

Wannamoissett Country Club Caddy Manual

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Dear Caddy,

Welcome to the Caddy program here at Wannamoisett Country Club, Rhode Island's most prestigious Country Club. The reputation of the club is something that both the members and staff take pride in, including the success of our Caddy program. At Wannamoisett, the Caddy program plays a large part in the golf experience of both the club's members and their guests. In your time at Wannamoisett if you are a highly motivated, hard working individual you will rise the ranks and become a successful caddy. Both I and the golf staff are here to help you succeed in any way that we can. I will be taking a hands on approach in getting to know everyone individually as well as helping you learn to become the best caddy possible. I look forward to a productive season and getting to know each one of you on a professional and personal level.

Welcome to Wannamoisett,

Ryan Lewis

Caddy Master

History of the Club:

In 1898, three men met "to consider the advisability of organizing a Club for the promotion of the Game of Golf and other out-of-door sports". On that historic day in June, the idea of what has become Wannamoisett Country Club was founded. The course was designed by Donald Ross in 1914 and played host to the 1931 PGA Championship. The club hosts the prestigious Northeast Amateur Invitational every year. This par 69 course plays 6,688 yards long from the blue tees and 6,399 yards long from the white tees. The red tees play at a par of 73 and is 5,944 yards long. The fairways are lined with very thick rough and the large, undulating greens are difficult to read.

Dress Code and Expectations

Caddying is a job and it is mandatory that Wannamoisett Caddies be in appropriate attire at all times. Caddies should be in golf attire at **ALL** times while on club property.

WHAT TO WEAR:

- Long or short sleeved golf polo
- Khaki slacks or shorts w/ belt
- Mock turtle neck or sweater
- Shirts **must** be tucked in at all times

MANDATORY UNIFORM:

- Golf hat (provided to you by Wannamoisett)
- Your name tag (you will **NOT** be allowed to caddy without your name tag)

- Due to the nature of caddie hours, you may want to dress for the weather. It is always cold at Wannamoisett in the morning and caddies are encouraged to dress for the weather.

WHAT NOT TO WEAR:

- Cargo shorts
- Non golf hats
- Hoodies

Caddy Expectations: The following rules must be obeyed while on Club property:

- No obnoxious or loud behavior while waiting in the caddy pit
- Caddies wait in the caddy pit at **all** times unless told otherwise
- You must be in Uniform at all times while on Club property
- Do not hang out and wait for a ride in the parking lot
- If you drive you **must** park towards the bottom of the lot near the caddy pit
- Caddies are to respect Club property at all times including the caddy bathroom
- You may **not** drive a golf cart unless you have a license
- Caddies are **NOT** under any circumstance allowed in the Clubhouse
- Caddies may not talk on their cellphone while in the caddy pit

Caddy Procedures

Arriving to Wannamoisett: If you are going to caddy on the Weekends it is recommended that you arrive between 6:00 and 6:30 am. If you are going to caddy during the week it is recommended that you arrive between 7:30 and 8:00 am. If you are pre-assigned a loop it is recommended that you arrive at least 45 minutes prior to your tee time.

Upon Arriving at Wannamoisett: You are to go up the stairs and put your name on the list. You must then sit in the caddy pit and wait for your name to be called. It is recommended that you bring a book to read or something to keep yourself entertained as you can be waiting for a period of time.

*** Wannamoisett Country Club is not responsible for any lost or stolen property, if you ride a bike please lock it up and secure your valuables.***

Upon receiving your loop: When your name is called by the Caddy Master, hustle up the stairs and get a Caddy bib, a half wet towel and follow the Caddy Master to your players bag. When your player approaches their bag be sure to introduce yourself:

“Hello my name is _____ and I will be caddying for you today” Remember their name and address them as “Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____”.

- You must ask the member/player if there are any specific duties they would like for you to do (i.e. reading greens).

Upon finishing your round: When you finish your round, your caddy duties are not yet over:

- Wash the players clubs and ask them whether they are taking or leaving their clubs (Although clubs should be cleaned throughout the round)
- If washing clubs be sure to put the right clubs in the right bag
- If the players clubs are staying you are required to put the clubs back in the appropriate slot in the bag room (ask a member of the outside services if you need help).
- If the clubs are leaving, after they are clean place them on the bag drop
- Once the players clubs are taken care of wait to be paid. **DO NOT COUNT MONEY IN FRONT OF THE PLAYER.** Place it directly in your pocket and count it later.
- ALL concerns regarding payments are to be addressed to the caddy master. (Any caddy found to talk to the player about payment will be dismissed from Club grounds immediately)
- When you are finished please wait for a ride in the caddy pit or exit club property immediately.

Caddy Ranking:	A - Seasoned caddy, May or may not able to double	\$37 plus tip
	B - Good caddy	\$30 plus tip
	C - Novice caddy	\$23 plus tip

All Caddies at Wannamoisett Country Club will begin as C caddies and will rise through the ranks depending on several factors such as attendance, attitude, performance, ability, and feedback from members. Ultimately the decision of moving up in rank will be made by the caddy master.

Tournament Signups: All Caddies **MUST** sign up on the weekly board posted in the caddy pit for major tournaments.

*****WHEN SIGNING UP FOR A TOURNAMENT, IT IS MANDATORY THAT YOU ARE IN ATTENDANCE THAT WEEKEND. (UNEXCUSED ABSENCE MAY RESULT IN DISSMISSAL)*****

The Northeast Amateur: Wannamoisett Country Club plays host to one of the most prestigious amateur events annually in June. In attendance are the top players in the entire world and many Wannamoisett caddies are needed for this tournament.

- Loops are pre-assigned
- Only seasoned and good performing caddies will receive loops
- \$40 bib deposit is required with a \$20 lunch option for the week

Playing at Wannamoisett: One of the perks for caddies at Wannamoisett is the ability to play one of the best courses in the country on Monday only.

- Playing is at the discretion of the Golf Pro
- You must check in with the pro before teeing off
- Only caddies who caddied that weekend may play on Monday
- Caddies must be off the course at 12:00 pm

How to be a Good Caddy

Club Knowledge: The caddy should be familiar with the yardage of the hole so he can alert the golfer which club to use. It is essential that you are familiar with the structure of a golf bag.

- 14 clubs (Always count prior to round)
- Clean clubs prior to teeing off if dirty, use a tee to clean grooves as necessary
- A driver is primarily used to tee off on every hole EXCEPT par 3's (with some exception based on the players age)
- Try your hardest to learn how the player has the bag organized and keep it that way
- Clean the club after the player hands it to you after every shot. A dirty club should never be given to a player

A Good Caddy:

- Knows what hole they are on the golf course
- Can answer any questions the player might have about the layout
- Knows the distance to the hole before the player gets there
- Knows how to read greens if asked
- Can give the wind direction if asked
- Always know where your player's head covers are, make sure that they are on the club as soon as possible
- Have the driver or club pulled for your player when they approach the tee
- Caddies are only to take items from the 12th hole if asked by member (**Max. 2 items**)
- Grabs the flag as SOON as all players are ready and he has the chance to
- Asks the player if their ball needs to be cleaned on every green
- Rakes all of their players bunkers without being asked
- Is polite to all members in the group
- Is considerate of both their players needs and the needs of the groups
- Takes care of their players clubs following the round
- Causes little distraction to players as possible

Doubling: Doubling is an extension of caddying which provides both a challenge and a reward as you caddy for two players at the same time.

- Physical ability and performance will be factors if a caddy can double
- Caddies will be able to double at the caddy master's discretion
- Must demonstrate they can double prior to going out

A Good Double Caddy:

- Keeps the clubs in the right bag at all times
- Times should be split in order of priority (who's farthest away)

- Fore caddying will be your greatest tool when possible
- You must worry about both players; so double the concentration

How to Caddy in Tournaments

Wannamoisett has many tournaments throughout the year with which there are many opportunities for caddies to make good money. Caddies **must** signup prior to the tournament and will receive pre assigned loops. There are two forms of caddying that will be used primarily in tournaments.

Cart Caddying: Many cart caddies will be taken during tournaments. The purpose of Cart Caddying is to fulfill all the other needs that a caddy does for members who may not want to walk.

Rules of Cart Caddying:

- Under NO circumstance is any caddy to be operating a golf cart without a valid driver's license
- Keep the clubs clean at all times (that is one of your main duties)
- Look out for everyone in the group and not just your player
- Tend to the player especially on the green
- You may ride on the back of the golf cart BUT do so minimally
- You should not lose sight that you are performing a service
- Responsible for cleaning and putting away all members clubs in your group

Fore caddying: Forecaddies may be used for members who may have either sight difficulties or advanced age. A forecaddie's main duties involve tracking the ball and assisting the member in any way possible.

- A forecaddie may be expected to run ahead of the group and track the ball
- Assist all players in the group
- Tend to the player especially on the green
- A forecaddie should NOT on any circumstance be riding in a golf cart
- Responsible for cleaning and putting away all members clubs in your group

General Tips

Dear Caddy,

I have been caddying at Wannamoisett for 8 seasons now and have many tips that I can share with you to make your life easier and improve your performance as a Caddy at Wannamoisett. I hope these help you.

Davon Driscoll

- It is in the Caddie's best interest to pay attention to the conversation that a member is having with them. Members always remember a polite caddy
- The holes to forecaddie on are 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 14, 16 and 18
- Always remember members you have caddied for. There will be many times you will see them again
- Memorize your player's golf bag structure and keep the clubs in those spots through out the round
- Pull the player's putter for them
- Pull the player's driver for them
- Take care of the members clubs as they are very expensive
- Keep the head covers on the clubs at all times