



# The Caddie

The player may be assisted by a caddie, but he is limited to only one caddie at a time.

The committee may, in the conditions of the competition prohibit the use of caddies or restrict the player in his choice of a caddie. For example, often in junior competitions the caddie must be under 18.

The player and his caddie are both responsible for knowing the rules. During a stipulated round, the player is penalised for any breach of a rule by his caddie.

If a player's friend or a supporter were to drive the player in a golf buggy, or pull his clubs even without performing any other functions of a caddie, the friend could be deemed to be caddying.

In inclement weather, the player may have a caddie carry his clubs and another person or persons may carry items such as rain clothes, drinks and umbrellas. These person/s and items are outside agencies and not equipment. A word of caution though, check the conditions of the competition first as the committee may impose restrictions on such persons in the competition conditions.

A caddie may without the player's authority perform the following for the player (*as per rules*):

1. Search for the player's ball
2. Place the player's clubs in a hazard
3. Repair old hole plugs and ball marks
4. Remove loose impediments on the line of putt or elsewhere
5. Mark the position of a ball without lifting it
6. Clean the player's ball
7. Remove movable obstructions

**Remember, don't just take my word for it and always consult your rule book.**

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