



RAKE & FIX YOUR DIVOTS

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PLAYING THROUGH

The keys are courtesy and patience.

Playing through on a golf course is both art and science. The art is in the negotiation between teams, and the science is in the logistics of playing through. It's an etiquette matter that should be done respectfully. Here's the proper way to approach it:

- 1. Observe etiquette:** Maintain a respectful distance and wait until the group ahead is off the green before making your request.
- 2. Signal intent:** If the group ahead hasn't noticed your pace, a polite wave can signal you wish to discuss playing through.
- 3. Communicate clearly:** At a suitable break, such as at the tee box or before the group ahead tees off, approach them and ask politely if you can play through. You might say, "Good morning! We've noticed that we're playing at a slightly faster pace. Would it be OK if we played through on the next hole?"
- 4. Be concise and courteous:** Be brief and polite, and remember that you're asking for a favor.
- 5. Respect the decision:** If they agree, thank them and quickly proceed to play your ball. If they decline, thank them and respect their decision.
- 6. Proceed if approved:** All players should proceed to the next hole and tee off, and the group playing through continues until all players complete their putts.



GHIN/Handicap Index

To get a GHIN/Handicap Index number, enroll via the Southern California Golf Association. According to SCGA, your GHIN number (your unique USGA/SCGA identifying number) is what you use to post scores from completed rounds. Post five 18-hole rounds to establish an index (the number you'll use to gain or give strokes to golfers with whom you play). For Laguna Woods Village to be your "home" course, you must become a member of one of the 18-hole men's or ladies' clubs. The pro shop does not sponsor or facilitate obtaining or transferring GHIN/Index Numbers. For more information, visit scga.org/2join/handicapbu.

Golfer Orientation

The pro shop is now hosting golfer orientations. Sessions, offered periodically, are intended to educate new resident golfers about the courses and other amenities. Orientations show a live demo of ForeUp that illustrates how to book a tee time for two to four people and how to cancel tee times. Orientations are open to everyone. To register for the next session, call the pro shop at **949-597-4336** and ask for your name to be added to the attendee list.

BOOKING A TEE TIME

Many Village residents have similar—or even the same—names. Therefore, please use resident ID numbers to ensure you are booking for the correct players. Doing so also ensures that the tee time confirmation is sent to the correct email address.





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Rules Corner: Honors

The term “honor” means that the player with the lowest score on the previous hole has the honor of playing first on the next hole. This practice is not in the rules of play when playing a stroke play round; but it is considered proper golf etiquette.

If you are involved in a match play event, be sure to follow this “honor” system; otherwise, the player with the honor may require their opponent to replay a shot played out of order. This is because the strategy of match play is affected by the order of play.

Staff encourage all players to play “ready golf” but to also acknowledge the person with the honor prior to playing.

ICE MACHINE/WATER COOLER

Please observe the signage on the ice machine next to the starter window. The machine’s drainage can get easily clogged with dirt and grass from wet towels or by large quantities of liquid. Help keep the machine in good working order by using it only to fill ice and water containers.

Also, please do not park your golf cart in the driveway in front the ice machine, as this area is a two-way path where parking/standing is prohibited.



When choosing to play on one of our esteemed golf courses, it is important to keep a few key points in mind to prevent unnecessary wear and maintain proper control.

**A Note From
Tom McCray**

- Always check in with the course starter using your resident ID card 15 minutes prior to your start time, with all players in your group present.
- For Course 1, wait until the course starter calls you to the tee before heading down. For Courses 2 and 3, proceed to your tee no more than 10 minutes before to avoid confusion or traffic by that tee.
- Play in the group assigned by the starter and remain with that group throughout the round. Additionally, stay on the course that was booked and confirmed by the starter.
- Practicing on the course is prohibited. Play one ball throughout the round unless the rules require you to play another.
- Follow the cart signs for the golf cart paths and avoid roped off or wet areas.
- Always repair ball marks, fill divots and rake bunkers.

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