



2018 ALBERTA GOLF CADDIE RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. A caddie is someone who assists the player in accordance with the Rules, which may include carrying or handling the player's clubs during play. **The caddie is an extension of the player and must abide by the Alberta Golf Code of Conduct and the Alberta Golf Dress Code.**
2. A caddie may not wear traditionally-designed spikes or shoes with conventional spikes (regardless of composition). Spikeless golf shoes and running shoes are permitted.
3. At Alberta Golf events where caddies are permitted, the caddie must sign out and wear Alberta Golf-designated caddie bibs at all times when caddying on the course. The bibs are distributed in the starting area and must be returned to the scoring area after play of each round is completed.
4. The caddie is responsible for knowing the Rules. During a stipulated round, the player incurs the applicable penalty if his caddie breaches a Rule.
5. The player may have different caddies during a round, but must be assisted by only one caddie at a time.
6. The Committee may, in the Conditions of a Competition, prohibit the use of caddies or restrict a player in his choice of caddie.
7. If someone carries or transports a player's clubs, whether on a pull cart or motorized cart, he is by definition the player's caddie. A caddie may use a motorized cart only when the Conditions of the Competition permit players to use motorized carts.
8. A caddie may, without the player's authority:
 - Search for a player's ball
 - Place the player's clubs in a hazard.
 - Repair old hole plugs and ball marks.
 - Remove loose impediments.
 - Mark the position of a ball, without lifting it.
 - Clean the player's ball.
 - Remove movable obstructions.
9. If a player's ball is accidentally deflected or stopped by his caddie, the player incurs a 1-stroke penalty. If a caddie purposely stops a player's ball, there is a 2-stroke penalty unless the ball was stopped because it rolled to a position from which the player would be required to re-drop under Rule 20-2c. For example, when the ball of a player taking penalized relief from a lateral water hazard is dropped on grass sloping down to the hazard, and the ball rolls down the slope towards the hazard, the caddie may stop the ball from going into the water but only after it crosses the hazard line.
10. A caddie may not deem a player's ball to be unplayable.
11. A caddie may not make concessions in match play.
12. A caddie may mop up casual water or remove dew or frost **only** on the teeing ground.
13. A caddie must not position himself behind the player while the player makes a stroke.
14. When the player is making a stroke, a caddie may not purposely stand close to the player to shade the player, or his ball, from the sun, or protect the player from the wind or other elements, by using an umbrella, etc.
15. When the caddie is attending the flagstick, he may suggest to his player that the putt be directed towards the caddie's foot, but the caddie must move his foot before the putt is made.
16. Two players may use the same caddie.
17. Two players playing in the same competition at different times on the same day may **not** caddie for each other.



TIPS FOR CADDIES

1. Be on time and follow your player's instructions.
2. Clean and count the player's clubs before a round begins (maximum of 14 clubs). Inspect the golf bag to ensure there are enough balls, tees, gloves, etc.
3. Be careful when carrying clubs to prevent them from rattling when near golfers. If carrying, do not drop the bag when putting it on the ground to avoid noise and to prevent damage to grass. Place clubs well away from any possible line of play. To speed up play when the player is on the green, determine the direction to the next tee and place the bag close to that exit point.
4. Make sure the player's clubs are clean before every shot; a wet towel and tee or groove cleaning tool are essential.
5. Clean golf balls
 - before a round,
 - before play of a hole,
 - when the player picks up his ball from the green,
 - when the player gives you the ball to clean.
6. Replace the player's divots on the fairway or fill in divots as recommended by the host facility.
7. Repair ball marks on the green only at the player's request and direction.
8. Give information to the player at any time, as requested by the player, including yardages, club selection, how to play a shot, and be familiar with The Rules of Golf, including Rule 17: The Flagstick.
9. Keep your player's ball in your sight. Spot where it lands.
10. Abide by Alberta Golf Code of Conduct including dress code.
11. Keep pace with your golfer. Keep back and still when he is swinging.
12. Stand to one side when attending the flagstick. Do not stand on the line of the putt. Pull the flagstick part way out of the bottom of the hole so that when the putt is struck you can remove it easily. Always remove the flagstick when the putt is struck.
13. Do not walk on your player's (or anyone else's) line of putt on the putting green. Make sure that your shoe soles will not mark the green.
14. Be ready with a rake when your player is in a bunker. If it is a greenside bunker, have the putter ready as well. After the player hits out of the bunker, hand him his putter or other club for the next shot, and rake the bunker. Never rake the bunker before the player plays from a bunker unless specifically directed to do so by the player (Exception 2 to Rule 13-4).
15. Do not substitute a player's ball with another ball without the player's knowledge and specific consent.
16. Do not touch or lift a player's ball in play.
17. Inform your player of important information, such as thunder, a damaged club, a ball deflected by outside agency, a ball accidentally moved by caddie, etc.
18. Do not search for your player's ball until directed to do so by the player.
19. Do not use a smart phone or the like while caddying.
20. Do not use a club to pick golf balls out of the hole.