

Golf Dress Code and Bag Checklist

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Pass any dress code, dress for the season and pack the bag the night before

Course details

Course	_____	Tee time	_____
Dress code checked	_____	Collar required?	_____
Short/skort length	_____	Forecast at finish	_____

Dress code check (most common rules)

Every course sets its own policy. Check the website or call the pro shop, then tick each line.

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| ☐ Collared polo or mock neck (men); collar on sleeveless tops if the club asks | ☐ Soft spike or spikeless shoes (no metal spikes) |
| ☐ No denim anywhere on the course | ☐ Shirt tucked and hat forward at stricter clubs |
| ☐ Tailored golf shorts, pants, skirt or skort (no gym shorts) | ☐ No cargo pockets or tank tops (men) |
| ☐ Skort or skirt about 15 to 18 inches, shorts about mid-thigh | ☐ Leggings allowed? Check before you wear them |

What to wear by season

Dress for the forecast at your finish time. A round runs four to five hours.

Season	Top	Bottom	Layer	Extras
Hot, 80 F and up	Light-colored performance polo or UPF sleeves	Shorts or skort	Wide-brim hat or visor	2 gloves to rotate, damp towel, extra water
Mild, 60 to 80 F	Short-sleeve polo	Shorts, pants or skort	Quarter-zip for early tee times	Cap or visor, sunglasses
Cool, 45 to 60 F	Long sleeve polo or mock neck	Full-length pants	Vest or quarter-zip	Waterproof shoes for dew
Cold, below 45 F	Thin base layer under a polo	Lined pants	Insulated vest (not a puffy)	Beanie, winter gloves, mitts, hand warmers
Rain, any temp	Polo plus quiet waterproof jacket	Waterproof pants	Umbrella	Rain gloves, spare dry towel

After the round: what to wear or pack differently

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Golf bag checklist

Rule 4.1b of the Rules of Golf (usga.org): no more than 14 clubs during a round.

Clubs counted

- ☐ Balls: 6 to 10 if you are newer
- ☐ Tees
- ☐ Ball marker
- ☐ Divot repair tool
- ☐ Glove plus a spare
- ☐ Towel clipped to the bag
- ☐ Sunscreen SPF 30+ and SPF lip balm

Total (max 14)

- ☐ Hat or visor and sunglasses
- ☐ Water bottle, filled
- ☐ Snack for the turn
- ☐ Adhesive bandages for blisters
- ☐ Pencil and scorecard
- ☐ Phone charged, weather radar app
- ☐ Cash or card for the cart or snack bar

Seasonal add-ons

Summer

- ☐ Extra water
- ☐ Cooling towel
- ☐ UPF sleeves
- ☐ Second glove

Spring and fall

- ☐ Quarter-zip or vest
- ☐ Waterproof shoes
- ☐ Light rain jacket
- ☐ Spare socks

Winter and rain

- ☐ Rain gloves
- ☐ Umbrella
- ☐ Hand warmers
- ☐ Beanie and mitts

Before you leave the house

- ☐ Dress code checked online or by phone
- ☐ Shoes broken in, spikes or nubs clean
- ☐ Sunscreen on before you leave
- ☐ A layer you can stash for an early start
- ☐ Radar checked if storms are possible
- ☐ Leave to arrive 30 minutes early

Lightning rule (National Weather Service): the only completely safe action is getting inside a safe building or vehicle. Picnic-style shelters are not safe. Wait 30 minutes after the last thunder before resuming play.