affect how long it will take others to play their rounds, including both those in the player’s own group and those in the following groups.”

- It is recommended that the player make the stroke in no more than 40 seconds after they are able to play without interference or distraction. However, the player should play more quickly than that, and is encouraged to do so.
- Try to limit practice swings to no more than one or two. When taking practice swings with clubs that may cause a divot, please practice these swings off the tee box.
- Pick up. The ball when your score total is at “Par + 5 strokes. On a par 3 hole that would be 3 + 5 more strokes for a total of 8. On a par 4 hole that would be 4 + 5 more strokes for a total of 9.
- A stroke is defined as “The forward movement of the club with the intent of striking the ball.” With that in mind, remember that all WHIFF’s count as a stroke.
- When using a power cart and course conditions call for “Cart Path Only”, be sure to take any potentially needed clubs with you.
- When at the green, Park all carts, (push carts as well as power carts) on the cart path to the side nearer, nearest the next hole and again take all potentially needed clubs with you. **Parking both push carts as well as power carts off the side nearest the next hole allows the group behind you to take their next shots faster thus improving the pace of play

Etiquette:

Please refrain from giving unsolicited advice, or for asking for advice. The result of asking for or giving advice results in a 2 stroke penalty. **Asking for yardage is not asking for or giving advice as it is public knowledge.

Out of bounds:

- Lost ball: Player is allowed 3 minutes to search for their ball.
- A ball at rest is out of bounds ONLY when all the ball is outside of boundary edge of the course.

Relief options

- Stroke and distance (1 stroke penalty) Play the original ball or another ball from where the previous shot was taken.
- Provisional ball (1 stroke penalty) Under penalty of stroke and distance, if the player thinks the ball might be lost outside of a penalty area, or out of bounds, the player may announce that they are going to play a provisional ball. If the player finds their original ball and it is in bounds, the player must play that ball and any strokes taken with the provisional ball do not count.
- Additional option for out of bounds: (2 stroke penalty)
 - Determine the spot where the ball crossed the boundary edge.

- Find the nearest fairway edge (no closer to the hole)
 - Drop the original ball or another ball within 2 club lengths of the fairway edge.
- Water Hazard: All water hazards at Charbonneau are Red hazards. There are 4 relief options.
 - There is a drop zone on our water holes. (1 stroke penalty)
 - Stroke and distance. (1 stroke penalty)
 - Back on the line relief. (1 stroke penalty)
 - Lateral relief. (1 stroke penalty). Player may only take lateral relief when the ball enters the water from the side. Player may drop a ball within 2 club lengths of the point where the ball crossed into the penalty area.
- Free relief for abnormal conditions:
 - When players ball is in or on an abnormal course condition
 - An abnormal course condition physically interferes with the players area of intended stance or area of intended swing, or
 - Only when the ball is on the putting green, an abnormal course condition on or off the putting green intervenes on the line of play.
 - ** if the abnormal course condition is close enough to distract the player but does not meet any of these requirements, there is no interference under the rule.
 - There is no free relief from tree roots under USGA rules, however the player may take "Unplayable lie for a 1 stroke penalty.