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1. Discuss safety on the golf course.

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Show that you know first aid for injuries or illnesses that could occur while golfing, including heat reactions, dehydration, blisters, sprains, and strains.

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2. Study the USGA Rules of Golf now in use.

a. Tell about the three categories of golf etiquette.

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b. Show that you know about the definitions of golf terms.

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c. Show that you understand the "Rules of Amateur Status."

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3. Tell about your understanding of the USGA system of handicapping.

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4. Do the following:

a. Tell about the early history of golf.

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b. Describe its early years in the United States.

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c. Tell about the accomplishments of a top golfer of your choice.

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5. Discuss with your counselor vocational opportunities related to golf.

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6. Do the following:

a. Tell how golf can contribute to a healthy lifestyle, mentally and physically.

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b. Tell how a golf exercise plan can help you play better.

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Show two exercises that would improve your game.

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7. Show the following:

a. The proper grip, stance, posture, and key fundamentals of a good swing.

⬜ Grip

⬜ Stance

⬜ Posture

⬜ Key fundamentals of a good swing.

⬜ b. The full wood shot, played from a tee.

⬜ c. The fairway wood shot.

⬜ d. The long iron shot.

⬜ e. The short iron shot.

f. The approach, chip-and-run, and pitch shots.

⬜ Approach

⬜ Chip-and-run

⬜ Pitch shot.

g. The sand iron shot, bunker, or heavy rough recovery shots.

⬜ Sand iron shot

⬜ Bunker recovery shot

⬜ Heavy rough recovery shot

⬜ h. A sound putting stroke

⬜ 8. Play a minimum of two nine-hole rounds or one 18-hole round of golf with another golfer about your age and with your counselor, or an adult approved by your counselor.

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Do the following:

⬜ a. Follow the "Rules of Golf".

⬜ b. Practice good golf etiquette.

⬜ c. Show respect to fellow golfers, committee, sponsor, and gallery.

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