



## **GOLF RULES AND ETIQUETTE**

The golf activities, golf course and grounds will be overseen by the Golf and Green Committee appointed by the Board of Governors of the Club. The Golf and Green Committee will be in charge of all tournament operations, handicapping, golf operations procedures, all areas pertaining to the playing of the course and enforcement of the rules that apply to the golf course.

It is the intent of the golf rules to insure the maximum enjoyment and safety of all golfers at Edgewood Country Club. All members are encouraged to become familiar with these rules and while having consideration for fellow members, help the Golf and Green Committee in the enforcement of the golf rules. It is hoped that the pride all members take in Edgewood Country Club and the golf course will help in the attractiveness of our club.

### **GENERAL**

- A. Rules of the United States Golf Association along with any local rules set by the Golf and Green Committee or the Golf Professional will be in effect for all play.
- B. The golf course will be open for play at 8:00 A.M. Tuesdays through Sundays and Holidays. The golf course will be closed on Mondays, except for Memorial Day and Labor Day. The Club and course will be open on these days and closed Tuesday.
- C. On the days when the course is closed, all golf facilities, including the practice range and putting green, are closed.
- D. No jogging, walking, or bicycle riding on the golf course is permitted when the course is open for play. Also, fishing is prohibited while the course is open for play.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. All members, the Assistant Golf Professionals, the Golf Course Superintendent and his assistants are responsible for reporting any violations of the golf course rules to the Golf Professional. The Golf Professional shall relay the report to the Golf and Green Committee for appropriate action.
- B. Each member is responsible for the conduct of his guests, and if the guest violates the golf rules, the member shall be held fully responsible.
- C. Each member is responsible for turning in an accurate score following each eighteen hole round. The Golf and Green Committee shall be responsible for the establishment of handicap procedures. The Committee, at its sole discretion, may determine the handicaps of participants.

for club-sponsored events based on facts presented to the Committee. Any player failing to return a completed scorecard to the Golf Professional may have a score equal to his/her lowest score of the last twenty posted.

## **STARTING TIMES**

A. Regulations of play and starting times shall be the responsibility of the Golf Professional.

B. Reservations for starting times shall be made by contacting the Golf Shop. Reservations for starting times for Saturday's, Sunday's, and Holiday's may be made the preceding Thursday at 9:00 A.M. All other reservations can be made up to 2 weeks in advance at any time

C. The method for taking tee times will be as follows:

There will be two methods for taking tee times, by phone and in person, and these two methods will be alternated when demand for times call for both methods. Phone times will begin Thursday's at 9:00 AM and on a first call basis. In person times will be taken Thursday at 9:00 AM and the order of gaining times will be determined by a first come basis. Each person making a tee time will be allowed to make one time for any one day.

D. All players must be registered in the Golf Shop before beginning play and be ready to play at the group's designated starting time. Any group failing to take its proper place on #1 Tee will be moved back as directed by the Golf Professional or starter.

E. Individuals who do not have a game may call or come to the Golf Shop in order for the Professional or starter to find them a game. Golf games for individuals will be found on a first come basis, taking into account the wishes of players with the tee times.

F. Discretion is vested in the Golf Professional or starter to accommodate groups of members who have failed to get a starting time. The Golf Professional or starter will only be allowed such discretion when there is a place for such a group and members who have starting times are not unduly inconvenienced.

G. All players are encouraged to play an eighteen hole round in under four hours. If a group falls out of position (one hole or more behind the group in front and over a four hour pace), the slow group must invite the group behind to play through. When play is delayed due to a lost ball, the group playing behind shall be invited to play through when such action will speed up play of the field.

H. All play must begin off of #1 unless permission has been granted by the golf shop.

## **PLAY RESTRICTIONS AND PAIRINGS**

A. Singles and twosomes will be asked to pair up if possible.

B. Threesomes and foursomes are permitted on the course at all times when the course is open for play. Fivesomes are permitted at the discretion of the proshop.

C. Twosomes and singles have no priority over larger pairings.

D. Juniors under the age of 16 cannot operate a golf cart without a valid driver's license.

E. The Golf Professional, within policy approved by the Golf and Green Committee, shall have complete authority to waive any play restrictions if playing conditions warrant such action.

## **CLASSIFICATIONS OF GUESTS AND RESTRICTIONS ON PLAY**

A. GUEST – A guest is a non member who has been personally been invited to play golf by a member. The guest must be accompanied by the member.

B. RECIPROCAL GUEST - A reciprocating guest is a guest who is a member of another USGA affiliate country club and whose Golf Professional has called for them to have the privilege of playing Edgewood Country Club. Such a guest may play a maximum of one time during any one quarter of the calendar year. A reciprocating guest may play without a member at the Golf Professional's discretion. Such guests will be limited to two foursomes per day at non-peak hours as determined by the Golf Professional.

C. UNACCOMPANIED GUEST - The following is a set of guidelines to follow while using the unaccompanied guest rate.

- Tee times MUST be pre-arranged by the sponsoring member through the golf shop.
- Unaccompanied Guest will be allowed during the following times:
- Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays: After 12:00
- Tuesday – Friday: anytime.
- The member will be responsible for all charges incurred by their respective guests.
- If a member is not with his / her guests at all times, the guests will be considered “unaccompanied”
- If the unaccompanied guest is a family member, and is not accompanied by a member, the unaccompanied guest fee will apply.

Members are allowed to bring the same guest up to 8 times during the golfing season (January 1<sup>st</sup>-December 31<sup>st</sup>).

D. A member may invite a maximum of twenty five guests at any one time.

E. Members or juniors (under the age of 16) may invite junior guests (under the age of 16) to play the course. Such juniors will be limited to one time per calendar month and must play within the time restrictions set up for juniors under play restrictions.

F. Clubhouse members have the option of playing golf up to 2 times a year without being escorted by a general member. Clubhouse members will be billed full guest fee.

## **COURSE CLOSING**

The golf course, the practice tee or the practice putting green may be temporarily closed when in the opinion of the Golf Course Superintendent, Golf Professional or the Golf and Green Committee the course is too wet or when playing conditions would adversely affect the golf course.

## **PRACTICE**

- A. All practice shall be confined to the practice tee, practice green, and putting green.
- B. At no time will practice be allowed on the golf course.
- C. Practice balls are not to be removed from the practice areas at any time.

## **ATTIRE AND EQUIPMENT**

- A. Each player must have his/her own equipment and no more than one player is permitted to play from one bag.
- B. Members and guests must be in appropriate golf attire when playing or practicing. Male golfers must wear shirts with collars and sleeves. The exception to this is turtlenecks, which must have at least an inch and a half collar. All shirts must be tucked in. Appropriate golf shorts may also be worn. Cargo shorts are not acceptable; Ladies are encouraged to wear shirts with collars, although not required. They may also wear sleeveless shirts, but it must cover the mid-section. Halter tops and tank tops are not acceptable golf attire. Women's golf shorts are also acceptable and it is suggested that they be no more than five inches above the knee. Short shorts stopping at the upper thigh, blue jeans and/or denim, cut-offs, coaches' shorts, sweat pants, and tennis shorts are not considered proper golf attire.
- C. Only regulation golf shoes are permitted to be worn on the golf course. Edgewood Country Club requires the use of "soft spike" type golf shoes or an industry equivalent. Juniors under the age of 16 may wear flat-soled tennis shoes.

## **GOLF CART PROCEDURES**

- A. Golf cars shall be operated in careful manner by each operator.
- B. A golf cart may only be driven by a person 16 years of age or older with a valid drivers license. No more than two adults may ride in a cart. Only two bags are permitted on the golf cart.

C. Members are fully responsible for any injury to person or property, including damage to the golf cart while in their use or use by members of their family or their guests. Neither the Club nor the Golf Professional shall be liable for any injury to person or property which might result from use of a golf cart.

D. Signs, cart paths and ropes will guide the directions of carts and will mark the approach limits to greens. Carts must stay on the provided cart paths around all greens and tees and all wheels should be on these paths.

E. When operating a cart, the driver should avoid any worn areas, ground under repair, or bare areas within the rough. A driver may determine the best route to take to their ball which will avoid these conditions.

F. The Golf Course Superintendent, Golf Professional or the Golf and Green Committee may determine when the course is too wet for golf or pull cart use. During these periods, carts must remain on the paths throughout the course of the round. To designate these periods, the "CARTS ON PATHS" signs will be placed at #1 tee and #10 tee.

G. No personally owned golf cars are permitted on the course at any time.

## **GOLF COURSE CARE**

A. Golf bags or pull carts shall not be placed on the greens.

B. Any divots made in the fairway or rough shall be replaced when at all possible. The player should use sand provided on the cart to fill in areas where a divot could not be replaced. (Delete, we do not have sand on the carts anymore).

C. Every ball mark or depression made on any putting surface shall be carefully repaired in the proper manner. Please consult the Golf Professional on the proper way to repair ball marks.

D. All sand bunkers shall be carefully repaired by the player after use.

E. In muddy conditions, please clean off golf shoes before walking onto putting surfaces, and into Golf Shop or Clubhouse.

F. Players should pick up any tees that are on the teeing ground in order to prevent damage to mowers.

G. In taking practice swings, players should avoid taking divots, which cause damage to the course.

H. All members are encouraged to use proper containers for cups, cans, bottles or other refuse. To maintain our beautiful course, please pick up any articles not belonging on the course. YOUR HELP IS APPRECIATED! No glass bottles are permitted on the course at any time.

## **COURTESY ON THE GOLF COURSE**

A. Stopping after nine holes: Players finishing nine holes of play must continue without undue delay. A group which delays play through nine holes will forfeit their position on the golf course, and must only begin play when a gap between groups exists.

B. In the interest of all, players should play without delay. If a group falls more than one hole behind, they should allow the following group to play through.

C. Be considerate of other groups on the course. Do not yell or shout in a manner that will affect the game of other players on the course.

## **DELIBERATE DAMAGE TO COURSE**

Any deliberate damage to any part of the course, regardless of the motivation, shall subject to appropriate disciplinary action as determined by the Board of Governors.

## **GOLF RULE VIOLATION**

A. All members, the Golf Professional Staff, and the Golf Course Maintenance staff are responsible for reporting violations of the golf rules to the Golf Professional. Repeated violations of the golf rules by a member may be considered by the Golf and Green Committee.

B. The Board of Governors, with sufficient cause, may take any action they feel appropriate in order to uphold the golf rules and regulations.