

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. The General Manager oversees all aspects of the club. All activities pertaining to the Clubhouse and pool area shall be the charge of the General Manager. All activities pertaining to the golf course and grounds shall be the charge of the Golf Course Superintendent. All activities pertaining to golf play and the pro shop shall be the charge of the Golf Professional. All activities pertaining to the Racquets area shall be the charge of the Racquets Professional. Inquiries shall be directed to the General Manager, Golf Course Superintendent, Golf Professional or Racquets Professional as the case maybe, or the President.
2. The General Manager, department heads, club staff and members at large are required to report any misconduct or infraction of the rules to the Club President or, in his or her absence, to the Grievance Committee Chairperson.
3. The Grievance Committee shall determine whether any infraction by any member in the use of any of the Clubs facilities is improper or prejudicial to the best interest of the Club.

## **CLUBHOUSE & GENERAL**

1. Any posting on the locker room bulletin boards requires prior approval by the House Committee Chairperson or the Club Secretary.
2. No member shall be permitted to use the Club's facilities or expend the Club's funds for mailing to all or part of the membership, except in the normal course of their responsibilities as Officers or Committee Chairpersons. In addition, no member shall use the Club Directory to solicit donations, advertise, promote, or otherwise abuse the privacy of members.
3. Members may not solicit club members on or off club property for charitable donations, fund raising efforts or for other organizations unless written permission is first obtained from the Board of Governors.
4. The Club assumes no responsibility for the personal property of any member or guest, nor shall the Club be responsible for any accident resulting from the use of the facilities.
5. No member or guest will be allowed to bring or store food or liquor in the Clubhouse, pool area or outside racquets areas without specific permission from the General Manager or the House Chairperson.
6. Childcare providers will not be permitted on the Club grounds unless the member or the member's spouse is on Club grounds.
7. Members shall not bring dogs or other pets on Club grounds with the exception of service dogs.
8. The Club will be closed on Mondays, except when a legal holiday is celebrated on Monday,

in which case the Club shall be closed on Tuesday, subject to change by the Board of Governors.

9. Members wishing to use the Clubhouse for their private, social or sports affairs must make a request in writing to the General Manager with a duplicate copy for submission to the House Committee. The same procedure must also be followed by any Standing Committee or Special Committee desiring to plan a function involving the use of the Clubhouse or Pool.

The written request should specify the date, the facilities needed, the number attending and must reach the House Committee at least one (1) month in advance of the date requested. All function request must then be presented to the Board of Governors for final approval.

10. Golf shoes with metal spikes are prohibited at the Club.

11. Members and guests shall observe dress regulations as outlined in the section entitled "Dress Code". Any changes will be announced in the Club mailing.

12. Members and their guests shall wear suitable covering in the locker rooms.

13. Members are responsible for the conduct of their children and guests. Parents are responsible for the conduct and supervision of their children. Children under 12 years of age must be attended at all times by an adult (18 years or over).

14. Member's children 12 years and over are permitted to sign vouchers for food and other services.

15. Children are permitted in the Clubhouse or patio area only as herein provided:

A. when accompanied by an adult member, children under 18 years of age may enter the Clubhouse any evening for the purpose of dining, with the exception of Saturday evening as that evening is for adults only, unless otherwise specified.

B. Children 12 years of age and over may eat in the patio area without parental supervision during the day

C. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied and supervised at all times when in the men's or ladies' locker rooms.

D. All children 11 years or younger must be accompanied by an adult and under constant supervision and sit in the upper level of the grill room.

16. Children under 18 years are not permitted to:

A. Participate in games of chance or play cards anywhere on the Club premises.

B. Enter areas specifically designated for the playing of cards.

C. Children under the age of 18 may not sit at any of the bars in the Club, but are permitted to be with their accompanying parents in the lounge areas of the Club Bars.

17. Card playing will be permitted in the men's or ladies' card rooms or such other place as may be designated by the General Manager.

18. The House Committee shall have the right to prohibit the playing of any game that seems inappropriate or prejudicial to the best interests of the Club.

19. Members and guests shall park their cars between lines in the parking lots and not on grass areas when parking spaces are available.

20. Smoking is prohibited throughout the main Clubhouse. Smoking is only permitted under the awning or on the garden patio, between the library patio and the pool area.

21. Cell Phone Policy:

A. Cell phones should be silenced at all times on club property.

B. Text and data use is permissible on club property.

C. Voice calls are permissible only in the following areas: locker rooms, Rose Room with door closed, parking lot, golf cart staging area and walking paths surrounding the club.

D. Voice calls are prohibited in all the food & beverage areas. Should you need to take a call, please expeditiously move to a permissible area.

E. On the golf course, Voice calls are prohibited in close proximity to the tee box, greens, and other golf groups.

F. Voice calls are prohibited on all golf practice areas, with the exception of the golf cart parking area by the driving range.

G. Voice calls are always permitted to call for assistance in the event of a medical emergency.

Common courtesy should always be extended when using cell phones on property. Cell Phone use on the golf course should never slow play.

22. Members are prohibited from bringing expelled or suspended members to the club as their guest.

### **DINING ROOM**

In an effort to best serve our members the following policies are in place

1. Breakfast and Lunch

A. Reservations are only needed for parties greater than 8 or for special events

2. Dinner

A. Reservations are required and should be made by no later than 5:00 pm (or 3:00 pm on Sundays)

3. Special Events

A. Reservations are required

B. Reservations must be canceled 48 hours prior to the event otherwise the member will be charged 60% of the cost per reservation. These events include, but not limited to,

Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, etc. as well as special themed events and limited capacity events

C. Members who do not cancel their reservation and do not show for an event will be charged 100% of the full price of the event.

4. Hours of dining service, as posted, shall be observed.

### **EMPLOYEES**

1. Club employees will be treated with courtesy and respect. Complaints concerning misconduct or unsatisfactory service provided by employees must be brought to the attention of the General Manager or Assistant General Manager for action.

2. There is positively no tipping permitted anywhere at the Club, either by members or guests. The only exceptions are private member functions such as weddings, bar mitzvahs, golf outings, and private parties.

3. Members shall not ask employees to perform work at the Club which may be considered of a personal nature and not in keeping with services generally rendered to all members. Members shall not send employees on errands outside the Club grounds.

4. The locker room attendants shall be required to clean only those shoes of members or guests which are worn to the Club or on the course on the day of play.

5. No Club member is permitted in the kitchen with the exception of the President, the House Committee Chair, or their designees.

6. Members' children are not permitted to be employees of the club. While caddies are not club employees, members children are not permitted to caddie at the club

### **DRESS CODE**

The Board of Governors has deemed it necessary and proper to adopt rules and guidelines concerning the dress and attire of its members and guests while in attendance at the Club facility. Members are encouraged to consider common sense, respect for tradition, modesty and the comfort level of fellow members when making casual-attire decisions. These guidelines apply to all members, guests, and children of all ages. Responsibility for the enforcement and interpretation of the rules of attire is delegated to the General Manager. A violation of these rules is the responsibility of the Grievance Committee.

## **1. GENERAL RULES**

As a general rule, the appropriate attire for the clubhouse is “Club Casual” or “Summer Club Casual” (between May 1-October 1), unless otherwise specified.

Members and guests may wear jeans of any color that is tasteful and in acceptable Club condition: neat, clean, absent of tears, rips or skin showing unless otherwise specified. Jeans are prohibited at all times on the golf course and in the practice areas, including the driving range.

Shorts of abbreviated length are always deemed inappropriate attire throughout the facility except at the swimming pool.

Hats and visors are not permitted in the clubhouse (except for the locker room and pro shop areas).

Whenever gentlemen are required to wear neckties and jackets, they shall continue to wear such garments throughout the occasion.

The following items are considered inappropriate and not acceptable attire in any area of the clubhouse or patio regardless of age or gender:

- attire of abbreviated length (i.e., bare midriffs, cut-off tee shirts, short shorts, miniskirts, etc.)
- bare feet
- sweatshirt hoodies and sweatshirts with large logos
- torn, ripped, sloppy jeans, clothing, or footwear
- sweatpants
- undershirts/garments should never be seen
- fishnet or see-through tops without proper lining
- t-shirts for dinner service

## **2. GOLF COURSE AND PRACTICE FACILITY:**

Golf shoes should be worn on the course, only soft spikes are permitted. Metal spikes of any kind are prohibited.

Gentlemen:

Gentlemen shall wear full length trousers or Bermuda length shorts deemed appropriate for golf (i.e., tennis, cargo or hiking shorts are not permitted on the golf course.) Jeans of any style or color are not permitted on the golf course or practice areas. Shirts must have appropriate collars or mock turtle necks. Shirts must be tucked in trousers/shorts. If wearing a hat, it must be worn facing forward.

Ladies:

Ladies shall wear slacks, shorts or skirts designed for golf wear. Jeans of any style or color are never permitted on the golf course or practice areas. Ladies' shirts must have either a collar or sleeves and should be appropriate golf attire.

While the club does not discourage wear of stylish/fashionable golf attire, proper decorum should be exercised at all times. Any member, their spouse, children, or guest(s) whose golf attire is deemed inappropriate or not in compliance with the above by the Starter will not be allowed on the course or practice areas without first changing into something more appropriate.

### **3. RACQUETS COURTS:**

The following dress code has been adopted by the Mill River Racquets Committee and the Board of Governors to ensure that all members have a pleasant atmosphere in which to enjoy the Club's racquets facilities and services. Members are responsible for ensuring that their guests follow dress code policies. Club management and our racquets professional will politely deny service or access to our racquets facilities to any member or guest not in compliance with this policy.

Players and their guests are required to wear traditional tennis attire at all times.

Traditional tennis attire for men includes appropriate tennis shirts, tennis shorts and tennis or pickleball shoes. Golf shoes are strictly prohibited.

Traditional tennis attire for women includes tennis shirts which may be sleeveless, tennis tops, tennis shorts, tennis skirts and tennis or pickleball shoes. The following clothing are strictly prohibited on the racquet courts: undershirts, tank tops, beachwear, work-out, running, cargo and basketball shorts, sports bras worn as tops, as well as cross training, basketball, jogging or street sneakers.

Juniors are required to adhere to the same dress code as adults.

### **4. SWIMMING POOL:**

All members and guests, regardless of age or gender, shall wear swimming attire which exhibits a degree of modesty; thong bikini bathing suits are prohibited.

### **5. DAYTIME DINING:**

Attire which is appropriate for wear on the golf course and racquets courts is deemed appropriate for wear in the grill room, main dining room and main bar until dinner service or an organized event begins. The posted dress code for said event shall be followed.

Attire which is appropriate for wear on the golf course and racquets courts is always deemed appropriate on the patio and garden, unless those areas are being utilized for

dinner or other events, Or the membership has been previously notified of other required attire.

Hats and visors are not permitted in the clubhouse (except for the locker room and pro shop areas). Hats are permitted to be worn on the patio except during dinner service or organized events when the dress code for that event will dictate the dress code.

Swimsuits are allowed with a modest coverup for breakfast and lunch on the east end of the patio.

## **6. EVENING DINING:**

- CLUB CASUAL – collared shirt, turtleneck, long pants, skirts/dresses of an acceptable length, neat jeans (no rips), dress sneakers
- SUMMER CLUB CASUAL (May 1- October 1) – same as Club Casual, but shorts of a modest length are allowed.
- DRESSY – sport jacket/blazer, collared shirt, no tie for men; dresses, skirts, or pants for women
- FORMAL – a business suit or sport jacket/blazer and slacks, dress shirt and tie. Cocktail attire for women.
- BLACK TIE – tuxedo for men; gowns, pant suits for women

## **GOLF RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **1. Player Categories, Tee Times, and Related Rules:**

Full or Regular Members over 40 must designate either Member or the Members spouse to be the lifetime holder of “Preferred” tee time. The Member or spouse not so designated shall be accorded “Other” tee times. For Full or Regular Under-40, Young Professional and Legacy memberships the “Preferred” tee time holder will be the **primary member**, while the spouse shall be accorded “other” tee times. For Full or Regular Under-40, Young Professional and Legacy memberships no selection between the member and members spouse for “Preferred” tee time status is permitted. Memberships with “Non-Preferred” tee time status shall be accorded “Other” tee times.

### **A. Preferred Tee Times:**

Holders of “Preferred” tee times may play all day – any day the course is open. However, between May 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>, Wednesdays are designated “Men’s Day” during which time ladies and their guests may play after the field, Thursdays are designated as “Ladies Day” during which time men and their guests may play after the field. Holders of Preferred tee times are entitled to the early tee times on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays (unless superseded by a sanctioned tournament by the Golf Committee and Golf Professional), with holders of “Other” tee times to follow that early field at the discretion of the Starter.

**B. Other Tee Times:**

These tee times are held by: the spouse of the Preferred Tee Time holder; single members who elect to not pay the charges as determined by the Board of Governors for “Preferred” tee times; Surviving Spouse or validly approved “Significant Others” of Full or Regular Members. Holders of “Other” tee times may play any day the course is open subject to the following restrictions:

Between May 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>, (1) Wednesday are designated “Men’s Day” during which time ladies and their guests may play after the field and Thursdays are designated as “Ladies’ Day” during which men and their guests may play after the field, (2) On weekends and holidays, when tee times are not utilized, after 9:30 a.m. (3) On weekends and holidays when tee times are published, they may play thirty (30) minutes after the last published “Preferred” tee time, alternating with mixed pairings, if any.

**C. Weekday Members:**

As defined in By-Law Article II., Section 2-C Weekday members may play as in B. above, “Other Tee Times” except not on weekends and holiday weekends. Weekday members, may play in Mixed Holiday Tournaments (Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day) and as a guest of a Full Regular member once per month on a weekend for the applicable guest fee that will be charged to the Weekday member’s account.

**D. Juniors: (Male and Female)**

Junior Golfers who are 13-26 years old may play as

	Junior Golfers	Unaccompanied Qualified Juniors	Accompanied Qualified Juniors
Tuesday	After 2 pm	After 12pm	All Day
Wednesday	After 2 pm	After 2 pm	After 2 pm
Thursday	After 2 pm	After 2 pm	After 2 pm
Friday	After 2 pm	After 12 pm	All Day
Saturday/Sunday	After 2 pm	After 1 pm	After the field of play
Holidays	No play	No play	No play

Additional course access is always subject to the approval of the Starter.

Members always have priority over Junior Play

Juniors who have achieved a level of proficiency in playing the game, have a thorough understanding and respect for the rules of golf and golf course etiquette, can apply to become a “Qualified Junior”. Being a “Qualified Junior” affords expanded unaccompanied playing privileges. The junior must apply and be deemed “Qualified” by the golf professional and approval by the golf chair. Juniors must apply and be deemed “qualified” each season.

1. Junior Club Championship – the Junior Club Champion shall be the player (male or female) with the lowest overall eighteen-hole score. A trophy shall be awarded to the winner. No gift certificate or other cash award shall be made. The player (male

or female) with the lowest score in each category shall also be awarded a trophy. No player shall receive more than one trophy in the tournament. To be eligible for the Junior Club Championship trophy, males 12 years old and over must play from the white tees.

2. Juniors shall not, at any time, be required to use a caddie or forecaddie.
3. Unaccompanied Juniors can carry their golf bag at any time.

**E. Young Junior: (under the age of 13 years)**

May play after 3:30 p.m., with the provisions that they have been certified by the Golf Professional and the Golf Committee and they be accompanied by an adult golf member. A Young Junior who has a handicap of less than 24, based on at least ten scores, may play in the Junior Club Championship and the Parent-Child Tournament.

**F. Special Guest:**

1. Defined as an unrelated friend of an unmarried member who has advised the Board of Governors that he or she has a special, personal relationship with the named individual for whom "Special Guest" privileges are requested.
2. A single golf member or single intermediate golf member or full regular member may file an application for this privilege with the Board of Governors.
3. Upon approval of the application (subject to the Rules existing at the time the application is made), the member's Special Guest shall be granted house, racquets, and golf privileges with the provision that with respect to golf privileges, the member must, at all times, play with his or her Special Guest.
4. Special Guests may not participate in tournaments except for the following: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, or other events designated by the golf committee.
5. Special Guests privileges shall not be granted for more than one year at a time. Re-application may be made on an annual basis. A Special Guest shall not have membership status.
6. Upon acceptance of the application by the Board of Governors, the applying member, if a single golf member or single intermediate member, shall pay an annual non-pro-rated Special Guest Fee: of \$1,000.00 or such other amount as the Board may, from time to time, determine. If the applying member is a Full Regular member, or agrees to pay full regular member

charges, said Special Guest fee shall be waived.

7. The member requesting Special Guest privileges shall be responsible for all charges incurred by his or her Special Guest.

8. A member may designate only one Special Guest in a due's year.

#### **G. Significant Other**

1. Defined as the unrelated friend of an unmarried members who has advised the Board of Governors that a unique personal relationship presently exists between the applying member and his or her designated significant other.

A Significant Other shall not have membership status.

2. Full Regular Family members and Full Regular Single members who elect to pay the cost of Full Regular Family membership may apply through the Admissions Committee to the Board of Governors for "Significant Other" guest privileges as provided for under this section and otherwise pertinent Club Rules and/or Bylaws.

3. Upon approval of the application (subject to the Rules and charges existing at the time of the application is made or thereafter as the case maybe), Significant Other guest privileges shall be granted for house, racquets, and golf with the provision that, with respect to golf privileges, the Significant Other may not participate in the Club Championship.

4. Significant Other guest privileges, granted by the Board of Governors under this section, shall be for the entire due's year. The privileges granted shall be deemed renewed from dues year to dues year without further application. Privileges may be terminated either by written notice from the host member to the Board of Governors or by the Board of Governors acting on its own initiative.

5 The member requesting privileges for a Significant Other shall be responsible for any and all charges incurred by their guest.

6. A member may not designate more than one Significant Other in any dues year.

**H. Guests may play as follows:**

	October 1- April 30	May 1 - September 30
Tues, Wed, Thurs	Up to 3 guests per member	Up to 3 guests per member
Fri	Up to 3 guests per member	Up to 3 guests per member, not before 10:00 am. Member foursomes without guests have priority
Weekends	Up to 3 guests per member (during periods when tee times are published, refer to May 1- Sept 30	Up to 3 guests per member Tee times to be assigned by the time-card at the end of the field
Holiday weekends		No golf guests permitted except for members' children (and/or children's spouses) living over 100 miles from the club playing with a least one parent Tee times to be assigned by the time-card at the end of the field

1. Guests shall at all times play with the host member.
  
2. With the exception of out-of-town guests (persons residing more than 100 miles from the Club.) and family members, **the same person may not be introduced as a guest for golf at Mill River more than twice in any calendar month, only one of which may be on a weekend, or more than 6 times in season (defined as between April 15 and October 15), among all hosting members.** These guest limits shall not include Member/Guest event participation. Members' adult children (and/or children's spouses), may play up to four (4) times per month only two (2) of which may be on a weekend. The host member and the starters shall ascertain and be responsible for how many times his or her guest has played (with any Club member) during the calendar month. Participation in a Member-Guest tournament does not count towards the guests allotted guest privileges.
  
3. Out-of-town guests may play without restriction as to the number of times, during a two (2)-week only, with the prior consent of the Golf Committee.
  
4. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, out-of-town guests may not play on holiday weekends, except members' children (and/or children's spouses) who reside more than 100 miles from the Club; these guests may play with at least one parent, tee-times to be assigned by time-card at the end of the field.

5 Junior guests and Young Junior guests shall be subject to the rules for Juniors and Young Juniors above.

6. Green fee paid for a guest shall permit the guest to utilize racquets and pool facilities and, in keeping with our no tipping policy, shall include remuneration for services provided by Locker Room Attendants.

7. In the event of a rain out, if fewer than nine holes are played, the guest fee will be refunded and the round shall not be counted with respect to limitations on the number of times the guest may play during the calendar Month.

8. From November 1 until March 31, green fees for guests will be halved.

## **II. Certification Procedures and Requirements**

A. All golfing members admitted to membership after January 1, 2009, their spouse, eligible family members, designated Significant Others and Special Guests who do not have a USGA handicap must be certified prior to being allowed to play the golf course.

B. Person seeking to be certified shall request an appointment with a golf professional for certification by contacting the Pro Shop to select a mutually convenient time.

C. Applicants for certification must, during certification process, safely operate a golf cart unaccompanied by any person except the person certifying them.

D. Males must play the first five holes in no more than 36 strokes.

E. Females must play the first five holes in no more than 39 strokes.

F. Strokes played from bunker shall not be included in the above totals, but the applicant must exhibit some knowledge of how to play out of a bunker.

G. The player must exhibit satisfactory knowledge of the Rules of Golf.

H. The player must exhibit satisfactory knowledge of the Rules of Etiquette.

I. The player must exhibit an understanding of the concept of keeping pace on the golf course and the importance of speed play.

J. A player may reapply for certification as often as necessary.

### **III. Facilities: Procedures and Equipment:**

#### **A. Use of the Golf Course**

1. The Starter shall have complete control of traffic on the golf course at all times. No one may tee off without the Starter's prior permission.
  
2. Golf Course Hours: Except where the Green Superintendent and/or the Starter shall determine otherwise, the golf course will open, during the season (from Memorial Day through Labor Day), at approximately 7:30 a.m. on weekends and 8:00 a.m. on weekdays. The golf course shall be closed on Mondays.
  
3. The bag room shall open thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of play.
  
4. Starting Time Cards: On Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays from mid-April through mid-October, adult golfers with weekend privileges and their guests will have starting times allotted by the Starter. Cards requesting starting times shall be completed and deposited into the boxes provided for that purpose in the men's locker room or at the main reception desk no later than 3:00 p.m. on Sunday prior to the weekend desired. A list of starting times will be provided to the membership each week. Cards signifying "guest" will be given starting times after the entire signed-up field. No player may request more than one starting time on any day. A player whose name appears on two or more cards shall be given the later starting time. The Starter shall attempt to assign a starting time as near as possible to that requested.
  
5. Starter may combine groups to complete foursomes.
  
6. Sign-in for Players with Starting Times: All players must report to the Starter, dressed and ready to play, at least ten (10) minutes prior to their assigned starting time. Any group not ready to start at the appointed time may be set back one (1) hour by the Starter. If two or more members of a foursome are ready to play, they may tee-off. A golfer waiting without a starting time may be used to fill in. If no one is waiting a latecomer may join the group on the course. If the foursome is already filled, the latecomer will be assigned a time as the last single available or one (1) hour after the time of his arrival, whichever is later.
  
7. Sign-in for Players without Starting Times: When starting times are in effect those who have not reserved time for the weekend should report to the Starter who, where possible, will either assign them to complete a foursome, or to one of the Starter's open times, or after the field.

8. When starting times are not in effect, a single player may sign-in a twosome, threesome or foursome on the day of play. A starting position (and approximate starting time) will be assigned only after all members of the group have personally checked in with the Starter.
9. Playing Groups: If the Starter requests, players must play in a foursome. Where circumstances dictate, twosomes and threesomes will be permitted to tee off at the discretion of the Starter.
10. 10th Tee: No player may begin golfing without the Starter's knowledge. Only those who have been allotted a starting time at the 10th tee, or authorized by the Starter, may start play there.
11. Officers: On weekends and holidays, Club Officers and their groups shall have priority of the starting tee when Club business requires their giving up their personal time.
12. Non-playing children, under the age of 12, whether or not accompanied by a parent, are prohibited from the golf course any time it is open for play.
13. Bulletin Boards: It is the responsibility of the player, prior to teeing off, to refer to the bulletin board for Local Rules of Play for the day, tees to be played if in a tournament, cart usage, registration sheet for tournaments and other important information.

**B. Caddies:**

1. Players are required to use available caddies or forecaddies, on Wednesdays, Fridays, weekends, and holidays from the day of the Annual Opening Tournament (no later than May 10 if not held) through Oct 1, except if the only caddies who are present would be doing their second loop.
2. After 4:00 p.m. on weekdays a player may carry his or her own bag.
3. Caddy assignments, except for finals or major tournaments, where players may request particular caddies, caddies shall be assigned by the Starter/Caddy Master on a first come, first served basis.
4. Payment of Caddies: Caddies shall be paid in cash, in accordance with suggested fees.
5. If, because of rain or other inclement weather, a golfing group leaves the course before completing 9 holes, the caddy charges shall be paid for the full 9 holes. If the group begins to play the second 9 holes, the caddy charges shall be paid in full.

### **C. Equipment: Bags and Carts:**

1. Golfing bags and minimum equipment: Each player must have his or her own golf bag and at least seven (7) clubs when carts and caddies are unavailable or if playing 5 holes or fewer after 6:00 p.m.
2. Carts: No more than two (2) players may ride in a cart at any time.
3. Players under 16 years of age may not drive carts. Users of carts assume responsibility for their proper and safe operation.
4. Carts shall not be driven or parked nearer than 15 feet to greens and bunkers, or on the sides of the hills, or past ropes or other demarcations.
5. Members shall be responsible for damage to carts due to carelessness, negligence, or improper handling of carts by themselves or their guests.
6. Handicap flags: Players who present adequate proof that they are unable to walk long distances or up or down hills, may request that a yellow "handicap" flag to be placed on their golf carts. This will afford them the privilege of driving beyond ropes or other demarcations. In no event, however, shall any player park his or her cart closer than fifteen (15) feet from any green or bunker.

### **IV. Play:**

**A. USGA Rules** – USGA Rules of Golf shall prevail at all times, unless modified by a Local rule

#### **B. Local Rules:**

1. The embedded ball rule is in effect "through the green".
2. "Out of Bounds" shall be defined by white stakes.
3. Penalty areas are defined by red stakes.
4. Artificially surfaced paths are immovable obstructions. (See USGA Rule 24).
5. Areas covered with woodchips or flowerbeds shall be played as ground-under repair. Relief may be taken or the ball may be played as it lies.

**C. Recording Scores** – Each player is required to post every 9- and 18-hole score during the April to October period prescribed by the M.G.A. In case of flagrant violations, the member will be suspended from tournament play. Scores must be posted in accordance with U.S.G.A. Rules & Procedures.

**D. Golf Etiquette:**

Whether using a caddy or a cart, each player shall:

1. Carefully repair divots and ball marks.
2. Enter and exit bunkers from the lowest point, thoroughly rake bunkers and place the rake outside and parallel to the edge of the bunker within one foot.
3. Complete play within four hours.
4. Keep pace with the group ahead or allow faster players through.
5. Properly operate golf carts.
6. Conduct themselves appropriately at all times.
7. Clear the 18th green quickly and return clubs and carts to the bag storage area.

**E.** It is recommended the players incorporate the following suggestions to eliminate slow play. A reasonable goal for an 18-hole round is four (4) hours or less.

1. Play “ready” golf when possible.
2. Players should make their club selections while waiting their turn to hit.
3. Drop your partner off at his or her ball and proceed to your ball, select your club and be ready to hit when it’s your turn. Do not stand around while your partner is hitting.
4. If a shot is offline, select several likely clubs and leave caddy or cart.
5. Players should carry an extra ball to avoid returning to their cart or bag.
6. Line up your putt while others are putting.
7. Be aware of the pace of your group; ask fellow players to pick up the pace if your group is falling behind.

8. Leave carts at the side or rear of the green, not in front.
9. After holing out, move promptly off the green and mark scorecards at the next tee.
  
10. Do not take more shots than your equitable stroke control limit.

**F. Local Procedures:**

1. The golf staff have full authority to regulate play and all players are expected to follow their instructions.
  
2. Rights on the Course: Twosomes, threesomes and foursomes have equal rights on the golf course. Singles have no standing.
  
3. Keep Up with the Group Ahead: Each group must keep up with the group ahead, especially on crowded weekends. It is not enough to “stay ahead” of the group behind. This creates gaps and eventually backs up the course. If a group cannot maintain its place, it should wave any waiting group through on its own initiative. If a group has a full hole open ahead, it must stand aside and let the waiting group play through.
  
4. Putting: Continuous putting is encouraged.
  
5. Crossovers: Groups crossing over to the first and tenth tees must check with the starter before teeing off.
  
6. Infractions: Players are charged with reporting to the Golf Committee in writing any observed infraction of these rules or unseemly conduct.
  
7. Tees: Unless announced on the bulletin board, players may play the red, white, blue or black tees as desired.
  
8. Stopping for Lunch: Groups stopping for an extended lunch must advise the Starter and await the Starters permission before re-entering the field.
  
9. Lost Clubs: Players are urged to check their golf bags after each round. Neither the Club or the Golf Professional shall be responsible for lost clubs.

**V. Tournaments:**

**A. Eligibility:**

1. Only designated holders of “Preferred” tee times are eligible for weekend Club Tournaments unless otherwise announced.
  
2. Players who fail to sign-up for a tournament prior to the closing date may apply to the golf professional staff for inclusion as an alternate.

**B. Fees:**

All Members having "Preferred" tee times and those choosing Memberships with "Non-Preferred" tee times will be charged a fee for the year to cover handicapping and trophies. Holders of "Other" tee times as well as all other players requesting participation in the handicap system will be charged a fee. Any member not wishing to participate in tournaments and/or not wishing to receive a handicap will not be billed, providing he or she advises the accounting office by May 1st.

**C. Rules:**

1. Tournaments shall be conducted in accordance with the latest U.S.G.A. Rules of Golf, which shall govern at the Club, except as modified by Local Rules. A member committing an infraction will be penalized under these Rules. Ignorance of the Rules will not be accepted as an excuse. The Golf Committee or the Golf Professional shall make decisions with respect to the interpretation of the Rules.
2. All competitors shall familiarize themselves with the Rules of Golf, our Local Rules and Golf Etiquette. It is good sportsmanship to call an infraction of the Rules on oneself, or on an opponent in match play and on any contestant in stroke play.
3. It is unsportsmanlike to enter a tournament if you know you will be unable to play through. Players shall not enter any tournament unless they are willing and able to play all scheduled dates with any player in the field.
4. Players shall play in their assigned time slots. A player who does not appear or telephone will be disqualified from the tournament and shall not be permitted to participate in the next equivalent tournament for which he or she signs up.
5. All matches will be played on specified dates unless contestants mutually agree to a prior date. If no agreement can be reached for an alternate date, the specified date shall stand.
6. All qualification rounds must be played on specified dates.
7. Players in qualifying rounds (stroke play) must be accompanied by a competitor in class.
8. Finals for the Club Championship in each class must be played on the scheduled date.

9. In the event of rain, play will continue unless the course is closed by the Green Superintendent or play is suspended by the Golf Professional. If play is suspended, players must mark their balls and remain available to resume play. Players will be notified if, and when play is to be resumed. If play is postponed to a different date, play will commence on the hole following the last completed hole. In either case, if a player is unavailable at the time play is resumed, he or she will be disqualified from the tournament.

10. Ties:

a. In match play, the match will continue beginning at hole number one, regardless of the original starting point, strokes being allowed as they fall. Caddies should be paid per bag, per hole.

b. In stroke play, where a competition ends in a tie, the winner shall be decided by a match of cards as follows: first, the total of the last nine holes, second, the total of the last six holes, third, the total of the last three holes; and fourth the eighteenth hole, matches that play off ties shall be given preferences in the field on the play-off holes.

11. Unresolved Disputes:

Questions as to tournament procedure should be referred to the Golf Committee personnel in charge. A question of U.S.G.A. or Local Rules interpretation should be referred to one of the following: Golf Committee Chairperson or a Golf Professional. Do not stop playing to settle a disputed point in match play. The player whose ball is involved may proceed as he or she sees fit. The opponent must make a claim before teeing off on the next hole. Try to reach one of the persons named above as soon as possible. In order to speed play in stroke-play tournaments, if there is a dispute and a rules official cannot be reached, play two balls, and have the ruling settled after the round.

12. Scorecards:

- a. Legibly written.
- b. Show competitors' full names.
- c. Dated.
- d. Signed, attested, and deposited in the box provided by the Golf Committee.
- e. Failure to comply with any or all of these requirements will result in disqualification.

13. Sponsorships: Sponsorships by members involving a company in which the member (or spouse) is an officer, director or principal shall be prohibited. Participation in nationally-sponsored tournaments not requiring a local

sponsor may be authorized by the Golf Committee.

**D. Additional Rules for Ladies' Tournaments:**

1. Eligibility: Tournaments are open to all who have paid the tournament and handicapping fee. No one may enter 18-hole tournaments until she has achieved a computerized 54-handicap or lower.
2. Procedure: On tournament days report to Starter ready for play at least 15 minutes before scheduled tee-off time. foursomes will proceed in their assigned time slots although foursomes may be incomplete due to lateness or cancellation. Absent of local rules U.S.G.A will prevail. Local rules can be found on the bulletin board or in special notices.
3. Tardiness: Latecomers will be placed in the field at the discretion of the Starter should there be an opening.
4. Cancellations: Cancellations should be made, if possible, before the tournament day by notifying the golf professional or the Starter. In case of the same day emergency, call the Starter or a member of your foursome.
5. Undue Delays During Play: If a foursome fails to keep pace on the course, it must invite the next foursome to play through. If there is a clear and open hole ahead, they must allow the next foursome to play through.
6. Prizes: No player shall receive more than one team prize per tournament.
7. Weather Conditions: If the weather on the day of a tournament is questionable, participants should contact the Starter.
8. Club Championship: Participants in the Ladies' Club Championship must be a member or spouse of a member who has posted at least 10 (ten) 18-hole scores during the current season.

**HOLE IN ONE**

If either a member or spouse of a member shall score a "Hole-In-One" there will be an "Open Bar" commencing at the time the golfer posts their score and then continuing either until 8:00 p.m. or for two (2) hours after the round has been completed, whichever is later. A Hole-in-One is official upon the golfer's completion of the front or back 9 holes including the ace or 18 holes and the posting of the score. All members and guests shall be entitled to "toast the ace". The cost of the celebration will be shared equally by the entire membership with appropriate billing at

the end of the current month. Any surplus shall be retained in a special fund to be applied against the next such celebration.

### **RACQUETS RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. At least two (2) participating players must be present and ready to play before signing up for a court.
2. The Professional or their agent will assign courts on a first come-first served basis for a period of one (1) hour.
3. A court not taken within five (5) minutes will be reassigned.
4. Players may sign up for a court for a second hour during a session. Court time is restricted to two hours if another eligible group is waiting to play.
5. A person may not sign up to play while he or she is already on the court.
6. Prior to one o'clock, children under 16 must yield courts to adults waiting to play.
7. The Racquets Professional has priority on the outdoor Pro Court on weekdays and weekends all day. In case of inclement weather, they have priority on the indoor court weekdays, but not weekends.
8. In the event of inclement weather, the indoor court will be available on a first-come, first served basis.
9. The Racquets Professional has the authority to restrict play on the outdoor courts for the purpose of proper maintenance.
10. The Racquets Committee and/or the Racquets Professional shall have the right to govern play and restrict court use for tournament play.
11. Tennis play shall be governed by rules of the U.S.T.A. and pickleball play by the rules of USA Pickleball, subject to modification by the Racquets Committee.
12. The enforcement of tennis rules will be the responsibility of the Racquets Professional. Their decision shall govern. Thereafter any complaint concerning the Professional's decision must be made in writing to the Racquets Committee.
13. Racquets guest fees shall be fixed by the Board of Governors. The racquets guest fee shall include pool privileges and locker charge.
14. A member may have up to three (3) guest and may not invite the same guest more than

twice a month, only one of which may be on a weekend or holiday, with the provision that on the weekends of Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day, guests shall not be permitted on the courts before one o'clock. Host member or member's spouse must be present at the Club. Member's adult children (and/or children's spouses), may play up to four (4) times per month only two (2) of which may be on weekends. It is the responsibility of the host member to ascertain whether their guest has played within the calendar month.

The following rules will govern the allocation of Indoor Tennis times:

1. Requests for time must be made in writing to the Racquets Committee.
2. Requests must list the names of all players and the time-slot requested.
3. Members will have priority in reserving time by placing the required deposit by Sept 15. Deposit will not be refundable after Oct 1.
4. Members who had tennis time for a previous season will have first priority to retain the same time for the coming season, provided the reservation is in by Sept 15.
5. Second priority will be given to the request from a group having the largest number of members.
6. Time will be sold to members only and a member must be one of the players at all times.

### **POOL RULES & REGULATIONS**

The following rules and regulations are for the sole purpose of safety, protection, comfort and enjoyment of all Club members. The pool Director or his or her assistant may post on the bulletin board special rules concerning the use of the pool, in addition to the rules printed herein. The Pool Director is in full charge and decisions of the Pool Director will be final in all matters.

### **HEALTH**

The following rules are in compliance with the New York State Board of Health and must be adhered to:

1. Bathers shall take a soap shower before entering the pool.
2. Persons with fever, colds, coughs, inflamed eyes, skin diseases or wearing a bandage are not to enter the pool.
3. Bathers who have been outside the pool area without slippers are not to re-enter without showering their feet. Those having used oils or ointments must wash again before entering the pool.
4. Bathing caps or other head-dress are required of all swimmers with long hair.

5. A complete attendance record is required for every person entering the pool area. The cooperation of members, their families and guests will be expected at all times.
6. Children who are not toilet trained must wear approved swim diapers and are encouraged to use the kiddie pool.
7. Baby strollers are permitted on the grassy areas around the pool. Strollers and carriages are prohibited from all other areas.

### **SAFETY**

1. The Club is not responsible for any accidents resulting from the use of the pool, pool area or its facilities.
2. The pool is to be used only when a lifeguard is on duty. The pool will be open between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. except when specifically designated otherwise by the House Committee.
3. Running, jumping, ball playing or other games pushing or horseplay are prohibited near the pool area.
4. Swimming aids and inflatable toys are not permitted, with the exception of approved life belts and jackets.
5. All accidents no matter how minor, are to be reported to the lifeguard in charge.
6. No one is to use the pool when it is officially designated as closed. The Pool Director, with approval of the Club Manager, shall have complete discretion in deciding whether the pool will remain open or closed.
7. In the case of lightning and thunder, the pool and pool area are to be cleared immediately.

### **CONDUCT**

1. Members are responsible for the registration of guests. Guests must be accompanied by their member host when admitted to the pool area.
2. Parents are responsible for the conduct and supervision of their children. Children under 12 years of age must be attended at all times by an adult (18 years and over).
3. Cleanliness of the pool area is the responsibility of all members. Suitable receptacles will be provided for trash.
4. Food and beverages are not to be brought into the pool area, but may be purchased and consumed in designated areas.

5. Children under 12 years of age shall use only the pool locker area for clothing changes.
6. Traveling to or from the pool area, bathers will wear jackets or cover-ups and appropriate footwear and move without delay.
7. The pool snack bar is to be used for eating and not for congregation and lounging. When finished eating, the member should relinquish the table so the other members may use them for eating.

### **GUESTS**

1. Pool charges will be waived for guests who have been registered for golf or tennis, or pickleball and the proper fees paid, Host member or member's spouse must be present at the Club.
2. The same guest may use the pool facilities no more than (3) times in one month, but no more than once on a weekend or holiday during the same month.  
Members' adult children, their spouses, and children, may have unlimited use of the pool facilities with the provision that the member is present at the Club and that they are subject to guest fees.

A guest of a member who is a bona fide out-of-town resident, living over 100 miles from the Club, may use the pool facilities as a guest without restriction as to the number of times during a two (2) week period only with the consent of the House Committee.

3. The guest restriction set forth in Rule 2. immediately preceding shall not be applicable to A childcare provider who is registered as the same by a member at the time of guest registration.

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