

iGolfGPS v3 User Manual

iGolfGPS v3 Installation Instructions

Important: You must have Palm® Desktop or MS ActiveSync® software on your computer prior to installing iGolfGPS. Windows Vista® users do not need any additional software.

To Install iGolfGPS Version 3.0:

1. Start your computer and wait for Windows to load.
2. Connect your handheld device to your computer.
3. Insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive.
4. Go to "My Computer" on your desktop or from the "Start" menu.
5. Locate your local CD-ROM drive and open it.
6. Open the "iGolfGPS Version 3.0" file.
7. Check the "I agree to Terms and Conditions" box.

Next Steps for Palm® Handheld Devices:

1. Select the "Palm Handheld" button on the iGolfGPS installer window.
2. Follow the on-screen instructions and select which Palm® user is going to be installing the application.
3. Select "OK". The window will disappear.
4. HotSync® your Palm® device with your computer and the driver will be automatically transferred to your device.
5. Once complete, iGolfGPS can be found under "Applications" on your Palm® device.

Next Steps for Pocket PC Handheld Devices:

1. Select the "Pocket PC Handheld" button on the iGolfGPS installer window.
2. Select the "OK" button on the "Pocket PC Handheld" window.
3. Follow any on-screen prompts and the driver will automatically transfer to your device using MS ActiveSync®.
4. Once complete, iGolfGPS can be found under "Programs" on your Pocket PC device.

Using iGolfGPS v3.0

Opening the Program

Once you have installed iGolfGPS on your handheld you are ready to start using iGolfGPS.

1. Select the iGolfGPS icon to open iGolfGPS.
2. The main menu will display the following options:
 - New Game
 - Play Now
 - Saved Game
 - Map Course

You can also select the "Settings" screen. This can be selected by selecting the "Tools" icon at the bottom of the screen on the handheld. There will be four options:

- About
- Sync Mode
- Preferences
- GPS Settings

Preferences

The preference section gives the user increased control of the software. Below are several functions that can be altered on or off the golf course.

How to delete a golf course file:

1. Choose the golf course file you wish to delete by selecting it once.
2. Select the "Delete" button on the bottom of the screen.

How to turn On or Off "Sleep Mode":

1. The default setting is "Sleep." To change this setting, select the box that states "No Sleep." This will disable the power save option on your handheld only when iGolfGPS is running. To change the setting back to "Sleep" select the box again.

How to set "Yards" or "Meters":

1. The default setting is "Yards." To measure or display distances in meters, select the "Meters" box. This function is primarily for international users requiring metric distance measurements. To change the setting back to "Yards" select the box again.

Setting up the GPS Receiver

Palm® Users

1. Open the iGolfGPS application on your handheld.
2. Select the "Tools" icon at the bottom of the screen to bring up the "Settings" screen.
3. Select "GPS Settings".
4. Go to the "GPS Device" box at the top of the screen and scroll through the available GPS receiver connections. Select the appropriate setting.
5. Select "Return" in the bottom right hand corner of the screen.
6. When you start a "New Game" or "Play Now" you will be asked if you would like to start the GPS receiver.
7. Select "Yes" to begin play using the GPS distances, or "No" if you would like to play only using the scorecard information for the course.

Pocket PC Users

1. Open the iGolfGPS application on your handheld.
2. Select the "Tools" icon at the bottom of the screen to view the "Settings" screen.
3. Select "GPS Settings".
4. Pocket PC handhelds require you to stipulate the settings for your GPS receiver. If you know the "Port" and "Baud Rate" settings for your GPS receiver then select the appropriate settings using the drop down arrows. If you **do not know** the "Port" and "Baud Rate" settings for your GPS receiver, then select "Auto" for both the drop down menus. The program will automatically scan all ports to select the correct settings.
5. Select "Return" in the bottom left hand corner of the screen.
6. When you start a "New Game" or "Play Now" you will be asked if you would like to start the GPS receiver.

Starting a New Game

If you choose to start a new game select the "New Game" icon and fill in the required information.

1. **Save As** – Each time you play a new game the program automatically saves the file name as the date you played. If you want to go back and look at previous games, simply look for the date you played.
2. **Select Golf Course** – All of the golf courses you have loaded or mapped on your handheld will appear in this box. You must have a golf course on your handheld to continue past this screen.
3. **Select Tee Box** – You can choose which tee box you would like to be displayed while you are playing a round of golf. It is possible to change the tee box in the middle of the game by accessing the "Preference Section" of the program.
4. **Player Names** – iGolfGPS automatically assigns player names as displayed on the handheld. However you can enter your own names by simply selecting on the box and entering in the names of your players.

Play Now Feature

"Play Now" is a feature which allows the user to start playing their game immediately without setting up players names for the scorecard. Users still have full access to the scorecard although the assigned names for golfers will be generic (Example: Player 1, Player 2, Player 3 and Player 4).

Select the "Play Now" button from the Main Menu and enter the required information.

1. **Save As** – Each time you play a new game the program automatically saves the file name as the date you played. If you want to go back and look at previous games, simply look for the date you played.
2. **Select Golf Course** – All of the golf courses you have loaded or mapped on your handheld will appear in this box. You must have a golf course on your handheld to continue past this screen.
3. **Select Tee Box** – You can choose which tee box you would like to be displayed while you are playing a round of golf. It is possible to change the tee box in the middle of the game by accessing the "Preference Section" of the program.

iGolfGPS on the Golf Course

Main Screen

We designed the GPS function to measure three key yardage positions on a golf course. The front, center and back of a green in addition to eight customizable points. With this information you can feel confident in your club selection. Once you have started a new game, you should see the "Main" screen with a picture (not currently an actual representation), scorecard information and GPS distances. The GPS yardage measurements will change automatically as you walk on the golf course. In the bottom right hand corner of the screen there is a "Strength Indicator" for the GPS function. The more bars present, the stronger the signal. The GPS function will only work if the GPS receiver has a fix on the satellites and bars are displayed. This can take up to five minutes, but normally a fix is available in 30-45 seconds.

Map Screen

This screen is not fully operational, a free future update will be available.

Custom Screen

This function allows you to name and map up to eight custom points per hole. To get to this screen, select "Custom" from the GPS screen. To save the names or positions of the custom points, make sure to save the game once you are done playing and you are exiting the game.

Name a Custom Point

1. Make sure that you are in sync mode (the numbers on the screen should be in red). If you are not in sync mode, go to "Settings", and select the "Sync Mode" button (it will turn red).
2. Select one of the eight custom points that you wish to name.
3. Input a new name or select a provided abbreviation.
4. Move to the desired location and select "Yes" to register the point.
5. Repeat this process for up to eight separate points on each hole.

Score Screen

iGolfGPS not only provides GPS distances and hole details, it also provides a four person golf scorecard complete with real time statistics. To get to the scorecard select "Score" from the GPS screen. A new screen will appear with a four person scorecard.

Input a Score

To input a score for a particular player:

1. Proceed to the hole you have just completed by using the arrows at the bottom of the screen or the Up/Down arrows on your handheld.
2. Select the drop down arrow that matches up with the name of the player to enter the score and putts.
3. A drop down menu will appear so that you may choose the score.
4. Follow these steps for additional players.

View Statistics

To view the real time statistics:

1. Select the "Statistics" icon from the bottom of the screen; a new screen will appear.
2. Select the player you would like to view.
3. The specific player's statistics will appear.
4. Select "Back" to view a different player, or "Exit" to return to the game.

Distance Screen

iGolfGPS provides you with the option of measuring your shot distance. In addition, you can record the golf club used, allowing you to analyze your average shot distance for each club. To use this function, select "Distance" from the GPS screen.

Mark a Shot

After hitting your ball, follow these steps to find the distance of the shot:

1. Select the button for the shot that you took (example: "Tee Shot"); the word "Mark" will appear in red.
2. Walk to where your ball landed. As you walk to this point the distance from where you took the shot is continually calculated.
3. Select the button for the shot again (example: "Tee Shot") the word "Mark" will disappear.
4. The shot distance will be displayed on the right hand side of the screen and recorded.
5. Record the club that you used for the shot by selecting from the drop-down menu.
6. Repeat these steps to mark the distance of your next shot.

Selecting and Deleting a Saved Game

Selecting a Previously Played Game

iGolfGPS will allow you to view or continue playing a previous game. Follow the directions below.

1. Go to the main start up screen.
2. Select "Saved Game" button.
3. Highlight the game you would like to continue playing or view.
4. Select "Play" button in the lower left hand corner.

Deleting a Previously Played Game

If you have been playing golf frequently, it may make sense to delete certain saved games although it is not necessary due to the small size of each file. Follow the directions below.

1. Go to the main start up screen.
2. Select "Saved Game" button.
3. Highlight the game you would like to delete.
4. Select "Delete" button at the bottom of the screen.

Map a Course

Creating a New Golf Course

If the course you wish to play has not been mapped, you have the option of mapping it yourself. We encourage our customers to utilize this feature because it gives you complete control of the points you determine to be the front, center, back and four customizable points. A wizard has been designed to walk you through each step allowing you to complete an entire course in less than an hour. To map a course please follow the steps below:

1. Open iGolfGPS and proceed to the main screen.
2. Choose "Map Course".
3. Enter the golf course name and select "Next".
4. Select each box for all tee-boxes on your golf course. Also select if you are mapping a 9-hole or 18-hole golf course. Select "Next".
5. Enter the yards, par and handicap for each hole. Select "Next" after you complete each hole until you finish all 9 or 18. Once you have finished inputting the data for all holes the program will prompt the GPS wizard.
6. A question will appear asking if you wish to continue with the GPS registration. If you are going to proceed to the golf course immediately and already have the GPS receiver attached to the handheld, select "Map Now". If you intend to register the GPS points at a later time select "Map Later". The program allows you to go back and register the course at another time if you wish. Warning: If you select "Map Now" and do not have the GPS receiver attached to the handheld, the handheld may reset itself resulting in a loss of all the information you have entered.
7. If you choose to proceed with the GPS wizard please follow the on screen prompts. For more information on the GPS wizard, please proceed to the paragraph in this section, "Using the GPS Wizard".
8. If you chose to register the GPS way points at another time, simply select "Map Later" and exit the program. To map the golf course you will need to use "Sync Mode". Please see the section on "Sync Mode" in this manual.

Using the GPS Wizard

Once you have completed the yardage/meter section of the wizard you will be prompted to choose whether you want to Map the GPS points on the golf course. If you are going to immediately map the golf course, select "Map Now". If you are going to map the holes at a later time, select "Map Later". For this section we are going to assume you chose "Map Now". Follow the instructions below:

1. Walk to hole number 1 on the golf course.
2. Stand at the front of the green and select "Front".
3. The wizard will register the point.
4. Move to the next point you wish to register and select it.
5. Follow these steps for all 18 holes.
6. In the event that you cannot register a hole due to a weak signal, select "Next" to pass the hole. Do not select "Cancel". You will lose all information that you have mapped.

Sync Mode

Using Sync Mode

Sync Mode is an alternative to utilizing the GPS wizard to register GPS points on a golf course. In the previous sections we assumed you chose to register the GPS points immediately after inputting the golf scorecard information. In this section we are going to discuss how to register GPS points while in the "New Game" or "Play Now" mode.

To register holes using the Sync Mode you must initiate a new game. You can choose between "New Game" or "Play Now". Once you start the new game and the GPS receiver has received a "Fix", you are ready to use Sync Mode. Follow the directions below.

1. Select the "Tools" icon at the bottom of the screen to get to the "Settings" screen.
2. Select Sync Mode.
3. Once you have selected Sync Mode, the button will turn red along with the distances for the front, center, back on the "Main" screen and "Custom" screen, to show that Sync Mode is on.
4. iGolfGPS will automatically allow you to start mapping any hole at any time.
5. Go to the hole on the golf course you would like to map. Make sure the screen is displaying the same hole. Proceed to the position you want to map (example: front, center, or back of the green). select any one of the distance measurements on the screen (front, center, back or one of the eight customizable points). iGolfGPS will automatically map the point you select.
6. Continue this process until you have completed your task. Turn Sync Mode off the same way you turned it on. Do not play golf while sync mode is on, some of the distances might accidentally be changed.
7. Upon exiting the game you will be asked to save the game, which allows you to revisit your scores and distances later, or to resume playing a game at a later time. Select "Yes" to save your game.

Backing Up Golf Course Files

This allows the user to save course files or saved games from the handheld device to the computer in case of device failure.

Back Up Course Files From Palm® Devices:

1. Connect the device to the computer.
2. HotSync® the device with the computer.
3. Go to the Palm® folder where files are automatically saved on the computer. This is usually C:\palm\your device name\backup.
4. Locate the golf course file and copy it to a computer location (i.e. My Documents).

Back Up Course Files From Pocket PC Handheld Devices:

1. Connect the device to the computer
2. Open ActiveSync® and select "Explore".
3. Select the Windows Mobile Device icon.
4. Open the "Golf Courses" folder.
5. Copy the golf course file to a computer location (i.e. My Documents).

Back Up Course Files From PPC Devices using Windows Vista®:

1. Connect the device to the computer.
2. Go to "My Computer" on your desktop or from the "Start" menu.
3. Select your device.
4. Double-click on the drive icon for your device.
5. Open the "Golf Courses" folder.
6. Copy the golf course file to a computer location (i.e. My Documents).

Transferring Golf Course Files

*Palm® Desktop or MS ActiveSync® software must be installed on the computer prior to transferring files.
Windows Vista® users do not need any additional software.*

Download Golf Course Files:

1. Create a folder on the Desktop, or in My Documents, to be used for all course file downloads.
2. Go to www.igolf.com/gps_course/login and log in to access account. If not a member, use the "Join Now" link to become a member.
3. Check "My Profile" to make sure that the correct device type is selected.
4. Search for desired course in the "GPS Courses" section of iGolf.com using simple terms to broaden results (i.e. Augusta National Golf Club: search for *Augusta*).
5. Select the course from the search results and download the GPS and Scorecard file.
6. When prompted, SAVE the file to the folder previously created in Step 1.

Transfer Course File to Palm® Devices:

1. Connect the device to the computer.
2. Locate the downloaded course file and double-click the file.
3. Ensure the the correct user is selected in the Palm® Desktop application.
4. HotSync® the device with the computer and the course file will be automatically transferred to the device.

Transfer Course File to PPC Devices:

1. Connect the device to the computer.
2. Open ActiveSync® and select "Explore".
3. Select the Windows Mobile Device icon and locate the "Golf Courses" folder.
4. Locate the downloaded course file on the computer. Drag and drop it into the "Golf Courses" folder. The course file will automatically be transferred to the device.

Transfer Course File to PPC Devices using Windows Vista®:

1. Connect the device to the computer.
2. Go to "My Computer" on your desktop or from the "Start" menu.
3. Select your device.
4. Double-click on the drive icon for your device and locate the "Golf Courses" folder.
5. Locate the downloaded course file on the computer. Drag and drop it into the "Golf Courses" folder. The course file will automatically be transferred to the device.

Battery Information

Each handheld unit has a different battery life. Generally speaking, Palm® handhelds last longer than Pocket PC handhelds. Some handhelds will last up to 10 hours where others will only last up to 3-4 hours. We recommend you always charge your battery to its maximum capacity before playing a round of golf. This ensures uninterrupted usage. Also some factors depend on whether you are using an "attached" GPS receiver (SD, CF, Serial) or an "external" GPS receiver (Bluetooth). Circumstances can vary depending on the GPS hardware. In the event your handheld is getting low on batteries, please shut down your handheld immediately. Any unsaved information may be lost if the battery runs out completely.

In Case of Difficulty

We always suggest reading the manual and/or FAQ section of the website prior to contacting customer support. Many solutions can be found using these two sources of information. In the rare case you can't find the answer to a problem, we ask you to submit your question online through our [support](#) section of the website. Below you will find a list of ways to contact iGolf for your support questions.

iGolf.com paid subscribers receive free phone technical support. Please login to your account to view the contact information.

Website:

www.igolf.com/about_us/techsupport

Customer Support Form:

www.igolf.com/about_us/contactigolf

Warranty Information

In the event of a software defect we will send all registered customers a free update of the program. The warranty on the software is valid until the release of a new version, at which point the warranty expires on the previous edition. We do not accept returns on software.