

# Tee Marker Placement

There are standards for the distance between tee markers. The wear pattern of the golfers usually dictates the placement of tee markers at any one particular hole. There is a relationship between markers and frequency of changing tee markers to the wear of the grass.



If the tee is long and narrow and markers are placed at full width, the wear pattern is usually in the middle of the tee. On narrow tees when half the available width is used, two wear areas result. Most golfers prefer the middle portion of the tee closest to the hole and don't use all the rectangle allowed by the rules of golf.

The United States Golf Association's Official Rules of Golf define the teeing ground as "the starting place for the hole to be played. It is a rectangular area two club lengths in depth, the front and the sides of which are defined by the outside limits of two tee markers. A ball is outside the teeing ground when all of it lies outside the stipulated area."

Tee markers should be moved daily and in a pattern. If space allows, the movement pattern should not bring the markers back to any one location within 10 to 14 days. On small, par three tees, the width and length of tee marker movement formation might have to be adjusted. Some additional turf culture may be needed such as additional water, fertilizer, aeration, seeding, topdressing, pest control, removing shade conditions, less frequent mowing or changing the height of cut.

In addition to the placement of tee markers, there are other maintenance procedures to encourage golfers to use the entire teeing area and therefore eliminate much of the wear pattern problems.

Keeping tree roots out of the teeing area will conserve water and nutrients for the turfgrass and help it recuperate more quickly from the effects of heavy traffic.

Also keeping tree limbs trimmed away from the teeing area and even keeping some limbs that overhang the fairway trimmed back will encourage golfers to use the entire teeing area ...

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