



Hillwood Country Club

GOLF COURSE RULES

All members and guests will adhere to proper etiquette and the Rules of Golf.

All members are required to register themselves and all guests in the Pro Shop prior to play.

No food or beverage may be purchased off club premises and brought to the club or golf course.

The golf facilities are for golf members and their guests only. Children under the age of twelve (12) other than Certified Juniors must not be left unattended in the golf traffic areas by the first tee and main putting green.

Groups of more than four (4) must be pre-approved by the Director of Golf. Approved fivesomes are expected to keep a proper pace throughout the rounds and complete the round within four (4) hours. Any fivesomes that do not adhere to this policy and/or disrupt the pace of play will be subject to fines and/or suspension of privileges.

SLOW PLAY

Four (4) hours is the maximum time required to complete 18 holes of play. The Policy Committee, through the Golf Professional, will enforce the following rule: If more than four hours is taken to play 18 holes, all members of the group will receive a warning letter. If there is a second offense another warning letter will be sent. Upon the third offense of an individual or group within a twelve (12) month period, the matter will be turned over to the Policy Committee/Board of Directors for appropriate action, which may include fine or suspension.

GOLF ATTIRE

Proper attire is required by golfers on the **Golf Course, Practice Areas, and Putting Green**. The Golf Professionals and Club Staff will restrict access to the Golf Course and Practice Facilities to any golfer not in proper attire and if needed, will provide proper attire to be charged on the host member's account. It is the responsibility of each member to advise their guests of these policies.

- **Men and Male Junior Golfers under age 18** must wear shirts with traditional fold-over collars and sleeves. Golf branded hoodies are permitted, but school, sports team and other non-golf branded hoodies are not permitted. Mock turtleneck shirts must have long sleeves. Gentlemen are required to wear full length pants or Bermuda length shorts not more than 4" above the knee are acceptable. Shirts must be always tucked in. Caps, hats, and visors must be worn with the bill facing forward. Pants or shorts with belt loops must be worn with a belt. Golf shoes (spikeless or with soft spikes) or low-cut athletic shoes or other shoes with flat soles. Bare feet are not allowed.

Improper Golf Attire for Men and Juniors under age 18: workout attire, workout pants or golf joggers are not permitted, denim, frayed edge cutoff pants or shorts, cargo pants or shorts, running shorts or pants, warm up suits, sweatpants, shirts with slogans, tank tops, school, sports team and other non-golf branded hoodies or sports team shirts or jerseys. Golf shirts with blade collars, or any similar non-traditional collar, are not permitted. Tennis and pool clothes are also not permitted.

- **Women and Female Junior Golfers under age 18** must wear golf shorts, skirts, skirts, dresses, full or capri-length golf pants, golf shirts with or without collars or sleeves. Golf shoes (spikeless or with soft spikes) or low-cut athletic shoes with flat soles. Bare feet are not allowed. Shirts are not required to be tucked in. Caps, hats, and visors must be worn with the bill facing forward.

Improper Golf Attire for Women: denim, frayed edge cutoff pants or shorts, cargo pants or shorts, running shorts or pants, warm up suits, sweatpants, shirts with slogans and non-golf branded hoodies, tank and halter tops, spaghetti strap tops, sports team shirts or jerseys. No tennis or pool attire is permitted.

GUEST RULES

- A. *Members are responsible for their guests. It is the member's responsibility to ensure their guest(s) are familiar with Hillwood's club rules. All guests **MUST** be registered in the Pro Shop prior to play, giving their name and city.*

B. ACCOMPANIED GUESTS

1. Accompanied guests include local, out of town, or immediate family guests.
2. The regular accompanied guest fee is \$150. A guest may play no more than four (4) times per year (exclusive of member-guest tournaments).
3. All guest fees must be charged to a member's account.
4. A member may bring up to three (3) accompanied guests at any time Tuesday – Thursday. Arrangements for a member-sponsored group, consisting of a member and up to seven (7) guests, must be made in advance through the Director of Golf. Tee times will be at the discretion of the Director of Golf.

Note: Any member-sponsored group outing requests that exceed the one (1) member and seven (7) guests accompanied guest policy, if approved, will fall under Rule 12.E (Unaccompanied Guests). In this case, the first seven (7) guests will fall under the accompanied guest policy, and any additional guest groups will be charged at the unaccompanied guest rate.

5. Guests are allowed on Fridays for tee times before 10:00 am or after 2:00 pm. No guests are allowed on Fridays for tee times between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.
6. Up to one (1) accompanied guest per member may play in tee times after 2:00 pm on weekends and holidays.

C. IMMEDIATE FAMILY GUESTS (Local or out of town)

1. The immediate family guest fee is \$75. An immediate family guest includes father, mother, son or daughter (other than a dependent under the age of 19 or a young adult), brother, sister, father-in-law and mother-in-law, son and daughter-in-law, brother and sister-in-law and grandchildren.
2. Immediate family guests must be accompanied by the family member or spouse

when playing or practicing, to gain access as an immediate family guest. If sponsored and not accompanied by an immediate family member, they will be categorized as a regular guest.

3. Immediate family guests may play a maximum of 4 times per year at the discounted greens fee. In addition, immediate family guests may play an additional six times per year at the full regular guest fee.

D. UNACCOMPANIED GUESTS

Unaccompanied guests are not permitted except as approved in advance by the Director of Golf. Unaccompanied guest green fees are \$300.00 per player. Unaccompanied guests are permitted to play on weekdays only.

E. SOCIAL MEMBERS

Social members have no golfing privileges and may only play if accompanied by a golfing member. In-season they are not permitted to play on weekends or holidays. They must pay the regular green fee. Social members are limited to playing one time per month and six times per year.

GROUP OUTINGS

- A. Golf Marathons are prohibited at Hillwood Country Club.
- B. All organized groups playing Tuesday through Sunday will be charged a minimum fee equal to or greater than the immediate family guest fee.

ELECTRIC GOLF CARTS/ WALKING CARTS

- A. The fleet of golf carts/walking carts is the property of the Club.
- B. No privately owned golf carts/walking carts will be permitted on the golf course.
- C. Each person renting a golf cart/walking cart will be financially responsible for any damage to the cart. Each golf cart/walking cart will be inspected upon return from use and any damages will be evaluated and charged to the member's Club Account. In case of damages caused by a guest, the charges will be made to the sponsoring member.
- D. No golf cart/walking cart will be allowed off the club grounds. All golf carts/walking carts must be returned to the golf shop area following play. GOLF CARTS/WALKING CARTS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE PARKING LOT.
- E. The Club maintains a limited fleet of golf carts. The Professional Staff is required to consolidate the use of carts to ensure availability for other members. Members will be required to share carts off the 1st tee before 3:00 pm.
- F. Golf Cart Operation Rules

In an effort to maintain the playability and visual aesthetics of the golf experience, the following rules have been adopted by the Board of Directors:

Motorized Carts All Club

Property

Only players 16 years of age or older with a valid driver's license may use a golf cart. Unlicensed individuals are prohibited from operating any elements of motorized carts particularly steering wheels, brakes and acceleration pedals.

Members taking small children on the course are assuming the responsibility for their actions. Children under the age of twelve (12) other than Certified Juniors must not be left unattended in the golf traffic areas by the first tee and main putting green or left unattended on a golf cart.

Golf Course

1. Must remain on the cart path of all par threes.
2. For all par fours and fives, carts must return to the cart path once the cart reaches the traffic posts (found on both sides of the fairway boundaries). Posts are typically set thirty yards from the green however distance adjustments can be made at the discretion of the Golf Superintendent.
3. Once carts return to the cart path (as directed by traffic posts), the cart is restricted to the cart path until all players tee off of the following hole. Cart exiting from the path is permitted once the cart passes a minimum of ten yards past the existing "green" tee box, with the following exceptions:

Hole #12: Carts may leave the path ten yards after the "blue" tee box but cannot get closer to the "white" and "green" tees than ten yards.

Holes #13 & #18: Carts may leave the path ten yards after the "white" tee box but cannot get closer to the "green" tees than ten yards.

Use of the restroom behind the green on #5: Carts may leave the path after #5 green to approach the restroom. Remain at least ten yards from the #5 green and the alternate tee box on #6.

4. Golf carts nor push carts are permitted to be in the tall, unmown, 12+ inch native height fescue areas located throughout the course.

Walking (Push) Carts

Push Carts are restricted from the greens.

G. Walking and carrying your bag is permitted anytime.

H. The guidelines for red flag usage are as follows:

1. Only those players who have a handicap placard issued by the appropriate government authority, or who are 80 years of age and older, are eligible for a red flag. Players under 80 must present the Pro Shop with a current handicap placard, which will make a copy and keep it on file.

2. A modified 90-degree rule is to be followed. The player must remain on the cart path, **not in the rough**, until the player is 90 degrees from his ball. Once at his ball, the player may proceed at 90 degrees from the path to his ball. After playing his shot, the player must return to the cart path. Avoid driving on the same line to and from the ball.
3. The player must keep the cart on the cart path when less than 15 yards from all greens.
4. Red flag holders are permitted to drive their cart on the fairway of par threes.
5. **Remain on the cart path**: In any area the greens superintendent has roped off or declared under repair.
6. Avoid all wet areas when driving on the course.
7. The greens superintendent will make the decision on a daily basis whether to allow red flags. This decision will be based on weather and other considerations.

LIGHTNING POLICY

In the event of threatening weather, one long blast of the siren will halt play or practice. You **MUST** stop playing or practicing immediately. Three short blasts will resume play.

A hole-in-one made to a temporary pin and/or from a temporary tee will not count toward the \$1.00 payout.

PROPER COURSE ETIQUETTE

A golfer's failure to try to follow accepted normal course maintenance procedures such as, but not limited to: (i) failure to rake bunker, (ii) failure to repair turf, or (iii) using a putter head to retrieve a golf ball from a cup, will be considered a violation of Rule #1 of the Golf Course Rules concerning proper golf etiquette.

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