

## ViewPoint Ladies 18 Hole Golf Association

### Spirit of the Game<sup>1</sup>

**Honesty, integrity, courtesy:** these three words have come to represent the spirit in which the game of golf is played. Part of that spirit sits beneath the term 'etiquette' and part of it relates to the Rules of Golf. But the Spirit of the Game goes much deeper than just those two tangible terms.

It is something that every golfer should develop an innate sense of, something that is born of golf's unparalleled history, and something that lifts golf, one could argue, above other sports. Whether it's through divot and pitch-mark repair, or simply through silence on the tee, the Spirit of the Game dictates that players make sure they give others on the course, often opponents, a fair chance to play the best shot they can.

Golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players, care for the course and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be.

Etiquette is an integral and inextricable part of the game which has come to define golf's values worldwide.

Put simply, it is a series of guidelines that exist to show other players, whether through divot repair or awareness of your shadow, a degree of fairness which you would expect to receive in return.

In terms of golf's environment, etiquette is about showing respect for the course on which you are playing and the work that has been put in to create it. It's about making sure that the game is played safely and that others on the course are able to enjoy the round as much as you.

**In short: The Spirit of the Game is about showing consideration to all others on the course at all times.**

<sup>1</sup>This description of the "Spirit of the Game" or one similar may be found by visiting the websites of the US Golf Association (USGA), the Royal Canadian Golf Association (RCGA) and The R&A, St Andrews.

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The ViewPoint Ladies 18 Hole Golf Association embraces the **Spirit of the Game**: honesty, integrity, and courtesy – the showing of consideration to all others on the course at all times. We sincerely want you to enjoy your golf, to have fun and to do well.

If your experience playing in our league does not match this expectation, *please let us know*. You may contact any of the following:

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