

It's OK golf league

The "It's OK" golf league is designed for new and beginning golfers to get out to play, have fun and meet other golfers.

Sign up each week or whenever it works with your schedule.

Sign up is done on-line at least 48 hours in advance of the day of play.

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Four things you need to be able to do:

1. Play "ready golf" **safely** to keep up with the group in front of you. If this means picking up your ball on a challenging hole, skipping a hole, or teeing off from 100yds, IT's OK. **The pace of play at Springfield is to complete 9 holes in 90 minutes.** (*see below for more ways to play fast without feeling hurried*)
2. Know where and where not to drive the golf cart
3. Have your own set of clubs (each player must have a set for themselves – no sharing golf bags)
4. Keep a positive attitude

Many things that are OK:

1. **It's okay to** not keep score.
2. **It's okay to** play from the shortest tees or start at the 150 yard marker.
3. **It's okay to** give yourself a better lie by rolling the ball around a little. It's okay to tee the ball up anywhere when you are first learning.
4. **It's okay to** only count swings when you make contact with the ball.
5. **It's okay to** throw the ball out of a bunker after one try.
6. **It's okay to** forget about a ball that may be lost or out of bounds. It's okay to drop a ball where you think it might be...or where you wanted it to be.
7. **It's okay to** play a scramble with your group...scrambles are very popular.
8. **It's okay to** just chip and putt on a hole when you feel like it.
9. **It's okay to** pick up in the middle of the hole and enjoy the outdoors and scenery.
10. **It's okay to** skip a hole if you need to take a break.
11. **It's okay to** play less than 9 or 18-holes and call it a round of golf.
12. **It's okay to** move your ball away from trees, rocks or very hilly lies.

13. **It's okay to** hit the same club for the entire round, while using a putter on the putting green.
14. **It's okay to** play golf in your sneakers. Be comfortable!
15. **It's okay to** laugh and have fun. There are no penalties for excessive laughing or high fives on the golf course.
16. **It's okay to** talk on the golf course...enjoy a nice conversation or tell a few jokes.
17. **It's okay to** remember friends more than your scores.
18. **It's okay to** drink more than one cup of water on a hot day.
19. **It's okay to** turn OFF your cell phone while on the course.
20. **It's okay to** be called a "golfer."

It's okay to PLAY GOLF JUST FOR FUN!

Tips for Playing "Ready Golf" - You can play fast without feeling Hurried

"Ready Golf" means that ALL golfers should go to their balls as soon as possible and get READY to play their shots. While waiting to hit, PLAYERS should SURVEY their shot, SELECT their clubs, TAKE them from their bags, and STAND at their balls READY to step up and make the shot when it is their turn.

- "Ready Golf" applies everywhere - on tees, fairways and on the greens.
- On the tee – whoever is ready first should go ahead and tee off first.
- If you reach your ball and are ready to hit, while other members of your group are not yet prepared, then go ahead and hit even if you are not the farthest away. It's OK as long as no one is in your way! (**SAFETY FIRST**)
- Putt continuously until you hole out if your ball is not in someone else's line.
- When riding in a golf cart, the driver should drive their partner to their ball, let them get their clubs, and instead of waiting on them to hit, drive to their own ball and get ready to hit themselves.
- If someone loses a ball, the other players in the group should hit their shots before helping search
- If someone is on the green and another person is in the bunker or walking to chip, the player on the green can go ahead and putt while the playing partner gets ready to take their shot.

**By playing ready golf in a safe manner, you can keep your round moving
and have more fun on the course.**