Here is a compact, well structured Go (Golang) cheat sheet that you can paste directly into a Go source file as a raw string literal.
It covers the most frequently used language features, idioms, and tooling in a concise “notes” format.

```go
// golangNotes holds a quick  reference guide to the Go
programming language.
// Copy  paste this block into any .go file and you’ll have a
handy reference
// that you can print, log, or view in an editor.
const golangNotes = `

=== GO QUICK REFERENCE =====================
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--- 1. Basics
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Package declaration:
    package main              // executable entry point
    package foo               // reusable library

Importing:
    import "fmt"
    import (
        "os"
        "time"
    )

Entry point:
    func main() {
        fmt.Println("Hello, World!")
    }
```

--- 2. Types

Basic types:

```
    bool, string, int, int8, int16, int32, int64,
    uint, uint8, uint16, uint32, uint64, uintptr,
    byte (alias for uint8), rune (alias for int32, Unicode code
point),
    float32, float64, complex64, complex128
```

Constants:

```
    const Pi = 3.14159
    const (
        A = iota // 0
        B        // 1
        C        // 2
    )
```

Zero values:

```
    0, 0.0, "", false, nil, empty slices/maps/channels
```

--- 3. Variables

Declaration & short form:

```
    var x int          // zero  value 0
    var y = 42          // type inferred
    z := "hello"       // short declaration, only inside functions
```

Multiple assignment:

```
    a, b, c := 1, true, "go"
```

--- 4. Control Flow

If / else:

```
    if n > 0 {
        fmt.Println("positive")
    } else if n < 0 {
        fmt.Println("negative")
    } else {
        fmt.Println("zero")
    }
```

Switch (no break needed):

```
    switch v := i.(type) {
    case int:
        fmt.Println("int")
    case string:
        fmt.Println("string")
    default:
        fmt.Println("unknown")
    }
```

For loops (only loop construct):

```
    // classic
    for i := 0; i < 10; i++ { … }

    // while  style
    for condition { … }
    // infinite
    for { … }

    // range over collections
    for idx, val := range slice { … }
    for key, val := range map { … }
```

--- 5. Functions

Signature:

```
    func Add(a, b int) int {
        return a + b
    }
```

Multiple return values:

```
    func Divide(a, b int) (int, error) {
        if b == 0 {
            return 0, fmt.Errorf("divide by zero")
        }
        return a / b, nil
    }
```

Variadic:

```
    func Sum(nums ...int) int {
        total := 0
        for _, n := range nums {
            total += n
        }
        return total
    }
```

First class & closures:

```
func makeAdder(x int) func(int) int {
    return func(y int) int { return x + y }
}
```

--- 6. Methods & Interfaces

Method syntax (receiver):

```
type Point struct{ X, Y float64 }

func (p *Point) Translate(dx, dy float64) {
    p.X += dx
    p.Y += dy
}
```

Interface:

```
type Reader interface {
    Read(p []byte) (n int, err error)
}
```

Implicit implementation – any type satisfying the method set satisfies the interface.

--- 7. Structs & Composition

Struct literal:

```
p := Point{X: 1.2, Y: 3.4}
// or positional: Point{1.2, 3.4}
```

Embedding (pseudo inheritance):

```
type Circle struct {
        Point          // anonymous field – promoted methods/
fields
        Radius float64
    }
```

Zero value struct: all fields set to their zero values.

--- 8. Slices, Arrays, Maps

Array (fixed length):

```
    var a [3]int          // [0 0 0]
    a[0] = 42
```

Slice (dynamic):

```
    s := []int{1, 2, 3}
    s = append(s, 4)      // grows as needed
    copy(dst, src)        // copies min(len(dst),len(src))
elements
```

Map (hash table):

```
    m := map[string]int{
        "foo": 1,
        "bar": 2,
    }
    val := m["foo"]       // 1, ok  pattern: v, ok := m["key"]
    delete(m, "bar")
```

--- 9. Pointers

Declaration:

```
    var p *int = new(int) // zeroed memory
    p = &x               // address of variable
```

Dereferencing:

```
    *p = 5               // set value
    fmt.Println(*p)      // read value
```

Pointer arithmetic: *not allowed* – Go deliberately omits it.

--- 10. Concurrency

Goroutine:

```
    go func() { fmt.Println("async") }()
```

Channel creation:

```
    ch := make(chan int)          // unbuffered
    chBuf := make(chan int, 5)    // buffered (capacity 5)
```

Send / receive:

```
    ch <- 42          // block until a receiver is ready (or buffer
not full)
    v := <-ch         // block until a value is available
```

Close channel:

```
    close(ch)         // signals no more values; subsequent
receives yield zero value
```

Select (multiplex):

```
    select {
    case v := <-ch1:
        fmt.Println("ch1:", v)
    case ch2 <- 99:
        fmt.Println("sent to ch2")
    default:
        fmt.Println("no activity")
    }
```

WaitGroup (sync):

```
    var wg sync.WaitGroup
    wg.Add(1)
    go func() {
        defer wg.Done()
        // work...
    }()
    wg.Wait()
```

Mutex (sync):

```
    var mu sync.Mutex
    mu.Lock()
    // critical section
    mu.Unlock()
```

--- 11. Error Handling

Idiomatic pattern:

```
    if err != nil {
        return fmt.Errorf("operation failed: %w", err) // wrap
with %w
    }
```

Custom error type:

```
    type MyError struct{ Msg string }
    func (e *MyError) Error() string { return e.Msg }
```

--- 12. Testing

File naming: *_test.go
Test function signature:

```
    func TestAdd(t *testing.T) {
        got := Add(2, 3)
        if got != 5 {
            t.Fatalf("expected 5, got %d", got)
        }
    }
```

Table driven test example:

```
    var tests = []struct{
        a,b,exp int
    }{{1,2,3},{-1,1,0}}
    for _, tt := range tests {
        if got := Add(tt.a, tt.b); got != tt.exp {
            t.Errorf("Add(%d,%d)=%d; want %d", tt.a, tt.b, got,
tt.exp)
        }
    }
```

Benchmark:

```
    func BenchmarkAdd(b *testing.B) {
        for i := 0; i < b.N; i++ { Add(i, i) }
    }
```

--- 13. Modules & Dependency Management

Initialize module:

```
    go mod init github.com/user/project
```

Add a dependency:

```
    go get example.com/pkg@v1.2.3
```

Tidy (prune unused, add missing):

```
    go mod tidy
```

Vendor (optional):

```
    go mod vendor
```

--- 14. Common Tools

```
Formatting:          go fmt ./...
Linting:             golint, staticcheck
Vet (static analysis): go vet ./...
Dependency graph:    go list -m all
Run:                 go run main.go
Build binary:        go build -o myapp .
Test:                go test ./...
Coverage:            go test -cover ./...
Race detector:       go run -race main.go
Profiling:           go tool pprof ...
```

--- 15. Best Practices
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* Keep functions small & focused (single responsibility)
* Prefer composition over inheritance
* Use interfaces to define contracts; depend on abstractions, not concretions
* Return errors as the last return value; never panic for

expected errors
* Leverage `go fmt` – code is formatted automatically
* Write table driven tests for clarity & coverage
* Use context.Context for cancellation & deadlines in long running operations
* Avoid global mutable state; use sync primitives or channels instead
* Document exported identifiers (godoc comments start with the name)

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