

How to tend the flagstick



When everyone in your group is on the green, it's the person whose ball is closest to the hole's responsibility to handle the flagstick. Ask the golfer whose ball is farthest away whether or not they want the flag tended. If they decline, pull the flag and lay it down on the green somewhere out of the way. If they want you to tend, stand to the side of the hole and hold the flagstick with your hand over the flag to prevent it from flapping. Dislodge it from the bottom of the cup, but hold it so that it still rests in the hole as your playing partner putts. Pull the flagstick completely out if the ball is heading toward it so that your playing partner doesn't receive a two-stroke penalty for hitting it with his ball.