

Rules & Regulations

Preamble

These Club Rules and Regulations are established to enhance the recreational and social pleasure of members and their guests, the Club reserves the right to establish or modify rules, regulations, policies, guidelines, or systems governing access or reservation of the Club Facilities. The Company reserves the right to establish and modify Membership Categories, Privileges, tee time reservation privileges and any policies in its discretion.

Attire

Golf Attire – proper golf attire is required for all players. Proper attire shall mean the following:

- 1. Men: Shirts with collar and sleeves and slacks or Bermuda shorts of mid-thigh length are considered appropriate attire. Tank tops, tee shirts, mesh shirts, sweat pants, warm-up suits, blue jeans during the months of December-March, swimwear, short shorts, cut-offs, gym-shorts or other athletic shorts are not permitted. Hats and visors will be worn forward facing at all times on the golf course and practice facility and should never be worn backwards.
- 2. Ladies: Dresses, skirts, slacks, mid-length shorts and blouses are considered appropriate attire. Halter tops, tee shirts, cut-offs, sweat or yoga pants, warm-up suits, blue jeans, swim wear, tennis dresses, short-shorts or other athletic wear is not permitted
- 3. Golf Shoes: Appropriate golf shoes are required for all golfers. Shoes with metal spikes are prohibited. Golfers must wear shoes with soft spikes. Football, soccer or other knobby spike shoes are not allowed. Tennis shoes or other soft sole shoes are subject to the approval of the golf professional on duty.
- 4. This dress code is mandatory for all players. Improperly dressed golfers shall be asked to change before playing. If you are in doubt concerning your attire, please check with the golf professional on duty.
- 5. Appropriate attire must be worn in a tasteful manner on Club premises at all times.

Family Use

Each membership must be in the name of one individual. A member's immediate family will be entitled to use the Club Facilities in accordance with the membership applied for and with these Rules and Regulations, as amended from time to time. Members, their spouses and their unmarried children, **under the age of 25** who are living at home, attending school on a full-time basis or serving in the military, shall have access to all Club Facilities.

General Golf Rules

- 1. The Rules of Golf as adopted by the USGA together with the Rules of Etiquette as adopted by the USGA shall be the rules of the Club, except when in conflict with local rules or with any of the rules herein.
- 2. "Cutting-in" is not permitted at any time. All players must register with the golf shop prior to teeing-off.
- 3. Practice is not allowed on the golf course. Mulligans are discouraged to assist with pace of play.
- 4. Speed of play. It is the goal of all players to complete their round of golf in four (4) or less. This amount of time is more than adequate, provided all players remain aware of the rights of others to play without delay. It is the responsibility of each group to keep pace with the group ahead. If a group falls one complete hole behind the group ahead, the group should allow the following group to go through. It is each group's responsibility to keep observant of its position on the course and keep pace. The designated course marshal 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 pick up their ball and skip any open hole(s) to get back in position on the golf course.
- 5. All players who stop after playing nine holes for any reasons must occupy the next tee before the following players arrive at the tee or they shall lose their position on the golf course and must get permission from the golf shop and/or starter to resume play. Any player stopping after nine holes and stays in the clubhouse for an extended period of time to eat or take a break should be considerate and allow golfers behind them to play through.
- 6. All tournament play must be approved by appropriate Club personnel in advance.
- 7. Enter and leave bunkers at the nearest level point to the green and smooth sand over with a rake upon leaving.
- 8. Repair all fairway divots, using the sand provided on the golf carts.
- 9. Repair all ball marks on the green.
- 10. Searching for balls other than those played by members of the group is not allowed on the course at any time.
- 11. Each player must have his or her own set of golf clubs. Sets of rental clubs are available in the golf shop.
- 12. Legal notices of regulating the movement of golf carts must be strictly observed.
- 13. Proper golf attire is required for all players at all times.
- 14. If lightning is in the area, all play shall cease. Although the golf shop staff may warn players about lightning in the area, of which it is aware, the Club does not assume any duty to detect lightning and warn them. If Club personnel warns players about

- potential lightning in the area either via an acoustical device or in any other form, players must stop play immediately.
- 15. Jogging, bicycling, fishing, sledding or recreational walking is not permitted on the golf course at any time.
- 16. No beverage coolers are permitted on the course unless provided by the Club. Outside coolers and beverages are prohibited.
- 17. Discontinued Play policy: less than five holes played full 18 hole rain check; less than 13 holes played nine hole rain check.
- 18. Twosomes may play at the discretion of the golf shop. Twosomes should not expect to play through foursomes and should not exert any pressure on the groups ahead. Foursomes shall have the right of way.
- 19. Two somes and singes shall be grouped with other players, if available, at the discretion of the golf shop.
- 20. Singles shall have no priority on the golf course and shall be permitted to play only at the discretion of the golf shop. Singles should not expect to play thorough other groups and should not exert any pressure on groups ahead.
- 21. Groups of five or more players shall only be permitted on the golf course with permission of the golf shop.
- 22. The golf shop staff is directed to carry out these Rules and Regulations affecting the conduct of play and report violations to the Company in writing.

Hours of Play

The hours of play and golf shop hours shall be posted in the golf shop. The golf course superintendent will determine when the golf course is fit for play.

Golf Starting Times

- 1. The staff shall assign the starting time depending on availability. All play must start from No. 1 tee unless permission is granted from the Professional Staff.
- 2. Starting times may be made in person, through the online tee time system or by phone.
- 3. Tee times for weekday/weekend play can be arranged fourteen (14) days in advance for members, ten (10) days in advance for non-members and (5) days for students with valid Virginia Tech identification.
- 4. Members should notify the golf shop of any cancellation at least 24 hours in advance of their tee time.

5. All members will have equal access to weekday and weekend tee times.

Registration

All members and guests must register in the golf shop before beginning play. Failure to check in and register ten minutes prior to a reserved starting time may result in assignment of another starting time or cancellation, at the discretion of the appropriate Club personnel.

Practice Areas

- 1. The practice facility, chipping and putting greens are open during normal operating hours as posted in the golf shop. These areas may be closed for general maintenance at the Club's discretion. These areas may also be closed for instructional clinics as scheduled by the golf shop.
- 2. Golf carts are not permitted on any teeing areas.
- 3. Proper golf attire is required at all times.
- 4. Lessons by unauthorized professionals are prohibited.

General Golf Cart & Pull Cart Rules

- 1. The use of golf carts is not mandatory unless otherwise defined within these Rules and Regulations or posted.
- 2. Golf carts shall not be used by a member or guest on the Club Facilities without proper assignment and registration in the pro shop.
- 3. Golf carts may only be used on the golf course when the course is open for play and as instructed by the golf course superintendent.
- 4. Golf carts may only be operated by persons at least 16 years of age having a valid automobile driver's license.
- 5. Only two persons and two sets of golf clubs are permitted per golf cart. Walkers are not allowed to ride in between holes.
- 6. Privately owned golf carts are not permitted.
- 7. Pull carts are permitted as defined with these Rules and Regulations.
- 8. Always use golf cart paths where provided and in accordance with the daily access rule as provided by the golf course superintendent.
- 9. When golf carts are allowed on the fairways, carts should enter fairway where the fairway begins and when approaching the green return to the cart path prior to reaching the exit posts. Be careful to avoid soft areas on fairways, especially after rains.

- 10. Never drive a golf cart through a hazard.
- 11. Riding or pull carts should be parked on cart path between the green being played and the next tee to promote faster play. No pull carts are allowed within 30 feet of any green or should parked on the tee box
- 12. Violations of golf cart rules may result in suspension or loss of playing privileges.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 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 repair 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. Each member and guest of the Club shall be held fully responsible for any and all damages, including damages to the golf cart, that are caused by the misuse of the golf cart by the member, his or her family members or guests or guests of the Club, and shall reimburse the Club and/or any operator of the Club for any and all damages the Club may sustain by reasons of misuse.

Handicaps

- 1. Handicaps are computed under the supervision of the golf shop in accordance with the USGA Handicap System.
- 2. All members and their guests with a USGA approved handicap may participate in Club tournaments. All handicaps submitted may be reviewed by the golf shop.
- 3. The golf shop personnel shall determine if there are violations by members in turning in their scores and report said matter to the appropriate handicap committee.
- 4. Any member continually failing to post a score shall result in a penalty score being posted.
- 5. Depending on the severity of the violation of the handicap policy, and individual's handicap may be adjusted by the handicap committee for tournament play.
- 6. Golfers who enter false scores will receive a notice from the handicap committee or professional staff upon detection of the first occurrence, and will be suspended from all Club tournaments within the golfing membership year for 30 days upon detection of a second occurrence.

- 7. All tournaments for club members shall be under the jurisdiction of the professional staff and participation is open to all members within the Golfing Class. All members are asked to sign up in accordance with the sign-up rules of the event prior to the posted deadline of the tournament. There are no refunds or credits of entry fees paid for cancellations after the provided tournament deadline or as provided in the sign-up rules.
- 8. The golf course will be re-opened for open play after tournament play except when otherwise restricted by the Club.

Golf Course Etiquette

Persons using the golf course should do their part to make a round of golf a pleasant experience for everyone at the Club. Here are some suggestions:

- 1. Do not waste time. Anticipate the club or clubs you may need, and go directly to your ball. Always be near your ball to play promptly when it is your turn. If a player is delayed in making his shot, it would be courteous for such player to indicate to another player to play which should not be deemed playing out of turn.
- 2. The time required to "hole out" on and around the green is a chief cause of slow play. Study and clear the line of your putt while others are doing the same. Be ready to putt when it is your turn.
- 3. When approaching a green, park your golf cart or pull cart on the cart path on the best direct line to the next tee, in order to save significant time. Never leave the golf cart in front of the green where you will have to go back and get it while following players wait for you to move on.
- 4. When play of a hole is completed, leave the green promptly and proceed to the next tee without delay. Record the scoring for the completed hole while the others in your group are playing from the next tee.
- 5. If you are not holding your place on the course, allow the players behind to play through. Do the same if you stop to search for a lost ball.
- 6. Slow play and breaches of golf etiquette will be reported to the pro shop. Appropriate action will be taken by the appropriate pro shop personnel.
- 7. Rake all footprints from the bunkers.
- 8. Fill all divots on par 3 tees.
- 9. Observe and follow all direction signs on the course.