

Golf Terms Cheat Sheet

Course Features

Term	Definition
Fairway	The smooth, grassy area between the tee box and the green.
Rough	Longer grass bordering the fairway, more challenging to play from.
Green	The smooth, closely-mown area around the hole for putting.
Tee Box	The starting area for each hole, marked by tee markers.
Bunker	Sand-filled depressions designed as hazards.
Hazard	Obstacles like water or bunkers to challenge players.
Fringe	Slightly longer grass surrounding the green.
Collar	The narrow strip of grass between the fringe and the green.

Scoring Terms

Term	Definition
Par	The expected number of strokes to complete a hole.
Birdie	One stroke under par.
Eagle	Two strokes under par.
Albatross	Three strokes under par.
Bogey	One stroke over par.
Double Bogey	Two strokes over par.
Blow-Up Hole	A hole where a player's score is significantly higher than par.

Gameplay Terms

Term	Definition
Tee Shot	The first shot taken from the tee box.
Approach Shot	A shot aimed at reaching the green.
Chip Shot	A short, controlled shot that rolls toward the hole.
Pitch Shot	A high-lofted shot to clear an obstacle or land softly on the green.
Putt	A shot played on the green to roll the ball into the hole.
Flop Shot	A high, soft shot used to clear a nearby obstacle.
Draw	A controlled shot that curves slightly from right to left.
Fade	A controlled shot that curves slightly from left to right.
Slice	An exaggerated curve to the right.
Hook	An exaggerated curve to the left.

Equipment Terms

Term	Definition
Driver	The longest club in the bag, used for maximum distance off the tee.
Fairway Woods	Clubs for long shots from the fairway or light rough.
Irons	Clubs numbered 1-9, used for various distances and precision shots.
Wedges	High-lofted clubs for short shots, including sand wedges and lob wedges.
Putter	A club used specifically for rolling the ball on the green.
Golf Ball	A small, dimpled sphere designed for flight and spin.
Rangefinder	A device used to measure distances on the course.

Phrases and Etiquette

Term	Definition
Fore!	A warning shout to alert others of an incoming ball.
Gimme	A short putt conceded to another player.
Ready Golf	A pace-of-play practice where players hit when ready, not in strict order.
Honor	The privilege of teeing off first, determined by the lowest score.
Line of Sight	The path between a player's ball and the hole; avoid stepping on this line.
Play Through	Allowing a faster group to pass your group on the course.

Hazards and Penalties

Term	Definition
Out of Bounds	Areas outside the course boundaries, marked by white stakes or lines.
Lateral Hazard	Water hazard marked by red stakes, offering specific relief options.
Drop Zone	A designated area to resume play after a penalty.
Penalty Stroke	An additional stroke added for rule infractions or hazards.

Quick Tips:

- Keep this cheat sheet handy for quick references during play.
- Familiarize yourself with scoring and gameplay terms to feel confident on the course.
- Respect etiquette and safety guidelines to enhance everyone's experience.