

GOLF CLUB RULES

1. Club Member Responsibilities:

- a. Golf Club Members are responsible for understanding and abiding by the Membership Rules as they may be amended by the Golf Club's Board of Governors (the "Board") from time to time.

2. Orientations:

- a. All prospective Regular Members shall attend an orientation meeting conducted by the Director of Golf/Head Golf Professional at the Golf Shop before they become members.

3. Children of Members:

- a. Unaccompanied children of members are not allowed in the Player's Clubhouse unless they have earned certified Junior Golfer's privileges. (Please see section on Junior Golfer's privileges)
- b. Members younger than the age of 21 may not sit at the bar.

4. Junior Golfer Privileges:

Juniors Golfers are unmarried persons younger than 23 years of age who are living at home with parents or legal guardians and who have been granted junior playing privileges. Parents or guardians are responsible for Junior Golfers. The following apply to Junior Golfers of all ages:

- a. The Director of Golf/Head Golf Professional and the Director of Instruction will conduct a certification program for Junior Golfers. All Junior Golfers must be certified annually to use any golf facilities without a regular member in attendance.
- b. Basic rules of safety and good deportment must be observed at all times or there may be a loss of playing privileges.
- c. Starting times for Junior Golfers will be given at the discretion of the Staff no more than one week in advance.
- d. Non-certified children of members cannot play with their parents until noon.
- e. Certified Junior Golfers are permitted in the locker areas for the purpose of changing clothes or shoes. Unaccompanied Junior Golfers must check in and check out with the Golf Shop when using locker facilities.

5. Identification:

- a. Any player on the golf course may be required to identify himself or herself and show proof of his or her Playing Privilege to the Staff, or a Golf Club or Association Official.

6. Guest Privileges:

- a. A Voting membership and Former Resident membership allows both the member and his or her spouse or registered domestic partner the privilege of guests.
- b. Registration:
 - i. All members must register their guests with the Pro Shop before starting play. Members must indicate to the Staff any charges which they are incurring. Starting times must be requested of the Staff. Play may be started only from No.1 tees, or from No.10 tees if approved by the Staff.
- c. Playing without a Regular Member:
 - i. The Director of Golf/Head Golf Professional may allow a Guest to play without his or her Voting Member or Former Resident Member sponsor. A guest playing without his or her sponsor is a sponsored guest. If a member does not play the entire round with his or her guest, the sponsored guest fee will be charged.
 - ii. Except when sponsored for a bonafide golf round, a full 9 or 18 holes, no person may use any of the golf course facilities unaccompanied by a member.
- d. Charges:
 - i. All charges by sponsored guests (unaccompanied by a member) will be billed to the sponsoring member. All charges by a guest from The Inn will be billed to The Inn.
- e. Conduct:
 - i. All guests must be registered at the Golf Shop prior to play.
 - ii. Members will be responsible for the conduct and dress of their guests.
 - iii. Guest playing privileges may be suspended or revoked for any reason by the Board for just cause including, but not limited to, misconduct, destruction of property, use of golf facilities when officially closed, or violation of Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club rules as stated in these Rules and Regulations, the Bylaws and Plan of Operation of the Club.
- f. Limit on Play:
 - i. No person shall play as a guest more than 12 times in any fiscal year. Guest play in Club-sponsored events and on guest days counts toward the limit of 12. Additionally, sons and their spouses, daughters and their spouses, and grandchildren are exempt from the 12 play restriction, but only when they play with an immediate family member parent or grandparent. Family guest fees apply only when the family guest plays with his or her member parent.
 - ii. A member may have no more than 3 guests per day when the member accompanies the guests. Also, a member may have no more than 4 guests a day unaccompanied (i.e. sponsored guests) and no more than 8 sponsored guests per fiscal year. The Board must approve any other arrangements.

- g. Other Guests Permitted on the Golf Course:
 - i. The Director of Golf/Head Golf Professional or the General Manager may extend guest playing privileges under “Professional Courtesy”.
 - ii. Permitted Guests include:
 - 1. Guests playing practice rounds and competitive rounds as members of other clubs in organized matches which are the responsibility of the RSFGC Men’s or Women’s golf teams or other sponsoring members
 - 2. Guests playing practice rounds or competitive rounds for school teams previously approved by the Board
 - 3. Guests playing practice rounds for Board approved events
- h. Junior Guest Privileges
 - i. A certified Junior Golfer may host a guest who is his/her teammate on a High School or Junior League Team. Each guest will be allowed the privilege to play up to a total of four times per year; further, each RSFGC Certified Junior will be allowed a combined total of 12 games per year for their non-member teammates.
 - ii. All Certified Junior players sponsoring a teammate must have an established handicap: Age 15 years and younger will require a maximum handicap of 15; ages 16+ will require a maximum handicap of 10.
 - iii. Junior accompanied green fees are \$25.00 per 9-hole game and \$50.00 for 18 holes.

7. Golf Carts:

- a. All operators of riding carts must hold a valid motor vehicle operator’s license. This includes Junior Golfers even though they may have an adult in the cart.
- b. Each riding cart, no matter the number of seats, is limited to two players and two bags of clubs.
- c. All Par 3 holes have continuous paved paths from tee to green. Carts are to remain on those paths. On all other holes players must keep carts on cart paths where provided, away from all teeing areas, 50 feet from all greens, and behind the bronze cart directional signs.
- d. Physically disabled players may be authorized by the Director of Golf/Head Golf Professional to drive their carts within 30 feet of the greens. This exception does not permit riding carts to be driven between a bunker and the putting green.
- e. Carts should not be driven in muddy areas or in ground under repair.
- f. Carts, whether club owned or privately owned, are not allowed in the parking lot.
- g. All private carts must be registered with the Golf Club before they are allowed access to any part of the golf course. To be eligible for registration, a golf cart must meet all of the specifications found in Appendix A.

8. Playing Hours

- a. Hours of Operation:
 - i. The Golf Course is open for play during daylight hours after 7:30 a.m. Tuesday through Friday, and after 7:00 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
 - ii. From Columbus Day to Memorial Day the course is also open on Mondays for a noon shotgun.
- b. Starting Times:
 - i. Sponsored guests, not accompanied by a member, and guests of The Inn will be assigned starting times after 12:00 noon PST and 1:00 PDT. The Golf Professional may make exceptions to these times when appropriate.
 - ii. Starting times are required for Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. If a specific time is desired on weekdays, it must be reserved.
 - iii. Voting members and Former Resident members may reserve starting times by visiting or telephoning the Golf Shop, or by online application, not more than one week in advance of the playing date; only one starting time per member may be requested.
 - iv. Starting times for guests unaccompanied by members during busy playing hours shall be at the discretion of the Golf Professional Staff.
 - v. Players with starting times must check in at the Golf Shop at least 10 minutes before their scheduled starting time.
 - vi. Players may not obtain a starting time in advance for the 10th hole after 8:30 a.m. on weekdays. Also, they must secure a turn time for the 1st hole if playing 18 holes. If they fail to make the turn time, they must wait for an open time or quit play. Due to heavier play, turn times are not normally given on weekends or holidays. Players who want to play only 9 holes may request a start on the 10th hole before 7:45 on these days.

9. Care of the Course:

- a. All players are required to rake the bunkers from the low side, retracing their steps so as to disturb the surface as little as possible. Rakes are to be left with the head of the rake in the bunker and approximately 1 foot of the handle resting outside the bunker.
- b. Every player must repair ball marks on the greens.
- c. Players are responsible for filling divot holes with dirt/sand/seed mixture. All walking players must carry tubes of the mixture as specified by the Club.
- d. Pull carts and motorized pull carts are to be kept off tees and at least 15 feet away from greens. These carts are not allowed between bunkers and greens...they should be pulled or propelled below and around bunkers.

10. Practice and Practice Facilities:

- a. The Driving Range and Short Game Practice Area are extensions of the golf course and are subject to the same rules.
- b. The Practice Facilities are restricted to members and their guests that are registered to play golf that day.
- c. Parents - Please ensure that your Juniors have had Jr. Certification and understand their responsibilities before they use the Practice Facilities.
- d. Practice balls are not to be removed from the Practice Facilities.
- e. Members using the Practice Facilities must keep their carts on the cart paths. Please exercise caution when entering or exiting the areas so as not to disturb players on #1, #9, and #10.
- f. The club's dress code and proper golf etiquette must be observed when using the Practice Facilities. Please rake bunkers after using them and repair ball marks on the greens.
- g. The Practice Facilities will be closed from time to time for routine maintenance. Members must abide by all posted notices.

11. Pace of Play:

- a. A group of four is the standard unit of play. Singles and groups of two or three have no priority on the golf course. Groups of five can request a tee time but they shall have no priority and must keep up with the group in front. The Staff has the authority and the responsibility to pair groups of twos, or to fill groups to make groups of four when necessary.
- b. All walking or riding groups should complete 18 holes within four hours (9 holes within two hours). All players should keep up with the group in front and not delay play behind them. Groups failing to keep the acceptable pace of play can be directed by the Staff to speed up, skip a hole(s), allow faster groups to play through, and/or to leave the course. If a group fails to meet the pace requirements, the Rules and Handicap Committee (the "Committee") will send each member of that group a letter. In the event of a second offense, the Committee reserves the right to restrict the player(s) to off-peak playing times. A third offense can result in the Player(s) having their playing privileges suspended.
- c. Players stopping at the snack bar for food or beverage after completing nine holes must not delay the play of the following golfers. If the following players go through, the players who stopped MUST check with the Golf Shop and may be restarted at the discretion of the staff.

12. Dress Code - Golf Course Attire:

Any member, guest, or family member whose attire violates this dress code will not be allowed to use the practice facilities or the Golf Course. Golf Club members are responsible for advising their guests and family members regarding the Dress Code. This includes non-golfing guests. The Golf Course Dress Code applies to children of all ages while using the golf course or any practice facilities. The Board has authorized

the Staff to ask any member or guest to change before using the golf facilities, or to leave the course or practice facilities should they be in violation of the Dress Code. Your cooperation and understanding are appreciated.

a. Men

- i. Collared shirts with sleeves must be worn on the course or practice facilities. Shirts must be tucked in at all times. Turtleneck shirts or mock turtlenecks are acceptable. Tee shirts are not acceptable.
- ii. Slacks or knickers are acceptable; shorts up to 4 inches above the back of the knee are acceptable. Slacks or pants designed to be “5 pocket style” are acceptable provided they are not made of denim material. Shorts with raised pockets (cargo style shorts) are not acceptable. Denim of any type is never acceptable on the golf course or practice facilities.
- iii. Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times on the golf course or any practice facility. No metal spikes are permitted anywhere on the club property.
- iv. **All clothing, including footwear, is to be changed in the locker rooms.**

b. Women

- i. Collared or collarless golf shirts or tops are acceptable: sleeveless blouses or tops must have a collar and collarless blouses or tops must have sleeves.
- ii. Golf skirts, slacks, or walking (Bermuda) shorts are permitted. Skirts or shorts must not be more than 4 inches above the back of the knee, or they must have an outer seam of at least 18 inches.
- iii. Tank tops, halter tops, tennis shorts or skirts, tee shirts, cutoffs, or athletic tights are never permitted on the golf course or practice facilities.
- iv. Leggings must be worn with an appropriate skirt or shorts.
- v. Denim of any style is never acceptable on the golf course or practice facilities.
- vi. Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times on the golf course or any practice facility. Metal spikes are not permitted anywhere on the club property.
- vii. **All clothing, including footwear, is to be changed in the locker rooms.**

13. Cell Phones:

- a. Cell phones must be set in the silent or vibrate mode in all areas of the Club. Text, email, or browsing on mobile devices is permitted in all areas of the club provided it is done in silent mode.
- b. The use of cell phones is discouraged when on the golf course. Audible cell phone usage is prohibited on all practice facilities, and inside the Player’s

Clubhouse. Cell phones are allowed on the East Lawn and the Veranda Terrace, but please be aware of, and try not to disturb players on the first tee. Audible cell phone usage is not allowed in the Ranch Clubhouse with the exception of the Santa Fe Patio and the West Terrace.

14. **Lockers:**

- a. No liquor or alcoholic beverages are allowed in the lockers. Golf bags shall not be stored in member lockers. This does not pertain to small carry bags or temporary storage of one or two clubs. Please refrain from keeping food items in lockers as they can attract unwanted pests.

15. **Food and Beverage:**

- a. All food and beverage consumed on the golf course must be purchased at the Clubhouse or Snack Bar. Exceptions to this rule must have prior approval of the General Manager.

16. **Smoking:**

- a. With the exception of the Veranda Terrace, smoking is not permitted anywhere in the Player's Clubhouse.

17. **Tournaments:**

- a. Club sponsored events and team play fees must cover all costs, including carts.
- b. Inactive Members and Members not in good standing are not eligible to compete in club-sponsored events. All members playing in club sponsored events must have a USGA handicap or a handicap from a similarly sanctioned organization. The handicap may be verified and/or modified by the Tournament Committee.

18. **Donated Rounds:**

- a. The Board does not permit the donation of rounds of golf to any group or organization.

19. **Charity Events:**

- a. The club will permit a maximum of two charity events annually. In addition to these tournaments, the club will permit occasional tournaments sponsored by the SCGA or USGA to meet our obligations as members of these organizations.

20. **Reciprocity Agreements:**

- a. The club has NO reciprocity agreements with other clubs for playing privileges. Guest billing privileges for golf and clubhouse may be extended to a member of another private club, provided that previous arrangements

have been made with such club and that the guest is a participant in a Board approved event or accompanied by a member.

21. Employee Golf:

- a. Employee play is at the discretion of the General Manager and the Director of Golf/Head Golf Professional. (Exempt from this policy: General Manager, Golf Professional, Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent.)

22. Communications:

- a. The Board must authorize communications sent to Club members at Club expense.
- b. The Club Directory is for the private use of Club members only. Any indiscriminate use for business, advertising, solicitation, or any other purposes other than private use of the member is prohibited.
- c. The Board does not respond to verbal or unsigned memos, letters, or notes.

23. Conduct/Disciplinary Action

- a. Members, their families, and the guests of members are to conduct themselves in a manner that will not interfere with enjoyment of other members. Obnoxious or abusive language and rude or boisterous behavior are prohibited. Members shall not engage in behavior that is likely to endanger the welfare, interest, reputation, or character of the club. Members shall not engage in any flagrant or continued breach of any of the obligations set forth in these Rules, the Bylaws, or Plan of Operation.
- b. Harassment, sexual or otherwise, of Club employees will not be permitted. Sexual harassment includes, but is not limited to, unwelcome sexual advances, verbal or physical conduct of a sexual or similarly offensive nature, offensive comments, jokes, innuendoes and other sexually oriented statements. Harassment includes derogatory remarks or slurs relating to either gender, or to racial, ethnic, or religious groups, as well as the display or circulation of written materials or pictures derogatory to either gender, racial, ethnic, or religious groups.
- c. Disciplinary action on a perceived violation of any of the Membership Rules shall be initiated by filling out a written complaint, signed and dated by the complaining member or staff, identifying the member(s), charges, and the violation which shall, if appropriate, be forwarded to the Rules and Handicap Committee (the "Committee"). The Committee shall determine whether further action is warranted. If the Committee determines that no disciplinary action is appropriate, the Committee may forward a letter of warning to the violator, describing the violation and requesting a closer observation of the Club Membership Rules. If the Committee determines that the violator(s) should appear before the Board, a written notice shall be forwarded to the member(s) identified in the complaint and the time and day that the member is to appear before the Board; the time and date being no less than 10 days from the date of the notice. Appearances before the

Board and the procedures and action of the Board are as provided in Article XI of the Bylaws and Article VII of the Plan of Operation.

- d. Incident reports must remain confidential to protect the integrity of the system. Envelopes are provided to help assure confidentiality and the report should be delivered in a sealed envelope. Board, Committee Members, and Staff must refrain from revealing the signer. Three incident reports of any nature in a one year period may require a mandatory review and recommendation for discipline to the Board.

Appendix A

I. Private Carts

- a. All private carts must be registered with the Golf Club before they are allowed to access any part of the Golf Course. To be eligible, a golf cart must meet all of the following specifications:

<u>Vehicle Specification</u>	<u>Threshold</u>
Gross Vehicle Weight(including batteries)	900 lbs maximum
Gross Vehicle Weight/Sq. Inch Of Tire Surface	14.5 lbs maximum
Width Of Cart	48" maximum
Maximum Speed(Governor Required)	15 mph maximum
Turning Radius (diameter)	19 ft.
maximum Tire Size/Specifications:	
Width:	8" maximum
Tread Type:	Turf Type (no knobs)
Power Train	Electric Battery Only
Ground Clearance	4.5" minimum

- II. Private carts must be maintained by their owners at an acceptable level of appearance, safe operation, and maintenance consistent with the Club's own golf cart fleet.
- III. The Director of Golf may establish other reasonable, discretionary specifications from time to time, in order to manage and enforce the purpose of the Club's Membership Rules.
- IV. To license a cart for access to the Golf Course, a member must submit a completed application form to the Director of Golf for approval. The form must list the specifications outlined above, together with payment of the annual cart trail fee and proof of liability insurance. The owner must also sign a waiver that releases Rancho Santa Fe Association from any liability resulting from the operation of their cart. Prior to any usage on the Golf Course, all cart trail fees must be paid to the Association
- V. Private cart operators shall abide by the Membership Rules and shall observe all cart directional signs while on the golf course.
- VI. Private carts shall carry a container filled with divot hole replacement mix for use during play.
- VII. Private carts may carry only two players and two golf bags.
- VIII. Drivers of private carts must hold a valid drivers license.