

## GOLF RULES

### General Golf Rules

- A Member must have an active Golf Membership to use the golf facilities without payment of additional fees applicable to guests or nonmembers.
- Except where modified by local rules, all play will be governed by the current regulations of the USGA.
- The Golf Professional and staff have authority for the administration and enforcement of all golf rules, golf course regulations and rules of etiquette.
- The hours of operation of the golf course will vary seasonally, as set by the Club Management.
- Players MUST check in at the Golf Shop at least 15 minutes before commencing play.
- Failure to check in for a reserved starting time may result in assignment of another starting time and cancellation, at the discretion of the golf staff.
- Players may not tee off prior to the opening or after the closing of the Golf Shop without prior approval.
- The dress code for use of the course and the practice facilities, as outlined below, is mandatory for all players and is intended to maintain the standards desired by the membership and Owner of the club.
- For men: Shirts with collars and sleeves, mock turtlenecks, slacks, golf shorts or walking shorts are considered appropriate attire.
- For Women: Dresses, skirts, slacks, golf shorts, polo shirts with a collar, and blouses are considered appropriate attire.
- Tank tops, T-shirts, Fishnet tops, halter-tops, bathing suits, jams, sweat pants, tennis dress, athletic shorts, cut-offs, blue jeans, or denim of any kind are examples, but not an exhaustive list, of dress that are not permitted.
- Twosomes and single players may be paired with other players by the golf staff. Twosomes may play at the discretion of the Golf Shop. Twosomes and singles should not expect to play through foursomes and should not exert any pressure on the groups ahead.
- No group shall be composed of more than four players unless authorized by the Golf Shop.

- Players stopping at the snack bar after nine holes must occupy the next tee and be prepared to resume play before the following group arrives. Failure to do so will result in the loss of position on the golf course and will require the approval of the golf staff before continuing to play.
- Commencement of play from the 10<sup>th</sup> hole or “cutting in” on other players is not permitted without the approval of the golf staff.
- Playing from a local residence is not permitted.
- Should play be discontinued at the discretion of the Club personnel, a “Discontinued Play” Credit will be given as follows:
  - If less than 5 holes are completed, players will receive a full credit.
  - If 5 or more but less than 13 holes are completed, player will receive a 9-hole credit.
- Players are expected to maintain their position on the golf course, keeping pace with the group in front of them. Slow groups may be asked to allow faster players to play through or to “skip” a hole to maintain their position on the golf course. The golf staff has the authority to keep play moving at the proper pace for all players’ enjoyment. Players unable to keep proper pace may be requested to leave the course.
- If a player is repeatedly warned for slow play, the Club may take such action as it deems appropriate, including without limitation, restricting the person’s use of the golf course during certain times of the day.
- All players are responsible for their own safety during hazardous weather conditions and play at their own risk. Under no circumstances shall the Club Owner be held liable for failing to warn players of hazardous weather conditions or the need to cease play.

### **Local Golf Rules**

- **LANDSCAPED AREAS.** These areas will be marked to indicate where relief may be taken. The ball must be lifted without penalty and dropped one club length from the interference. This rule does not provide relief from pine straw or mulched areas void of planting.
- **ROADS.** If a ball crosses or comes to rest on any paved road, the ball is considered out of bounds. The player must play a ball, under penalty of one

stroke, as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played.

- **DROP AREAS.** Local Committees may establish other local rules for the purpose of running a specific tournament. However, those rules exist for the length of that tournament only.
- **DROP AREAS.** Establishing special areas on which balls may be dropped is authorized when it is not feasible to proceed exactly in conformity with USGA rules.

### **Golf Course Regulations**

- The course or any part of it, may be closed to play at any time by Club Management.
- Only registered golfers are authorized to be on the course.
- All non-golf activities on the golf course and cart path is prohibited, including but not limited to jogging, bicycling, skating, rollerblading, walking, skateboarding, hunting and walking of dogs. The cost of repairing and damage to the golf course resulting from such prohibited activity shall be charged to the responsible Member.
- Personal beverage coolers are not permitted on the course.
- Ball “hawking” (searching for golf balls other than those played by members of the group) is not permitted on the course at any time.
- Inclement weather policy – The Club does not possess an inclement weather (I.e. lightening, thunderstorms, etc.) early warning or detection system. Members and/or guests are advised that they play at their own risk and the Club is under no obligation to warn, retrieve, and/or remove anyone from the golf course due to inclement weather. Members and/or guests may suspend their round at any time upon their own determination of the dangers existing, impending or threatened inclement weather and any refund or credit will be issues in accordance with the Club’s Rain Check Policy. The Owner is not responsible for the injuries or damages resulting from inclement weather.
- Players shall comply with all signs and other instructions posted by the Club personnel to prevent damage to all parts of the golf course.
- Practice activities are to be restricted to the putting green, driving range and other designated areas. Practice on the course is not permitted. Players are

advised it is not permitted to swing clubs in the cart staging area or undertake any other activity which can endanger other players.

- Each player must have his or her own set of golf clubs.
- If an electronic device is taken on the golf course or driving range, it must be programmed so that it does not make noise that would interfere with the enjoyment of others.
- If a player desires to smoke on any area associated with the golf course, they are required to do so with care to not infringe on others with their smoke and debris.

### **Golf Starting Times**

- All players must have a starting time.
- Starting times may be made in person, via the on-line golf reservation system or by phone during Golf Shop hours.
- Players who fail to cancel their starting times one hour prior to their scheduled starting time may be penalized in some fashion as determined by the Club.
- Members should notify the Club of any cancellations as soon as possible.

### **Practice Range**

- The practice range is open during normal operating hours as posted in the Golf Shop. The practice range may be closed for general maintenance at the Club's discretion.
- Range balls are for use on the practice range and may not be used on the golf course. You may not use your own golf balls on the driving range.
- Range balls must be hit from designated areas. No hitting is permitted from the rough or sides of the practice range.
- Parking of golf carts is allowed in designated areas.
- Lessons by unauthorized professionals are prohibited.

### **Golf Carts**

- Each Member is required to sign a golf cart waiver of liability form.
- Operation of a golf cart is at the risk of the operator. Persons who are or appear to be legally intoxicated may not operate a golf cart. Cost of repairs to a golf cart which is damaged by the member, a family member or a guest of the member shall be charged to the Member.

- Operators assume full responsibility for any damages caused by the use or misuse of a golf cart, including repairs to the golf cart, by the Member, his or her family members or guests, and shall reimburse the Club and/or any operator of the Club for any and all damages the Club may sustain by reason of such use or misuse. Each Member accepts and assumes all responsibility for liability connected with operation of the golf cart. The Member also expressly indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless the Indemnified Parties from any and all damages, whether direct or consequential, arising from or related to the Member's, his or her family members' or guests' use and operation of the golf cart.
- The operator of a golf cart must be at least 16 years of age and have a valid automobile driver's license.
- Golf carts are not permitted on any tee area.
- Golf carts are restricted to two persons and two sets of golf clubs.
- Golf carts are not to be used off the golf course premises.
- The use of private carts is not permitted.
- Golf carts are to remain on golf paths where available. Drivers must observe and obey all signs, stakes, roped off areas and other markers used to guide the carts.
- Golf carts shall not be used by a Member or guest on the Club facilities without proper assignment and registration in the Golf Shop.
- Golf carts may only be used on the golf course when the course is open for play.
- Be careful to avoid soft areas on fairways, especially after rains. Use rough whenever possible.
- Never drive a golf cart through a hazard.
- "Course Closed" or "Hole Closed" signs are to be adhered to without exception.
- Violations of the golf cart rules may result in loss of golf cart privileges and/or playing privileges.
- The Club Owner currently offers membership that includes the golf cart. This type of membership shall entitle the member and immediate family (if family membership was purchased) to play golf without payment of golf cart fees.

## **Golf Handicaps**

- Handicaps will be computed under the supervision of the Golf Professional in accordance with the current USGA handicap system.
- To establish a handicap, a player must turn in a minimum of five “18 Hole” scores.
- Only Members with an approved USGA handicap may participate in Club sanctioned tournaments. All handicaps submitted may be reviewed by the Golf Shop and Handicap Committee.
- Members are responsible for turning in all scores on a daily basis. The Golf Shop shall assist any Members needing help with posting procedures.
- Accurate records are to be kept of scores turned in and recorded for all full rounds played. The Golf Shop shall determine if there are violations by Members in turning in their scores.
- The Club reserves the right to adjust handicaps for Club tournament play. The Club also reserves the right to deny any Member entry into tournament play for handicap manipulation.

### **Golf Course Etiquette**

- Players should play without delay by going directly to their ball and being prepared to play when it is their turn.
- Players should not play to the green while maintenance personnel are present.
- Upon completion of a hole, players should leave the green immediately, placing their clubs in their bag and mark the scores at the next tee.
- Players are expected to keep pace with the group in front of them. Falling more than one hole behind the expected pace of play may result in the group being directed to move to the next tee box.
- On the putting green, players should study their putt while others are doing the same and be prepared to putt when it is their turn.
- Prior to putting, players should park their carts at the back of the green closest to next tee box.
- Players should repair their divots with sand provided in the golf carts, and should repair their ball marks on the putting green (other ball marks should also be repaired, when time permits).
- Enter and leave bunkers at the nearest level point to the green. Before leaving a sand trap, a player should carefully rake over all holes and

footprints and should leave the rake in the bunker with the handle pointing out of the bunker.

- Players are not to play until the players in front are out of range or are completely clear of the putting green.
- Under normal circumstances, a round of golf should not exceed four hours and fifteen minutes. Programs may be introduced to promote and maintain this standard.
- All players shall always observe the rules of golf etiquette as adopted by the USGA.

### **Minors on the Golf Course**

- Safety is the ultimate concern in all golf operations. Young children on golf courses or practice areas are at great risk of unintentionally standing too close to a player's swing path and they may not be aware of other safety factors such as when and where to hold on to the grab bar rail of a golf cart. Due to these and other safety concerns, the following rules apply to children:
- Children aged four years or younger are not permitted in golf carts, on the golf course, or on the practice range at any time.
- Children are not allowed to be held by a passenger or driver in a golf cart, nor are they allowed to sit in the lap of anyone in a golf cart.
- Children ages 5 to 11 may only ride on a golf cart if accompanied by a parent, grandparent, or legal guardian who accepts full responsibility for their safety and behavior.
- In order to operate a golf cart, a golfer must be at least 16 years of age and in possession of a valid driver's license.
- Children Under the age of 16 are not allowed on the golf course unless they are specifically registered with the Golf Shop to play golf.