

Raking Bunkers

Rakes

The green staff have requested that all rakes be left wholly in the bunker with the head of the rake pointing towards the hole, as shown on the right.

It should be within easy reach of someone standing beside the bunker.



Raking

The sand from some bunkers is very thin in places, especially the middle. This is mainly down to players raking the bunker incorrectly, with the majority of the sand ending up at the edge instead of remaining in the centre.

The most effective method of raking involves using both hands, this ensures a smoother finish and an even spread of the sand – but with care one hand will suffice.

Most players tend to start raking from where they stood to hit the ball and then work their way back through their footprints to the edge of the bunker. As the majority of balls tend to land somewhere near the centre of most bunkers this method tends to take the sand away from the centre and pile it up near the edges.

The idea is to rake the sand in several directions – not just backwards. This ensures an even spread of sand and most importantly keeps the same amount of sand in the same area of the bunker. This is made easier by using both hands.

Players can now work their way back to the edge of the bunker using this method of raking the sand. When reaching the edge it is good practice to finish by a final rake forwards.