

Displaying the Flag

Many golf clubs display the flag of the United States, and it is entirely appropriate that they do so, either alone or in combination with other flags.

When a club does display the flag of the United States, however, it assumes a responsibility for insuring that it is displayed reverently and in accordance with protocol.

The flag is emblematic of the sovereignty of the nation. It represents the ideals, aspirations and history of the people and engenders patriotism and respect.

There are certain fundamental rules of heraldry which indicate the proper method of displaying the flag: The flag represents the living country and is itself considered a living thing. The union of the flag is the honor point. The right arm is the sword arm and therefore the point of danger and hence the place of honor.

In implementing these rules of heraldry, Public Law 829 of the 77th Congress sets forth the following points which might apply to display of the United States flag at golf clubs:

It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaves in the open. However, the flag may be displayed at night upon special occasions when it is desired to produce a patriotic effect.

The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement.

With Other Flags

No other flag or pennant should be placed above or, if on the same level, to the right of the flag of the United States of America.

The flag of the United States of America, when it is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs,



should be on the right, the flag's own right, and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.

The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.

When flags of States, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the latter should always be at the peak. When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant may be placed above the flag of the United States or to the right of the flag of the United States.

When the flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be of approximately equal size. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace.

When the flag of the United States is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the window sill, balcony, or front of a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half

staff. When the flag is suspended over a sidewalk from a rope extending from a house to a pole at the edge of the sidewalk, the flag should be hoisted out, union first, from the building.

When the flag is displayed otherwise than being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out, or so suspended that its folds fall free as though the flag were staffed.

When the flag is displayed over the middle of a street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street or to the east in a north and south street.

In Auditorium

When used on a speaker's platform, the flag, if displayed flat, should be displayed above and behind the speaker. When displayed from a staff in a public auditorium, if it is displayed on the speaker's platform, the flag should occupy the position of honor and be placed at the speaker's right as he faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed on the platform should be placed at the speaker's left as he faces the audience. But when the flag is displayed from a staff in a public auditorium elsewhere than on the platform, it shall be placed in the position of honor at the right of the audience as they face the platform. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the audience as they face the platform.

The flag should form a distinctive feature of the ceremony of unveiling a statue or monument, but it should never be used as the covering for the statue or monument.

The flag, when flown at half staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. By "half staff" is meant lowering the flag to one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff.

The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.

The flag should never be used as drapery of any sort whatsoever, never fes-

tooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but always allowed to fall free. Bunting of blue, white, and red, always arranged with the blue above, the white in the middle, and the red below, should be used for covering a speaker's desk, draping the front of a platform and for decoration in general.

The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a manner as will permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any way.

The flag should never be used as a covering for a ceiling.

The flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it, nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture, or drawing of any nature.

The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything. It should not be used as a marker in flag tournaments or driving contests.

The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever.

The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning.

MULLIGANS!

As we were on the starting tee
The Reverend Bishop said to me:
"A Mulligan?" And I replied:
"Never until the day I've died."

A Mulligan in golf is this—
A drive allowed for one you miss,
A bit of cheating for the score
By taking five and claiming four.

A Mulligan? to one and all
I say: get up and hit the ball;
No Bishop of a Holy See
Can get a Mulligan from me.

If you should wear a Cardinal's Hat,
You'd get no Mulligan for that.
Until the final putt is made,
Play golf the way it should be played.

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