Golf Etiquette (examples)

1. Don’t talk when another person is getting ready to hit.

2. Don’t stand where it could be distracting to another person getting ready to hit (e.g. shadow in the way, too close, on target line, etc.)

3. Don’t walk or step on the line between the hole and another player’s ball on the green.

4. Do repair your divots in the fairway and on the green, as well as raking marks left in a sand trap.

5. Do yell “fore” if it looks like your ball, after hitting it, could come close to other players on the course.

6. Do drive a golf cart in an appropriate manner (see golf cart etiquette below).

7. Don’t spend more than 5 minutes looking for a lost ball.

8. Do allow golfers behind you who appear to be playing faster than you to ‘play through’.

9. Don’t pick up a golf ball on the course that is not yours unless you are absolutely sure it has been abandoned by another player.

10. Don’t take too long to hit your ball (i.e. take one or two practice swings and then hit the ball).

11. Don’t take too many (10?) strokes to finish a hole. Simply pick up your ball and move on to the next hole when you reach the maximum number of strokes.

12. Don’t consume alcoholic beverages while playing, or at least consume in extreme moderation. Note most courses prohibit you bringing your own beverages on to the course.

13. Do adhere to ‘rules of golf’ if playing ‘competitively’; otherwise, may use ‘winter rules’ and the “1 or 2 club length rule” (don’t be a hero).
14. Do adhere to 'honors', meaning the person who had the low score on the previous hole has the right to tee off first on the next hole. Also, in the fairway, the person who is farther from the pin hits first. Groups can also agree to play 'ready' golf meaning whoever is ready to hit first goes first.

15. Dress appropriately. Some courses will have a dress code which usually means no tank tops, no collarless shirts, no sleeveless shirts/blouses, no jeans, no cut off shorts, etc.

16. Don't initiate wagering and keep it friendly and very affordable.

Golf Cart Etiquette

1. Don't drive near the greens.

2. Don't drive near sand traps/bunkers.

3. Don't drive in roped off areas or past 'cart' signs.

4. Don't drive into hilly/dangerous areas.

5. Stay on cart path if so instructed (i.e. fairways too wet).

6. Stay on cart path until you reach your ball if there is a "90-degree rule" (i.e. fairways wet).

7. Don't drive too fast or you may a) tip over or b) throw out passenger.

8. Make sure parking brake is set when leaving cart.

9. Drive extra carefully if grass is wet.

10. No more than two bags or two passengers per cart.