



## Rules & Regulations

### 1. REGISTRATION

All golfers shall register at the Golf and Retail Shop (Golf Shop) and pay all applicable green fees, guest fees and cart fees before beginning play. Members are responsible for the payment of fees incurred on account of their guests. All guests are asked to sign the Guest Registry.

### 2. RESERVATIONS

- The hours of operation of the golf course, practice range and Golf Shop will be posted in the Golf Shop and are subject to change, as determined at the discretion of the Club, and depending on golf course and weather conditions. The Superintendent of Course Maintenance, in consultation with the Head Golf Professional, shall determine when the golf course is playable and such decision shall be final and binding on all Persons using the golf course. No golf course play shall be permitted during any period that the course is closed.
- **Members are permitted to walk Monday-Friday anytime. Carts are required Friday, Saturday, Sundays and Holidays until 2:00pm**
- Members may reserve starting times 14-days in advance by calling the Club during Golf Shop hours or in person as follows:
- No Member may obtain two starting times on Saturday, Sunday or holidays.
- Tee times must be cancelled two hours prior to a starting time.
- Failure to check in and register at least ten (10) minutes prior to a reserved starting time may result in revocation of the starting time. Players late for their starting time may lose their right to the starting time and shall begin play only at the discretion of the Golf Professional.
- The same Member or a member of his or her Family per day may reserve no more than one (1) starting time. No more than two (2) starting times may be reserved on behalf of the same membership per day.
- The Club may designate certain playing times for players eighteen (18) years of age or younger. Children under twelve (12) must be accompanied by a parent, or, the Golf Professional, in his discretion based on skill and ability of the player, may allow players under the age of twelve (12) to play without an adult. Children may be excluded from certain peak playing times such as weekends and holiday mornings.
- United States Golf Association (“USGA”) rules govern play, subject to the local rules. Local rules may be amended or superseded at anytime by the Golf Professional or the appropriate committee.

### **3. LOCAL GOLF COURSE RULES**

Local golf course rules shall be posted in the Golf and Retail Shop. Members are responsible for familiarizing themselves with said rules. Compliance with local rules is mandatory for all players.

### **4. TOURNAMENTS AND CLINICS**

- The Club reserves the right to make the golf course and practice range available for tournaments and clinics, at which time use by nonparticipants may be restricted.
- Except during special events, only members of the golf professional staff are permitted to render golf instruction at the Club. Lessons should be scheduled through the golf professional. Lessons not canceled at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance may be subject to charge.
- No golf tournaments of any kind shall be permitted unless approved in advance by the Club.

### **5. EQUIPMENT AND ATTIRE**

- Every player must have a set of golf clubs and a golf bag. No sharing of golf clubs shall be permitted.
- Proper attire is required for all players:
  - Non-collared shirts, tank tops, halter-tops, cutoffs, sweat pants, denim, tennis or other athletic shorts, and bathing suits are not permitted on the golf courses or practice facilities. Denim is permitted November 1<sup>st</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup> on the golf course and practice facilities.
  - For gentlemen, shirts with collars or mock collars and sleeves, slacks, and golf shorts no shorter than one hand length above the top of the knee are considered proper attire.
  - For ladies, slacks, Capri's, skirts, dresses and blouses and shirts with or without collars and shirts with or without sleeves are considered proper attire. Skirts, skorts and shorts shall be no shorter than one hand length above the top of the knee.
  - Golf Attire is acceptable in the Golf Shop, Locker Rooms,
  - Gentlemen's and Ladies; Men are asked to remove caps and hats while in the Tempest Tavern. Ladies may wear hats in the Clubhouse.
  - No metal spikes may be worn on the golf course and practice areas. Only "soft spike" or spike-less golf shoes or other approved shoes shall be worn on the golf course and practice areas.
  - The Club is not responsible for lost or stolen property.

## 6. GOLF CART USE

- Tempest Community Homeowner Private golf carts are allowed at the Club, subject to the terms and conditions of the private cart agreement as outlined in the membership bylaws. Private carts must be registered with the Golf Shop and billed for a monthly/yearly trail fee.
- Tempest Community Homeowner Private golf carts are subject to color, make, and style as determined by the club: Model: Club Car, Color: Cream or Green. Club will work with manufacture to obtain the best price on a new or used model for the homeowner.
- Golf carts shall be assigned at the Golf Shop at the time of registration. Players may walk and carry their clubs at certain times at the discretion of the Club.
- No vehicles other than golf course maintenance vehicles and golf carts provided by the Club shall be permitted on the golf course.
- Golf carts are restricted to use on the golf course and practice areas. No golf carts owned by the Club shall be removed from the Club Facilities at any time.
- Persons sixteen (16) years of age or older may operate golf carts provided they hold a valid Texas driver's license and written parental approval
- No more than two (2) Persons and two (2) sets of golf clubs are permitted on golf carts. The minimum number of carts must be used. (1) Cart for two players or (2) carts for three or four players.
- Golf cart paths are to be used where provided, especially near tees and greens. The Club reserves the right to impose restrictions on the use of golf carts on the golf course from time to time, including restricting golf carts to the golf cart paths only or imposing the 90-degree rule. When the "cart path only" sign or any other golf cart directional signs are posted, they must be strictly followed.
- Except on golf cart paths, a golf cart is not to be operated within thirty (30) feet of a green, a tee or a bunker, and shall never be driven through a hazard.
- Soft areas on fairways should be avoided, especially after rains. Use the golf cart paths or the rough whenever possible.
- Golf carts are operated at the risk of the operator. Cost of repairs to a golf cart which is damaged by a Member or by their respective Family members or guests, shall be charged to the Member. Members using a golf cart 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 or their respective Family members or guests, and the Member shall reimburse the Club for any and all damages the Club may sustain by reason of misuse.
- A Member using a golf cart accepts and assumes all responsibility connected with the operation of the golf cart. Each Member also expressly agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Club, and its employees, affiliates, representatives and agents, from any and all damages, whether

direct or consequential, arising from or related to the use and operation of a golf cart by the Member or their respective Family members, accompanied or unaccompanied guest.

- Golf carts are to be returned to the cart return staging area.
- Violation of these golf cart rules may result in loss of golf cart privileges and/or playing privileges.

## **7. DRIVING RANGE/PRACTICE FACILITY**

- Range balls are for use on the driving range only and are not permitted to be used on the golf course.
- Balls must be hit from designated areas only. No hitting is permitted from the rough or sides of the driving range.
- Proper golf attire is required at all times on the driving range.
- When practicing, Members are to use the driving range only. Under no circumstances are the regular tees, greens, or fairways to be used as practice areas.
- The driving range will close one (1) hour before dark unless otherwise posted.
- Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent on the driving range and practice facility.

## **8. HANDICAPS**

Handicaps are computed under the supervision of the Golf Professional in accordance with current USGA recommendations. Handicaps are monitored, and matters resolved through the Golf Professional and Handicap Committee and Golf Committee.

## **9. GOLF COURSE PLAY**

- All non-golf activities on the golf course and cart paths are prohibited, including, but not limited to, jogging, bicycling, skating, rollerblading, and walking of dogs. No fishing is permitted from the golf course or adjacent areas unless approved in advance by the Club. The cost of repairing any damage to the golf course resulting from such prohibited activity shall be charged to the responsible Member's Club Account.
- Notwithstanding the above, certain nongolf activities in specific areas or facilities of the Club may be allowed as approved by the Club.
- All play shall start at the number one tee unless permission to start elsewhere is obtained in advance from the golf staff. All players must check in with the starter. Under no circumstances shall players start play from residences.

- No wading into water hazards shall be permitted. Balls may be retrieved only from banks of water hazards during the course of play.
- No player shall have more than one (1) ball in play at any time.
- All players shall repair ball marks on greens, sand or replace divots and smooth sand traps before moving to the next tee.
- All players shall maintain a reasonable pace of play. The Club encourages a pace of play by its Members so that, under normal circumstances, a round of golf may be completed in four (4) hours and 15 minutes or less, including any time stopping between nines. If a foursome or other group of players fails to keep their place on the golf course, the group may be asked to skip one or more holes. If a foursome or other group is searching for a lost ball, the group should allow the following group to play through. No more than five (5) minutes may be used to search for lost balls. The Club may monitor the pace of play through the efforts of a marshal during the hours of play.
- Slow players, whether they are Members, Family members or guests, may be restricted from playing during Prime Times, as established by the Club.
- Golf carts should not be parked in front of the green or in other areas that will impede the rate of play.
- When play of a hole is completed, Members shall leave the green promptly, and proceed to the next tee without delay. Members shall do the scoring for the completed hole while the others in the group are playing from the next tee.
- Practice is not allowed on the golf course. The practice facilities should be used for all practice. The Club reserves the right to require instruction for the Members who are beginners or inexperienced, prior to allowing them to use the golf courses. The intent of the Club is to assist the Members in obtaining a level of skill and knowledge, which will enhance the enjoyment of the game for them, as well as the other Members.
- “Course closed” and “hole closed” signs are to be adhered to without exception.
- The rules of golf adopted by the USGA shall govern all play, except as modified by the rules set forth herein. Violation of any golf rule will result in a disciplinary letter written to the player by the Club and/or Golf Committee.
- Players shall observe the rules of golf etiquette as adopted by the USGA at all times.
- All players are responsible for their own safety during hazardous weather conditions and play at their own risk. Players who elect to continue to play during hazardous weather conditions do so at their sole election and at their own risk, and agree to indemnify the Owner and the Club from any action as a result of their continued play. Under no circumstances shall the Owner or the Club be held liable for failing to warn players of hazardous weather conditions or the need to cease play.

## 10. GUEST PRIVILEGES

- Classifications for guests are Accompanied guests, unaccompanied guests, and Reciprocal guests. All guests must register in the Golf Shop prior to play.
- Guest play will be subject to approval of the Club. No Person who has been expelled from membership in the Club, and no Member or Family member whose playing privileges have been suspended by the Club shall be permitted to play as the guest of a Member.
- All guests must be accompanied by a Member when playing on the golf course, unless the sponsoring Member has obtained prior approval from the Club.
- A guest is limited to one round of golf a month at the Club's Accompanied Guest rate, either as the guest of said Member or as the guest of any other Member. Guests may be prohibited from golfing at certain peak playing times.
- All "no shows" or cancellations not received within twenty-four (24) hours of play may be subject to a charge on the sponsoring Member's Club Account equal to the fees charged for guest play and golf cart use.