

How do I choose a new golf bag???

Size

- **How big of a golf bag do you actually need?**

To accommodate the shorter shaft length of their clubs, ladies' bags are generally 1" shorter than men's bags. Try to determine your present requirements based on your current equipment. Then, consider how your equipment list may change and grow over the projected lifetime of the bag.

Durability

- **The durability of a golf bag depends on design, material and treatment.**

If you are a casual golfer who stores your golf bag in the house after use, you could enjoy a nylon bag that isn't very expensive.

If you are a more frequent golfer and keep your golf bag in the trunk of your car, then you will probably want a bag made of leather or vinyl. Remember, the golf bag is not just for carrying clubs, it is also for protecting them.

Style

- **Depending on how you get around the course, you will want to decide between a carry bag and a cart bag.**

Cart bags are smaller, lighter and less expensive. Cart bags still offer enough room to carry extra equipment without all the bulk and weight. A cart bag is nice if you use a golf cart frequently. Cart bags are, also designed to be used with a pull cart.

When considering a cart bag, consider also the type of pull cart you will use. Test the ease of motion and comfort of the handle at preferred transportation angles. Check if any of the features that help you transport the golf bag are adjustable, as the center of gravity will vary depending on the load in the bag

If you are accustomed to walking, you should look for a golf bag that is comfortable, lightweight and ergonomically designed to minimize the stress on your back and shoulders. Many of the new bags have gel carry straps for shoulder comfort.

Stand bags are similar to cart bags in terms of size and features and can be used as a cart bag. However, as the name implies, these bags have a built-in stand mechanism so that legs "pop-out" when the bag is set down. Several bags on the market now weigh in at less than 4 pounds, making weight a selling point. Stand bags also offer dual-strap carrying systems to evenly distribute weight, so that the walk can be as comfortable as possible.

Depth/Design

- **If you use extended length shafts...**

Ensure that the golf bag you are considering will adequately protect as much of the shaft as possible and comes with the enough club dividers to satisfy your needs. The divider system of the bag top is not only convenient for club organization but shaft protection as well. Women who love to organize and keep things in order will love the various compartments golf bags have to offer.

Cosmetics

- **Color and accessories are really a matter of taste, need and how much extra money you are willing to spend.**

From hot pinks to sky blues, you have a rainbow of colors to choose from on the course—many women now own multiple bags to change with their various outings. Some golfers also want to make their bags unique. Some just want a place to put their clubs.

Storage

- **It does not matter how often you play golf, at some point that golf bag is going to need to be stored somewhere.**

Ensure that the size golf bag you purchase will fit in the area where you will be storing it.