

OCALA PALMS

GOLF CLUB

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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GENERAL RULES

General Rules

- A. The hours of operation of Ocala Palms Golf Club will be established and published by the management from time to time.
- B. No performance by entertainers will be permitted at Ocala Palms Golf Club without permission by the management.
- C. Alcoholic beverages will not be served or sold, nor permitted to be consumed, at Ocala Palms Golf Club during hours or at locations prohibited by law. No alcoholic beverages will be sold or served to any person not permitted to purchase or consume under the laws of the State of Florida.
- D. Except as permitted by the management, no commercial advertisements shall be posted or circulated at Ocala Palms Golf Club nor shall solicitations of any kind be made, except those advertisements and solicitations made by the management and its employees.
- E. Other than as permitted by the management, no petition shall be originated, solicited, circulated or posted at Ocala Palms Golf Club.
- F. Employees are not permitted to deliver food or liquor outside areas designated by the management.
- G. All food and beverage consumed at Ocala Palms Golf Club shall be furnished through the management.
- H. Members must not request special personal services from employees who are on duty.
- I. Dogs or other pets (with the exception of Seeing Eye dogs) are not permitted at Ocala Palms Golf Club, except under special circumstances or where authorized by the management. Where dogs are permitted on the grounds, they must be kept on a leash at all times.
- J. All complaints concerning normal operations of Ocala Palms Golf Club, its employees and other matters are to be directed to the Director of Golf Operations. All complaints

must be made in writing and signed by the complainant.

K. It is unbecoming and shall be grounds for disciplinary action for any Member or guest to abuse any of the employees, verbally or otherwise. No Member shall discipline any employee, nor shall a Member request an employee to leave Ocala Palms for any purpose whatsoever. Any employee not rendering courteous and prompt service should be reported to the General Manager immediately.

L. No Member, visitor or guest is allowed in the service areas within Ocala Palms Golf Club.

M. Violation of any of these rules or conduct in a manner prejudicial to the best interests of the management will subject the violator to disciplinary action in accordance with these Rules and Regulations.

N. The management reserves the right to amend or modify these Rules and Regulations as it deems necessary without a vote of the Members. The management will notify all of the Members of any change by posting notice on the bulletin board.

O. The personnel of the management have full authority to enforce these Rules and Regulations and any infractions will be reported to the Director of Golf Operations.

Services and Activities

A. The management provides a variety of social, cultural and recreational events at Ocala Palms Golf Club in which all Members are entitled to participate. Activities will be publicized by the management from time to time.

B. Reservations will be required for some activities and are taken on a first come, first served basis by pre-registering with the appropriate personnel. Reservations will be held for only fifteen minutes after the reserved time.

C. The management wishes to encourage the use of the clubhouse facilities by Members for private parties, on any day or evening, provided such use does not interfere with the normal operation of Ocala Palms Golf Club or with the services regularly available to the Members.

D. Fees for special uses may be obtained from the Director of Golf Operations.

Loss or Destruction of Property or Instances of Personal Injury

A. Each Member, as a condition of use of Ocala Palms Golf Club and each guest as a condition of invitation to Ocala Palms Golf Club, assumes sole responsibility for his property. The management shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to any private property used or stored at Ocala Palms Golf Club whether in lockers or elsewhere. All personal property left without payment of storage thereon, in or at Ocala Palms Golf Club

for three months or more may be sold by the management, with or without notice, at a public or private sale, or may be otherwise disposed of, and the proceeds, if any, shall belong to the management.

B. No person shall remove from the room in which it is placed, or from Ocala Palms Golf Club, any property or furniture belonging to or leased by the management without proper written authorization. Every Member shall be liable for any property damage and/or personal injury occurring at Ocala Palms Golf Club or at any activity or function operated, organized, arranged or sponsored by the management, caused by the Member or any guest or family member of the Member. The cost of damage shall be charged to the Member's account.

C. Any Member, guest or other person who in any manner, makes use of or accepts the use of any apparatus, appliance, facility, privilege or service whatsoever owned, leased, operated by the management, or who engages in any contest, game, function, exercise, competition or other activity operated, organized, arranged or sponsored by the management, either at or away from Ocala Palms Golf Club, shall do so at their own risk, and shall release and hold the management and its directors, officers, employees, representatives and agents harmless from any and all loss, cost, claim, injury, damage or liability sustained or incurred by such person resulting therefrom and/or from any act or omission of any director, officer, employee, representative or agent of the management. Any Member shall have, owe and perform the same obligation to the management, and its directors, officers, employees, representatives and agents hereunder in respect to any loss, cost, claim, injury, damage or liability sustained or incurred by any guest or family member of the Member.

D. Should any party bound by these Rules and Regulations bring suit against the management, its directors, officers, employees, representatives or agents in connection with any event operated, organized, arranged or sponsored by the management or on any other claim or matter in connection with membership, and fail to obtain judgement therein against the management, its directors, officers, employees, representatives or agents, said party shall be liable to the management, its directors, officers, employees, representatives and agents for all costs, attorney's fees and expenses incurred by it in the defense of the suit (including court costs and attorneys' fees incident to appeals).

Reservations and Cancellations

A. All league cancellations (Men's, Ladies', Couple's & ABCD) must be made by 12:00 noon of the prior day.

B. The management reserves the right to change or modify the hours of operation of the golf facilities and other services provided at the clubhouse as may be determined from

time to time.

C. Reservations will be held for only fifteen minutes after the reserved time.

D. The management reserves the option of withholding three (3) tee times per hour for public play on any given day.

Gratuities

A. Tipping of bag boys, cart boys, and parking valets is encouraged. For tipping suggestions, please contact the Director of Golf Operations.

B. The management may send a letter providing an opportunity for Members to contribute to a Holiday Fund for employees and a suggested contribution, of which payment will be voluntary, to be included on each Member's November bill. This provides the membership to show appreciation for the employees' efforts. The management shall be responsible for the distribution of these.

Children

A. Children under Sixteen years of age are permitted at Ocala Palms Golf Club only if accompanied or supervised by an adult.

B. Children under the legal drinking age are not allowed in any bar area, unless accompanied by an adult.

Attire

A. It is expected that Members will choose to dress in a fashion befitting the surroundings and atmosphere provided at Ocala Palms Golf Club. It is also expected that Members will advise their guests of our dress requirements.

B. Shirts and shoes are required at Ocala Palms Golf Club.

C. Softspike or Spikeless shoes are the only shoes permitted on the golf course.

D. If you are in doubt concerning your attire, please inquire.

E. The following is considered appropriate attire for use of Ocala Palms Golf Club:

Golf: Appropriate golf attire is required for all players. No tank tops, fishnet tops, cut-offs, bathing suits, denim jeans or jean shorts allowed. Collared shirts are required for men.

Lessons

A. The only person(s) eligible to teach golf lessons for payment anywhere on Ocala

Palms property is/are employees of Ocala Palms, or when an individual has been approved in advance by the management.

B. Lessons are always available from the golf professional for \$30.00 for 30 minutes.

GOLF RULES

General Golf Rules

A. The rules of golf of the U.S.G.A. together with the rules of etiquette as adopted by the U.S.G.A. shall apply, except when in conflict with local rules or with any of these Rules and Regulations.

B. All Members and guests must register in the pro shop before beginning play. Members shall present their membership cards at registration if requested.

C. "Cutting-in" is not permitted at any time. All players must check in with the pro shop/starter. Under no circumstances are players permitted to start from residences.

D. Practice is not allowed on the golf course. Practice shall be confined to the designated areas: designated driving range, practice putting, and practice chipping greens.

E. All players who stop after playing nine holes for any reason must occupy the next tee before following players arrive at the tee or they will lose their position on the golf course and must get permission from pro shop/starter to resume play.

F. If a foursome or other group of players fails to keep their place on the course and loses more than one clear hole on the players ahead, they must make every effort to catch up or allow the following group to play through. Do the same when you stop to search for a lost ball.

G. All tournament play must be approved in advance by the Club's Director of Golf.

H. Enter and leave bunkers at the nearest level point to your ball. Smooth sand over with rake upon leaving and leave rakes in the middle of the sand traps.

I. Repair all ball marks on the greens and any additional ball marks that can be conveniently repaired without delay.

- J. Golf ball hunting is not allowed on the golf course at any time.
- K. Golf rangers may be on duty to help regulate play and enforce golf cart regulations. The golf ranger has full authority on the golf course to enforce all rules and speed of play. Your cooperation is appreciated.
- L. Each player must have his/her own set of clubs.
- M. If lightning is in the area, all play shall cease.
- N. The Director of Golf may close the golf course to play whenever, in his sole discretion, the grounds could be damaged or unfit for play.
- O. No unauthorized beverage coolers are permitted on the course.
- P. Groups of four shall have priority; every effort will be made to fill groups to four players. Twosomes and singles will be grouped with other players, if available and the Director of Golf deems it necessary.
- Q. Jogging or walking is not permitted on the golf course at any time after 7:00 AM and is limited to roughs and cart paths before 7:00 AM. Please do not walk or jog on tees, fairways, greens, or sand traps.
- R. Anyone caught removing range balls from the range or playing with a range ball on the course may be subject to immediate ejection, suspension, termination of privileges, arrest for theft, and criminal prosecution.
- S. Skateboards, rollerblades, bicycles, motorbikes, motorcycles, or motorized vehicles of any kind are not permitted on the course. (Exception: Approved electric golf carts.)
- T. No more than 2 carts are permitted per group unless authorized by the Pro Shop.
- U. No climbing or walking on any rocks or outcroppings on the golf course.

Hours of Play

The hours of play and pro shop hours will be posted in the pro shop. The Director of Golf is authorized to determine when the golf course is fit for play. His decision shall be final.

Tee Times

- A. Tee times may be reserved by calling the pro shop or in person.
- B. Members of the Club may reserve tee times seven (7) days in advance.

- C. All players except for singles must have a starting time prior to registration.
- D. Each Member must present his membership card in the pro shop when registering.
- E. Public play can obtain starting times four (4) days in advance.

Rain Check Policy

When rain prevails and causes termination of play:

- A. After 2 hour of delay a credit for that days appropriate fees may be granted, (less than three (3) holes played on a given nine constitute credit for that nine). Ra _____ in check policy may be determined and changed from time to time by management.
- B. Credit will only be issued on that day of play and it will be the sole responsibility of the player to apply for a rain check from the pro shop.

General Golf Cart Rules

- A. Golf carts shall not be used by a Member or guest without proper assignment and registration in the pro shop.
- B. Each operator of a golf cart must be at least sixteen years of age and have a valid driver's license.
- C. Only two persons and two sets of golf clubs are permitted per golf cart. A group of 3 or 4 players should never use more than 2 carts unless authorized by the Pro-Shop.
- D. Obey all cart traffic signs. Always use golf cart paths where provided especially around tees and greens. A ninety degree approach to your ball from the rough is always recommended.
- E. Be careful to avoid soft areas in fairways, especially after rains. Drive on roughs wherever possible.
- F. Operation of a golf cart is at the risk of the operator. Cost of repair to a golf cart which is damaged by a Member will be charged to the Member or, in the case of damage by a guest, to the sponsoring Member. Members using a golf cart will 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 Members or their guests, and the Members shall reimburse the management for any and all damages the management may sustain by reason of misuse. Damages must be reported to the golf shop immediately upon completion of play.

G. Golf carts shall be driven on the golf course only when the course is open for play.

H. Violations of the golf cart rules may result in loss of golf cart privileges and/or playing privileges.

I. Use of private carts will be allowed only if authorized and all applicable fees are paid.

Guests

of members who are riding in the member's private cart will be required to pay a trail fee.

J. Carts will be required until 1:00 PM each day or until a designated time as determined by management from time to time.

K. No gas powered golf carts will be permitted on the golf course. (Except maintenance carts.)

L. Golf carts provided by Ocala Palms Golf Club are restricted to designated areas of the golf course, designated cart paths and designated road crossings. At no time shall the operator of an Ocala Palms golf cart traverse private property or sensitive landscaping.

Handicaps

A. Handicaps are computed under the supervision of the Golf Professional in accordance with the current U.S.G.A. Handicap System at a charge of \$14.00 per year.

B. All Members with an approved handicap may participate in the Members' tournaments. All handicaps submitted may be reviewed by the Golf Professional.

C. To establish a handicap, a Member must have turned in a minimum of five scores. Members are responsible for turning in all their scores on a daily basis. Any Member failing to turn in a score will result in a score being posted that is equal to their lowest score on record.

D. Accurate records are to be kept of scores turned in and recorded for all full rounds played. The Director of Golf Operations will determine if there are violations by Members in turning in their scores.

Tournaments

All tournaments at Ocala Palms Golf Club will require an entry fee. Entry fee monies will be paid out in credits for prizes and awards. Prizes will come in the form of gift certificates or an entry in the members credit book account. Tournament winnings may be redeemed for Pro-Shop merchandise or special orders. For club tournaments entry fees are as follows: Men's- \$5.00, Ladies - \$3.00, Mixed couples - \$5.00 per couple. Any applicable cart and green fees are additional. Tournament sign-up sheets will be posted at least three weeks in advance of the event and entries are closed after 12:00 pm the day

before the event. Special open events will be posted one week to one month prior to their scheduled date and members who wish to participate will receive discounted entry fees.

Golf Course Etiquette

Persons using the golf course should do their part to make a round of golf a pleasant experience for everyone. Here are some suggestions:

- A. Do not waste time. Anticipate the clubs you may need and go directly to your ball. Always be near your ball to play promptly when it is your turn. If a player is delayed in making his/her shot, it would be courteous for the player to indicate to another player to play which should not be deemed playing out of turn.
- B. The time required to hole out on and around the green is the chief cause of slow play. Study and clear the line of your putt while others are doing the same. Be ready to putt when it is your turn.
- C. Be sociable, but reserve your extended conversations for the 19th hole.
- D. When approaching a green, park your cart on the best direct line to the next tee. Never leave the cart in front of the green where you will have to go back to get it, while following players wait for you to get out of the way.
- E. When play of a hole is completed, leave the green promptly and proceed to the next tee without delay. Do the scoring for the completed hole while others in your group are playing from the next tee.
- F. If you are not holding your place on the course, allow the players behind to play through. Do the same if you stop to search for a lost ball.
- G. Repair your ball marks on the greens, rake sand traps and repair your divot holes.
- H. The golf ranger will report slow play and all breaches of golf etiquette to the pro shop, which will take the appropriate action.

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