



Caddie Regulations

Golf Manitoba permits caddies in all championships except the Junior Bantam, Junior Provincial and Junior interclub. Below are the expectations of all caddies and are not inclusive.

Definition of a Caddie: Someone who helps a player during a round, including in these ways:

- Carrying, Transporting or Handling Clubs: A person who carries, transports (such as by cart or trolley) or handles a player's clubs during play is the player's caddie even if not named as a caddie by the player, **except** when done to move the player's clubs, bag or cart out of the way or as a courtesy (such as getting a club the player left behind).
- Giving Advice: A player's caddie is the only person (other than a partner or partner's caddie) a player may ask for advice.

A caddie may also help the player in other ways allowed by the Rules (Rule 10.3b).

Purpose of Rule 10.3 - Caddies:

The player may have a caddie to carry the player's clubs and give advice and other help during the round, but there are limits to what the caddie is allowed to do. The player is responsible for the caddie's actions during the round and will get a penalty if the caddie breaches the Rules.

- The caddie is responsible for knowing the Rules.
- Caddies must be familiar with Golf Manitoba's standard policies and dress code; or if more restrictive, the host club dress code will apply.
- The Committee can choose to modify Rule 10.3 - Caddie to:
 - Prohibit the use of caddies,
 - Limit a player's choice of caddie (such as not allowing a caddie to be a professional, a parent or relative, another player in the competition, etc.). See Model Local Rule 8H, H - 1.

Player Allowed Only One Caddie at a Time

Rule 10.3a (1)

- The player must not have more than one caddie at any one time.
- The player may change caddies during a round, **BUT** must not do so temporarily for the sole purpose of getting advice from the new caddie.
- Any other person who walks or rides along with the player or who carries other things for the player (such as a rain suit, umbrella or food) is not the player's caddie.

What a Caddie May Do - Actions Always Allowed

Rule 10.3b (1)

- Carry, transport and handle the player's clubs and other equipment.
- Search for the player's ball.
- Give information, advice and other help before the stroke is made.
- Smooth bunkers or take other actions to care for the course.
- Remove sand and loose soil and repair damage on the putting green.
- Remove or attend the flagstick.
- Mark the spot of the player's ball, lift & replace the ball on the putting green.
- Clean the player's ball.
- Remove loose impediments and movable obstructions.

Actions Allowed Only With Player's Authorization

Rule 10.3b (2)

- Restore conditions that were worsened after the player's ball came to rest.
- Except on the putting green, lift the player's ball under a Rule that requires it to be replaced or after the player has decided to take relief under a Rule. (The authorization must be given specifically each time rather than given generally for the round)
- So long as it is reasonable to conclude that the player is taking relief under a Rule, the caddie is treated as being given authorization to lift the ball.

What a Caddie May Do - Actions NOT Allowed

Rule 10.3b (3)

- Concede the next stroke, a hole or the match to the opponent or agree with the opponent on the match score.
- 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 or take other actions prohibited under Rule 10.2b.

Meaning of "*Begins Taking a Stance for the Stroke*" – the player begins to take the stance for the stroke that is actually made when they have at least one foot in position. If a player *backs away*, they have not taken a stance for the stroke that is actually made. "*Backs away*" means that the player's feet or body are no longer in a position where helpful guidance on aiming at the intended target line could be given.

- Replace a ball, unless the caddie had lifted or moved the ball.
- Drop or place a ball in a relief area.
- Decide to take relief under a Rule. The caddie may advise a player to do so, but the player must decide.

Tips for Caddies

- Be aware of all Golf Manitoba terms of competition, policies, amateur code of conduct and The Rules of Golf
- Take care when carrying clubs to prevent them from rattling when near any golfer.
- Keep up your walking pace, do not lag behind.
- Clubs should be placed well away from any possible line of play and never be placed on the putting green or near the fringe.
- When your player is on the green determine the direction to the next tee and place the clubs close to that exit point.
- Always replace the player's fairway divot.
- Keep sight of your player's ball and spot where it lands.
- Observe your etiquette on the greens. Only repair old hole plugs and ball marks when directed by your player, do not walk on any player's line of putt and make sure your shoes will not mark the green.
- Always be ready with the rake when your player is in a bunker. Always rake after the shot and never before.
- Do not substitute the player's ball with another without the player's consent.
- Do not touch or lift a player's ball in play.

In order for Golf Manitoba competitors to enjoy their championship experience, we ask all caddies be respectful. Any caddie behavior that is a distraction or a disturbance to any player or official will may result in the caddie being asked to leave the course by Golf Manitoba staff.