



## **RULES FOR CADDIES**

Professional golfers are not permitted to caddy.

For Women's competitions where girls under 18 are likely to play, all competitors will be treated the same (in terms of who's allowed a caddy). Therefore, under 18's would be allowed a caddy just like the Adult Women in competitions where caddies are allowed.

Under 18 's who have a medical certificate for a buggy are not allowed to drive a buggy, their caddy must drive the buggy on their behalf.

Please note: Under 14's must have a Caddy or be accompanied by an adult.

All Caddies should follow the rules set out below: -

### **A Caddy may:**

1. Carry, transport and handle the player's clubs and other equipment.
2. Search for the player's ball (Rule 7.1).
3. Give information, advice and other help before the stroke is made (Rules 10.2a and 10.2b).
4. Smooth bunkers or take other actions to care for the course.
5. Replace divots.
6. Remove sand and loose soil and repair damage on the putting green (Rule 13.1c).
7. Remove or attend the flagstick, although it would be greatly appreciated if caddies did not go on the greens. (Rule 13.2b).
8. Mark the spot of the player's ball and lift and replace the ball on the putting green (Rules 14.1b Exception and 14.2b).
9. Clean the player's ball (Rule 14.1c).
10. Remove loose impediments and movable obstructions (Rules 15.1 and 15.2).

### **Actions Allowed Only with Player's Authorization.**

A caddy may take these actions only when the Rules allow the player to take them and only with the player's authorization (which must be given specifically each time rather than given generally for a round):

1. Restore conditions that were worsened after the player's ball came to rest (Rule 8.1d).

2. When the player's ball is anywhere except on the putting green, lift the player's ball under a Rule requiring it to be replaced or after the player has decided to take relief under a Rule (Rule 14.1b).

### **Actions Not Allowed.**

A caddie is not allowed to take these actions for the player:

1. Concede the next stroke, a hole or the match to the opponent or agree with the opponent on the match score (Rule 3.2).
2. Deliberately stand on or close to an extension of the line of play behind the player's ball when the player begins taking a stance for the stroke and until the stroke is made (Rule 10.2b(4)) or take other actions prohibited by Rule 10.2b.
3. Replace a ball unless the caddie had lifted or moved the ball (Rule 14.2b).
4. Drop or place a ball in a relief area (Rule 14.3).
5. Decide to take relief under a Rule (such as treating a ball as unplayable under Rule 19 or taking relief from an abnormal course condition or penalty area under Rule 16.1 or 17); the caddie may advise the player to do so, but the player must decide.

Please Note: Caddies can carry, use a trolley or, ride in the buggy, where the player or caddie has submitted the online form for the use of a buggy.

[Online Buggy Notification Form](#)

### **Player Responsible for Caddie's Actions and Breach of Rules**

A player is responsible for his or her caddie's actions both during a round and while play is stopped under Rule 5.7a, but not before or after a round. If the caddie's action breaches a Rule or would breach a Rule if the action was taken by the player, the player gets the penalty under that Rule. When application of a Rule depends on whether the player is aware of certain facts, the player's knowledge is treated as including whatever is known by his or her caddie.

### **Slow play must be discouraged, and it is hoped that a caddy will speed play up.**

- a) Move the golf trolley ahead to the next tee,
- b) Have the clubs ready for selection,
- c) Keep moving at a good pace,
- d) Keep up with the match ahead,
- e) If you lose at least one hole, immediately inform your player, and suggest that the following match be called through.