

## Article XI

### Use of Golf Course and Related Facilities

**Note:** Capitalized terms are defined in [Appendix A, Definitions and Forms](#)

#### 1. **General.**

- A. **Application.** These Rules and Regulations shall apply to the golf course, driving range, practice bunker, practice putting greens, locker rooms, and Golf Pro Shop.
- B. **Fees.** Fees for the use of the golf course and related facilities shall be proposed by the Head Golf Professional and General Manager, then reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee prior to submission to the Board for approval. These fees must be paid prior to use of the facilities. Greens fees may be paid on an annual basis or based on daily use.
- C. **Collection of Fees.** The Golf Pro Shop shall collect all greens fees, golf cart fees, and other daily fees for the Association. Rain checks will be issued under conditions and terms posted and approved by the Board. Local bank checks may be accepted and must be made payable to CFPOA.
- D. **Registration.** All players must register in the Golf Pro Shop prior to beginning play and have a golf bag and a set of clubs.
- E. **Outside Events.** Outside events that require full usage of the golf course must acquire a tee time by calling 828-885-2005. The event may not exceed two (2) days duration and can be scheduled only after payment of a deposit to be determined by the Head Golf Professional. No outside event may be scheduled in conflict with regularly scheduled Golf Member events. Food and beverage requirements for outside groups will be provided by the Overlook Clubhouse with no exceptions, other than for events held at Atagahi Park.
- F. **Tournament Programs.** Official tournament programs and any changes in a tournament program must be approved by the General Manager and the Head Golf Professional. This, however, does not restrict informal tournaments between Members and their Guests, if such tournaments do not restrict or interfere with normal play or activities planned for regularly scheduled Ladies' and/or Men's Days. The dates, eligibility, fees, local rules, starting times, etc., will be announced for all official tournaments at the beginning of each season.
- G. **Start Times and Golf Carts.** All Members, Resident Affiliates, Tenants and Guests/Visitors and non-residents of the Community must register themselves in the Golf Pro Shop prior to the start of play. Starting times and reservations for golf carts may be made through the Golf Pro Shop in accordance with procedures established by the Head

Golf Professional. Players arriving without a starting time may have to wait until space is available to begin play.

**H. Age Limits and Restrictions.** Children under the age of 16 may use the golf course with parental supervision or with permission from the Head Golf Professional or his/her designee.

**I. Prohibited Activities.**

**(1) Sand traps/Fairways.** Playing in sand traps and on fairways is prohibited.

**(2) Pets.** No pets are permitted on the golf course, except when walked on a leash on the golf cart path during non-playing hours. Pet owners are required to pick up after their pets and to properly dispose of waste material. Permission for pets on the golf course must be approved by the Golf Pro Shop in each situation.

**(3) Vehicles.** No vehicles of any type, other than Association golf carts, are permitted on the golf course, its maintenance roads, or golf cart paths, unless operated by Association personnel or with approval of the Head Professional.

**(4) Fishing.** No fishing is permitted on ponds and streams on the golf course.

**(5) Removal of Golf Balls.** The removal of golf balls from the golf course or practice facility by unauthorized personnel other than by paying players is prohibited.

**(6) Outside Alcohol.** In accordance with state law, players are prohibited from bringing their own alcohol onto the golf course or related facilities for any reason, including for consumption while playing.

**(7) After-hour use of golf carts.** Property Owners are permitted to access golf carts during normal operating hours with concurrence of the Golf Pro Shop. At no other times are golf carts permitted on the golf course outside of normal operating hours.

**(8) Adjoining golf course property rights.** All golfers and walkers must respect adjoining property Owners' privacy. Leaving golf course common property and entering private property other than to retrieve an errant golf ball can only be allowed if property Owner has provided individual access rights.

**J. Walkers.** Walking by non-golfers on the golf cart path is permitted before 8:00am and after 5:00pm only, and never permitted on the fairways, greens and tees.

**K. Winter Play.** Due to weather conditions and limited participation during the winter season, the golf course will be open, when possible, but with certain restrictions and

procedures to be announced and posted by the Head Golf Professional.

- L. Administration of Course and Facilities.** The Head Golf Professional is responsible for managing all play on the golf course and related facilities and has full authority to enforce all rules and regulations governing the use of the golf course and related facilities. The Head Golf Professional or his/her designee is the only individual allowed to give private fee lessons.
- M. Non-Golf Member Play.** Anyone not having a Connestee Falls golf membership may play after Connestee Falls Golf Association (CFGF) group play has completed Monday through Friday and anytime Saturday and Sunday. The appropriate fee(s) will apply.
- N. Non-Golf Members in Tournaments.** Members not having a golf membership may play in CFGF sponsored Tournament scheduled events only if they have joined the CFGF or given permission by the Head Golf Professional or tournament committee for a specific event.

## **2. Schedule of Operation.**

- A. Golf Seasons.** The summer golf season shall be from May 1 through October 31. The winter golf season shall be from November 1 through April 30. The schedule of operations for the Golf Pro Shop will be announced and posted by the Head Golf Professional.
- B. Daily Operation.** The golf course will normally remain open seven (7) days a week, with the understanding that maintenance personnel and equipment shall be given the right-of-way and the opportunity to close certain areas as needed by maintenance personnel.
- C. Restriction or Closure.** At the discretion of the golf maintenance superintendent or the Head Golf Professional or his/her designee, the golf course and related facilities may be closed for play or otherwise restricted in its use, due to ground or weather conditions.

## **3. Rules Governing Play.**

- A. Etiquette.** Golf course etiquette will be practiced at all times. Golfers are expected to respect property rights including level of noise such as music, voice level, profanity. While Owners of Lots adjacent to the golf course expect certain levels of noise and understand the impacts on their privacy, they should not have to tolerate excessively loud groups. Always keep your phone on silent or vibrate in case of an emergency.
- B. USGA Rules.** The United States Golf Association Rules of Golf will be used unless modified by local rules.
- C. Local Rules.** Local rules will be kept current and posted in the Golf Pro Shop.

- D. **Beginning Play.** All play will begin from #1 Tee unless different instructions are issued from the Golf Pro Shop.
- E. **Foursome Play.** During the regular golf season, a foursome shall be the largest group playing together, except at the discretion of the Head Golf Professional. Only one (1) player is permitted to play out of one (1) bag.
- F. **Practice Facilities.** The putting greens, driving range, and practice bunker/chipping green are available to anyone at any time for practice except when maintenance is being performed or when balls are being collected on the driving range. The golf course superintendent and Head Golf Professional may close these facilities due to weather-related matters.
- G. **Hours of Operation.** The normal hours for operation of the driving range will be posted in the Golf Pro Shop. During the hours when the driving range is open, only dispensed range balls may be used, and no one is allowed to retrieve golf balls from the driving range.
- H. **Speed of Play.** Approximately four (4) hours is allowed for 18 holes of golf.

#### 4. **Golf Carts.**

- A. **Contract Signature Required.** The golf cart rental contract must be signed and paid for prior to operation by the operator. However, the use of any golf cart by a Member, Resident Affiliate, Tenant or Guest/Visitor implies agreement with all the terms of that agreement and these Rules and Regulations while he/she is operating or riding as a passenger, whether he/she has signed or not.
- B. **No Assumption of Liability of the Association.** The Association shall not be liable for damages of any kind whatsoever, whether to an individual, to property, or to both, or for loss of time or any other loss which may arise from the use, operation, or rental of golf carts, regardless of the cause.
- C. **Damage to Carts.** Damage to golf carts or other property resulting from operator neglect will be the responsibility of the operator and damaged property shall be repaired or replaced at the expense of that Member, Non-Member or non-resident golfers using the equipment.
- D. **Minimum Age of Operation.** No individual without a valid government issued Learner's Permit or Driver's License will be permitted to operate golf carts.
- E. **Operation on Course.** Unless otherwise noted, golf carts will be operated no closer than

thirty (30) feet from any green, tee, or hazard. All restraining ropes or signage will be observed.

- F. Maximum Load.** No more than two (2) people and two (2) bags per cart will be permitted.
- G. Private Carts Prohibited.** No privately owned golf carts are allowed on the golf course.
- H. Practice on Golf Course.** No practice is permitted on the golf course by any individual at any time, including those with Lots adjoining golf course property, other than on course professional golf lessons authorized by the Head Golf Professional.

**5. Dress and Personal Articles.**

- A. Attire.** Denim is not allowed. Regular shorts are acceptable, but gym-type shorts or cut-offs are not acceptable. High heel shoes and boots are not allowed on the golf course, practice green or driving range. Only soft spikes are allowed on all golfing facilities. Men are required to wear shirts with sleeves and collars, unless the shirt has an appropriate golf fashion-trimmed collar.
- B. Personal Articles.** The Association will not be responsible for any articles placed in locker rooms or items lost on the golf course or in the Clubhouse but will make reasonable efforts to establish a lost and found for the placement of any items.

**6. Violation and Penalties.** Violations of any of the rules and regulations governing the use of the golf course and related facilities may result in the individual violation being presented to the Head Golf Professional and then could be passed on to the General Manager for resolution, and potentially to the Judicial Committee for review and action. If determined guilty of the alleged Violation, the violator may be denied the privilege of using these facilities for a period determined by the Board, in addition to any Assessments and/or fines/penalties levied by the Judicial Committee.

**7. No Assumption of Liability.** Use of the golf facilities is an activity that entails certain risks and potential liabilities, and all golfers do so at their own risk and are expected to know their own capabilities before playing golf. The Association, including its agents and employees, and the CFGA assume no liability and will not be responsible for any harm or damage to any individual, property, or animal that occurs within the golf facilities or the immediate vicinity thereof.