



GOLF

Merit Badge Requirements

- 1) Study the USGA *Rules of Golf* now in use.
 - A) Tell about the three categories of golf etiquette.
 - B) Show that you know about the definitions of golf terms.
 - C) Tell about your understanding of the *Golf Rules in Brief*.
 - D) Show that you understand the "Rules of Amateur Status."

- 2) Tell about your understanding of the USGA system of handicapping. Show that you have established your handicap under this system.

- 3) Do the following:
 - A) Tell about the early history of golf.
 - B) Describe its early years in the United States.
 - C) Tell about the accomplishments of a top golfer of your choice from each of the following periods:
 - 1) Before 1900
 - 2) 1900 to 1940
 - 3) 1940 to present

- 4) Talk over the following:
 - A) Six vocational opportunities of golf.
 - B) Advantages of the amateur golfer.

- 5) Tell how a golf exercise plan can help you play better. Show two exercises that would improve your game.

- 6) Show the following:
 - A) The proper grip, stance, pivot, and parts of a good swing.
 - B) The full wood shot, played from a tee.
 - C) The fairway wood shot.
 - D) The long iron shot.
 - E) The short iron shot.
 - F) The approach, chip, pitch, and pitch-and-run shots.
 - G) The sand iron shot, bunker, or heavy rough recovery shots.
 - H) A sound putting stroke.

- 7) Play a competitive round of golf with another golfer about your age and your counselor, or an adult he has approved: OR enter and participate in a competitive golf event. In either case,
 - A) Follow the Rules of Golf.
 - B) Use an approved handicap.
 - C) Practice good golf etiquette.
 - D) Show respect to fellow golfers, committee, sponsor, and gallery.

Requirement 1

Study the USGA *Rules of Golf* now in use. After your studying, do the following:

Tell about the three categories of golf etiquette.

Category: _____ Description: _____

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Show that you know about the definitions of golf terms by giving a brief explanation of them below:

Describe the golf term(s) for "*Green*" and what it can be applied to: _____

Describe the golf term(s) for "*Addressing the Ball*": _____

Describe the golf term(s) for "*Ball Deemed to Move*": _____

Describe any other term that you may think needs defining: _____

Tell about your understanding of the *Golf Rules in Brief*: _____

Show that you understand the "Rules of Amateur Status" by summarizing them here: _____

Requirement 2

Tell about your understanding of the USGA system of handicapping: _____

___ Show that you have established your handicap under this system. Your handicap: _____

Requirement 3

Tell about the early history of golf: _____

Describe the early years of golf in the United States: _____

Tell about the accomplishments of a top golfer of your choice from each of the following periods:

Before 1900: Golfer: _____ Accomplishments: _____

1900 to 1940: Golfer: _____ Accomplishments: _____

1940 to present: Golfer: _____ Accomplishments: _____

Requirement 4

Describe six vocational opportunities related to golf:

Vocation: _____ Description: _____

Vocation: _____ Description: _____

Vocation: _____ Description: _____

Vocation: _____ Description: _____

Vocation: _____ Description: _____

Vocation: _____ Description: _____

Tell about the advantages of the amateur golfer: _____

Requirement 5

Tell how a golf exercise plan can help you play better: _____

Describe two exercised that would improve your game:

Exercise: _____ How will this exercise help your game? _____

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___ Demonstrate these two exercises to your counselor.

Requirement 6

After studying and learning from your counselor, demonstrate, show, or perform each of the following. Check off each after completion.

- ___ The proper grip ___ The proper stance ___ The proper pivot ___ Parts of a good swing ___ The fairway wood shot
- ___ The full wood shot, played from a tee ___ The long iron shot ___ The short iron shot ___ The Approach ___ The chip
- ___ The pitch ___ the pitch-and-run shot ___ The sand iron shot, bunker, or heavy rough recovery shot ___ A sound putting stroke

Requirement 7

Play a competitive round of golf with another golfer about your age and your counselor, or an adult they have approved: OR enter and participate in a competitive golf event. In either case - 1) Follow the Rules of Golf - 2) Use an approved handicap - 3) Practice good golf etiquette - 4) Show respect to fellow golfers, committee, sponsor, and gallery.

Your score: _____ Handicap: _____

Who did you golf with? _____ Score: _____ Handicap: _____