

## GOLF COURSE RULES

*Courtesy and a cooperative attitude in abiding by the rules are expected of all members.*

1. U.S.G.A Rules and Etiquette must be followed.
2. All new golfers and new members are required to have an orientation session with one of the Club's golf professionals before using the golf course. This session will cover such matters as golf rules, etiquette, pace of play and dress code.
3. Players must notify the starter before beginning play and the starter will control commencement of play from all tees. Golfers shall start their round from the 1<sup>st</sup> hole only unless otherwise directed by the starter.
4. A group must be ready to tee off when called or it will lose its spot and must wait for an opening.
5. **Cell Phone Use:** Use of cell phones in all practice areas is prohibited. You may carry a cell phone on the course. It must be set on vibrate only. Cell phone use on the course is intended for emergencies only. If a call is prolonged, you must pick up your ball to keep pace with your group. Please refer to pace of play rules.
6. **Music on Course:** Golfers on the course may play music on a small electronic device (e.g., phone or small Bluetooth speaker), provided the music is played at a volume where it cannot be heard by golfers in other groups. Volume that exceeds this level may not interfere with the enjoyment of other members and their guests. Music is not allowed during tournament play. Playing music without the use of headphones is prohibited in other areas of the golf facilities (e.g., range or practice areas).
7. **Pace of Play:** A reasonable pace of play is essential to the enjoyment of all members and guests.
  - Groups of two golfers are expected to complete 18 holes in under 3 hours;
  - Groups of three in under 3½ hours, and groups of four in under 4 hours.
  - All tournament play is subject to the same rules regarding pace of play.

Whenever a group has an entire hole open in front of itself, then a group playing behind such group ***shall have the right to play through without regard to the size of each group.***

If a group chooses to stop for lunch, that group will lose its spot and must wait for an opening before continuing.

The starter has broad discretion to move people along and his decision overrides any objection by the group.

Failure to observe the pace of play rules, including permitting groups to play through, will result in disciplinary action.

8. **Fees:** Players will be charged for use of a cart or will be responsible for compensating a caddie for either 10 holes or 18 holes even if all holes are not completed, due to weather or any other reason.
9. **Tipping:** Tipping of golf staff is not permitted. Tipping may result in dismissal of the golf personnel receiving the tip and in suspension of golf privileges for the member for a period of time to be determined by the Board of Governors.
10. Except for scheduled outings, tournaments, and Mondays when the Club is otherwise open (e.g. holiday weekends), the golf course is closed on Mondays. Members may not use the course or practice facilities on Mondays. These rules apply to play on Tuesdays when the Club is closed following a Monday when the Club is open (e.g., Tuesday after Memorial Day).
11. On weekends and holidays, the course is closed until 7:00 a.m or such other time as the green superintendent may dictate. After that time, twosomes have priority from the first tee until approximately 8:00 a.m. However, the starter has complete discretion to extend or curtail first tee priority for twosomes depending upon availability.
12. On weekdays, all players 21 and over, and on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, all players 18 and over, shall use caddies when they are available.
13. Practice is not permitted on any part of the golf course unless under the direct supervision of a golf professional. Otherwise, practice is only permitted in designated practice areas.
14. EVERY GOLFER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TAKING CARE OF THE COURSE, INCLUDING REPLACING DIVOTS, FIXING ALL BALL MARKS ON THE GREEN AND PICKING UP TEES FROM TEE BOXES. THESE TASKS ARE NOT THE OBLIGATION OF THE CADDIE.
15. Members shall not interrupt a golf professional while he or she is giving a golf lesson.
16. Use of range balls is prohibited on the golf course.
17. Golf cart use is in the sole discretion of the starter. Anyone who takes a cart on the course will be charged unless with a golf professional or at the discretion of the starter. Members may be asked to adhere to special rules regarding where carts may be driven due to inclement weather or course repair. Carts should not be driven around Club property or used for any purpose other than in connection with authorized play on the golf course, or as a convenience at the driving range or practice areas. Carts are to be kept well away from all bunkers, and should never be driven within 15 yards of a green unless on a cart path. No more than two people are allowed in a cart at any time. Golf carts are to be returned to the starter after completion of play.
18. Any cancellation of a lesson or clinic less than 24 hours in advance will be billed at the full cost.
19. **Special Rules for Children (under 18).** Parents are advised that the golf course and practice areas can be hazardous. It is strongly recommended that extra caution be exercised when supervising children using the golf facilities.

**Drivers of golf carts must have a valid driver's license.** Children without a valid driver's license are only allowed in a cart with an adult golfer in play. Children who are required under law to be in a car seat when in an automobile are not allowed in a golf cart at any time.

**Children under age 18** must yield all golf facilities to adult members.

**Children under age 10** are not permitted on the golf course or any practice area at any time unless under the supervision, or with the permission, of the head golf professional and/or the starter and must be accompanied by an adult.

**Children 10-12** may use golf facilities on weekdays if accompanied by an adult, except on Friday afternoons and days on which special events, including tournaments, are scheduled. They may not use any golf facility on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays until 2 p.m.

**Children 13-17** with an official MGA handicap (or with special permission from the head golf professional) may use the golf facilities as adults. with the exception of Saturdays, Sundays and holidays before 2 p.m., when they must be accompanied by an adult and be the only child in the group.

**Children 13-17 without an official MGA handicap** shall be subject to the rules applicable to children 10-12. With special permission of the head golf professional or starter, children without an official MGA handicap will be treated as children with an official handicap above.

*The head golf professional and/or the starter have sole discretion regarding special rules for children.*