



# Cambs & Hunts Ladies' County Golf Association

## RULES for CADDIES

**RULE 10.3 states that** 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**

### CHLCGA:

- permits caddies in any ladies' competition, **but not in designated junior events**
- **does not** permit the use of a professional or assistant professional as a caddie (local rule)

### RULE 10.3A

- A player must not have more than one caddie at a time
- A player may change caddies during a round, **but** must not do so temporarily for the sole purpose of getting advice from the new caddie
- Two or more players may share a caddie

### RULE 10.3B: EXAMPLES OF WHAT A CADDIE IS ALLOWED/NOT ALLOWED TO DO

#### 1. Actions always allowed (when permitted under the rules)

- carry, transport and handle the player's clubs and other equipment (including driving a cart or pulling a trolley)
- search for the player's ball (Rule 7.1)
- give information, advice and other help before the stroke is made (Rules 10.2a and 10.2b)
- smooth bunkers or take other actions to care for the course (Rules 8.2 Exception and 8.3 Exception, and 12.2b(2) and (3))
- remove sand and loose soil and repair damage on the putting green (Rule 13.1c)
- remove or attend the flagstick (Rule 13.2b)
- 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)
- clean the player's ball (Rule 14.1c)
- remove loose impediments and movable obstructions (Rules 15.1 and 15.2)

#### 2. Actions allowed only with the player's authorisation. A caddie may take these actions only when the Rules allow the player to take them and only with the player's authorisation (which must be given specifically each time rather than given generally for a round)

- restore conditions that were worsened after the player's ball came to rest (Rule 8.1d)
- 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)

#### 3. Actions not allowed. A caddie is not allowed to take these actions for the player

- concede the next stroke, a hole or the match to the opponent or agree with the opponent on the match score (Rule 3.2)
- 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
- replace a ball, unless the caddie had lifted or moved the ball (Rule 14.2b)
- drop or place a ball in a relief area (Rule 14.3)
- 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

**NB: For further information please consult the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf (2019)**