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Facilities

The Club maintains a Tillinghast-designed nine-hole golf course, as well as a putting green and a golf pro shop stocked by the Golf Professional with equipment and clothing. These facilities are open to all members and their guests in accordance with the applicable member and guest policies set by the Board. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult to engage in weekend play on the golf course prior to 4:00 p.m.

Management

The golf course, putting green and golf pro shop are managed by the Golf Professional, who also may act as the Golf Course Superintendent.

The Golf Professional is assisted on the golf course and in the pro shop by one or more assistants, a Facilities Superintendent, and a grounds crew. Maintenance of the golf course is managed by the Facilities Superintendent and overseen by the Golf and Greens Committee. Golf activities are arranged in consultation with the Golf Professional by the Golf and Greens Committee.

Hours

The golf course is open, weather permitting, during daylight hours from mid-April to early November. At the discretion of the Facilities Superintendent, all or part of the golf course may be closed because of wet or hazardous conditions.

The golf pro shop is typically open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, and also on Mondays between Fourth of July Weekend and Labor Day Weekend.

Dress

Appropriate golf attire must be worn at all times on the golf course. Shirts with collars are preferred. No metal spikes are allowed. Only “soft spike” shoes are to be worn on the course. Soft spikes also are permitted in all areas of the Club. Cutoffs, jeans, swimsuits and other

excessively casual attire are not allowed on the golf course. The Golf Professional has the authority to deny course usage to any player, adult or child, who is inappropriately dressed.

Etiquette

Players and observers should respect the tranquility of the golf course; no unduly loud or offensive noises are permitted. Play should commence on the first tee unless other arrangements have been made by or with the golf pro. Players leaving the 9th green and wishing to complete an 18-hole round have priority on the 1st tee.

When playing slowly, or when looking for a lost ball, it is proper, courteous, and expected that the following group be allowed to play through. Players must replace all divots, smooth footprints in bunkers with the rakes provided, and repair ball marks on greens.

The nine holes of the course should not be used as a practice facility. Even in times of light play, hitting practice shots (more than just a single replay of a misplayed shot) results in undue wear and tear.

The Golf Professional may, after consultation with the Golf Committee chair and at least one Board member, suspend the golf privileges of any member or guest who repeatedly engages in improper or discourteous behavior. Any such suspension shall be reviewed by the Board at its next scheduled meeting.

Warning: Each golfer is personally responsible for the safety of others. In the event a golfer hits a ball that could injure a player on the golf course, the tennis courts, or anywhere at the club, that person MUST alert the person(s) at risk by yelling “FORE” to be easily heard in time so those at risk can protect themselves.

Golf Carts

The use of golf carts on the golf course is a privilege that must not be abused. Misuse of the carts may result in revocation of that privilege. Proper use of golf carts will significantly extend their useful life, promote members' safety, and help preserve the golf course.

- Any member who is cited for misuse of a golf cart twice in any season by the Golf Professional, the Golf Committee chair, the Greens Committee chair, or a member of the Board of Governors,

will have that privilege revoked for 30 days. Continued misuse will result in revocation of the privilege for the season. The following rules govern golf cart usage:

- A golf cart may not be occupied by more than two persons regardless of their age.
- Golf carts must stay at least 30 feet from greens and 10 feet from tee boundaries, except where golf cart paths are located closer. No golf carts are allowed in the valley in the 3rd hole fairway. Carts are permitted on the fairways, except where posted otherwise, but the rough should be used wherever possible.
- Children under 18 years of age may not rent golf carts. Children under 16 years of age may not drive golf carts. Children under 10 years of age may not be left alone in a golf cart.
- Children 16 years of age and older must have a valid driver's license to operate golf carts per CT state law.
- Golf carts are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- No golf carts are available after 4:30 p.m., unless prior arrangements have been made with the Golf Professional.
- Golf carts must be returned to the golf pro shop upon completion of play.
- The member renting a golf cart and any person driving such cart are jointly and severally liable to the Club for any personal injury or property damage resulting from the operation of such cart.

Lessons and Clinics

The Golf Professional and his assistants are available upon request to provide private lessons for a fee. During the week, group clinics for children and adults are offered, as interest warrants, according to a schedule determined by the Golf Professional in consultation with the Golf Committee.

Guests

A signup sheet for guests playing golf is maintained in the pro shop. Members are required to sign for all guests prior to play. All guests

except for “Visiting Non-Resident Children or Grandchildren,” “Resident Children or Grandchildren,” and “Guest Members” must be accompanied by a member on the golf course.

Inactive members are not eligible to play golf as guests during the Club season. Social members are allowed to play per the “guest and guest members” policy detailed in the guest section of the green book.

The significant other of a child of a member is considered a guest and should pay any guest fees required.

Tournaments

The Club sponsors a number of golf tournaments on an annual basis. A schedule of Members Only and Member Guest tournaments is part of the Club’s calendar, which is mailed to all members prior to each season and available on the Club’s website.

Mixed scrambles tournaments are scheduled on selected dates during the season. Entry fees are charged for all tournaments to cover the cost of prizes and other incidental expenses. Social and inactive members are not eligible to participate in tournaments as guests.

Non-Seasonal Use of the Golf Course

The Golf Professional, at his discretion, after consultation with the Golf Committee chair and considering the needs of members, may permit social members or guests of members to use the golf course between the opening of the golf course and the Friday before Memorial Day weekend, and between the Tuesday after Columbus Day weekend and the closing of the golf course. Greens fees and regular cart rental fees will apply.

At the discretion of the Board and with the approval of the Golf Committee chair and the Golf Professional, the golf course may be made available to special groups (for example, school golf teams or special tournaments).