



Golf Rules

Golf Course Rules & Golf Cart and Caddie Rules



VI. Golf Course Rules

The following rules, subject to change at any time by the Board of Governors, have been approved by the Board of Governors. Play on each course is governed by the U.S.G.A. rules.

- All tee times assume eighteen-hole rounds.
- All eighteen-hole rounds are to be completed in four hours and five minutes.
- Slower golfers may be asked by the golf staff to leave the course to maintain the pace of play.
- No play shall begin from any first tee of a golfer's round until the group in front has all arrived on the green.

1. Access to Golf Course

- a. The Highlands course is generally open for play twelve months of the year. However, the course is closed to all play when posted as "closed". The Flynn Course will be closed for the season on November 15 unless otherwise noted.
- b. All courses are closed to play prior to 8:00 a.m. except on certain days that the Club may designate as an "early start" day. The Meadowcreek, Dogwood and Highlands courses are closed on Mondays except for holidays during the golf season and are closed on any Tuesday following a Monday holiday.
 1. The putting green and the chipping greens are open on Monday (or Tuesday following a Monday holiday) after 12:00 noon.

2. All players must check with the starter or Pro Shop and register with the Caddie Master before beginning play. The course rotation and the designated starting tee will be determined by the starter (or Pro Shop if there is no starter). Contact the Golf Shop for course rotation and designated tee information. Once play has begun, the holes are to be played in the proper order, unless instructed otherwise by the starter or professional staff.
 3. The golf course, practice tee, Pro Shop, bag room and locker rooms will be closed on Mondays (or Tuesdays following a Monday holiday).
- c. Members may play at their discretion except for the following rules, which apply during the regular golf season when all three nines are open for play (April 1 through October 15).
1. Subject to prior approval of the Board of Governors and the Golf Committee, the various Golf Associations are given the right to require starting times, to reserve tees and schedule tournaments.
 2. The rotation of play is subject to the approval of the Board of Governors and the Golf Committee. The rotation is posted in the Men's and Ladies' Locker Rooms and the Golf Shop. The rotation is administered by the Golf Professional and his staff.
 3. The Meadowcreek and Dogwood courses will be closed for Club Holiday Tournaments until approximately 1:00 p.m. Open play for men and ladies on designated tee after 10:00 a.m.

4. A male or female under 18 years of age with an eighteen-hole handicap of 15 or less will not be restricted to junior play policies.
5. Players must commence play only as assigned from starter or as posted in the Pro Shop. No player may start on any hole if at that moment there are other players on the preceding hole unless given the permission by the starter. Once play has begun, the holes are to be played in the proper order, unless instructed otherwise by the starter or professional staff. Play is defined as anywhere from tee to green.
- 6a. **Guest Play** - All guests must be sponsored by a member with golfing privileges except for reciprocal privileges accorded to a golf professional by the Golf Professional or as approved by the Board of Governors. Greens fees are \$175 if a member is present in the same playing group (in the same foursome, threesome, or twosome). Otherwise, greens fees are \$300.00. The guest greens fee for 9 holes is \$90.00. Groups with guests are limited to no more than four in a group.

Members are reminded that the golf course rules state that all members must register their guests in the Pro Shop before playing on any course. All guests must be listed by name and town in the registration book.

6b. Guests are permitted to start play as follows:

- i. Any foursome with one or two guests may play according to Rule 1(c) (2) above.
- ii. Any foursome with more than two guests may only begin play as follows:
- iii. Tuesday thru Friday any block of time designated in the rotation as “Open Play”.
- iv. Tuesday thru Friday a one-hour block or tee times from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. each day. Members may request a tee time 14 days in advance and are required to provide the Golf staff with guest names and town.
- v. Saturdays, unless at least an equal number of members are in the same playing group (in the same foursome, threesome, or twosome); guests are not permitted on the Meadowcreek/ Dogwood course prior to 12:00 Noon.
- vi. All other play will commence from the Open Play tee.
- vii. Sundays – Any Open Play tee as designated by the rotation and Old Course after 9:30 a.m.

Day	Guest rules (3 guests)
Tuesday	Old Course at 1:00 p.m. (tee times required). Designated tee, 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Old Course at 1:00 p.m. (tee times required). Designated tee, 10:00 a.m.
Thursday	Designated tee 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Old Course at 1:00 p.m. (tee times required). Highlands at 2:00 p.m.
Friday	Designated tee 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Old Course at 1:00 p.m. (tee times required). Highlands at 12:00 p.m. Except when Junior Golf is in session.
Saturday	Old Course at 12:00 p.m. Designated tee, 10:00 a.m.
Sunday	Old Course from 9:30 a.m. through the remainder of the day.
Holidays	After 1:00 p.m.

- d. Practice must be confined to the practice areas only.
- e. No limit is placed on the number of players in a group but regardless of the number, age, or gender of the group, position and pace must be maintained, with slower players allowing faster players to play through at the earliest opportunity.

- f. Privately owned motorized carts are not permitted for play. Club-provided push/pull carts will be allowed on the course.
- g. All members must register with the Caddie Master before playing on any course.
- h. No person shall be admitted to the golf course as a guest more than four times each calendar year. Participation in a multiple-day Member-Guest event shall count as two visits.
- i. If the guest is a family member (parent, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother, sister, niece, nephew or grandchild) the guest greens fee is \$ 90.00 for 18-holes and \$50.00 for 9-holes.

2. Golf Outings

- a. A "golf outing" is any organized event involving more than twelve golfers of which half or more are non-members.
- b. A golf outing as defined above is permitted only if approved by the Board of Governors. The approval of a golf outing will specify the conditions applicable to the golf outing.

3. Junior Golf Play Schedule

- a. Tuesday through Sunday 1:00 p.m. Highlands and 3:00 p.m. Old Course
- b. Friday (in season): 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

The professional staff is permitted to use their discretion.

4. Dress Code

- a. The Lancaster Country Club's course is among the best in the country. We take great pride in this. This pride should reflect itself in our attire when we play the course. All members, including juniors, must follow the dress code while on the golf course and all practice facilities. Members are expected to inform their guests of the dress code in advance so as to avoid embarrassment.

Apparel that is specifically designed for golf and approved by Lancaster Country Club will be considered acceptable attire. However, members are encouraged to consider common sense, respect for tradition, modesty, and the comfort level of fellow members when making casual attire dress code decisions that are also age appropriate.

- b. **Men and Boys Dress Code**

All golf shirts must have a collar or mock collar. Shirts must be tucked in at all times. Traditional “Bermuda” shorts are permitted, but they must be

no shorter than four (4) inches from the middle of the knee as measured while standing. All hats, visors, and caps must be worn with bills to the front, and outdoors only. Hats, visors, and caps may not be worn in the Clubhouse or under cover (i.e. awnings)

c. **Ladies and Girls Dress Code**

Golf shirts may have short sleeves, long sleeves, or sleeveless. Shirts without collars must have sleeves. Any type of tank top or halter top is not permitted. Golf shorts, skirts, dresses, leggings (if worn for warmth under acceptable golf attire) and slacks are considered acceptable golf attire. Tasteful, specifically designed golf attire for juniors will be considered acceptable. Tasteful, specifically designed golf attire for ladies must be no shorter than mid-thigh.

d. **All Golfers**

Denim jeans, cargo pants, athletic shorts, sweat clothes/leggings by themselves are not appropriate golf attire. Only approved golf shoes with non-penetrating spikes or sneakers are permitted. The changing of shoes and/or clothes must be done in the locker rooms. Neatness in dress is always a prerequisite and extremely important.

e. **The Golf Pro Shop staff will be expected to enforce the above dress code.**

5. Slow Play

Please be aware of your pace when playing golf. Eighteen holes are to be completed in four hours and five minutes! A group is considered out of position when they have fallen one hole behind the group ahead and do not immediately close the gap. If this happens, the group should offer the following group to play through.

6. Walking of pets, bicycling, and exercise walking

Walking of pets, bicycling, and exercise walking on the course are not permitted during regular golfing hours. Children of members should be instructed not to use the golf course as a short cut to the club facilities.

7. Lightning Policy

Lancaster Country Club is equipped with a lightning detection system. When the lightning detection system warning siren is sounded, ALL golfers and their caddies on the course or practice facilities MUST immediately seek shelter in an on-course shelter or in the Clubhouse. The Professional Golf Staff may provide direction as to the best place possible to shelter based on the severity of the expected weather. The sound you will hear is: ONE LONG, SOLID TONE AND YOU MUST CLEAR THE COURSE AND SEEK SHELTER IMMEDIATELY. Players/caddies MUST stay in a shelter until an “all clear” signal has been given. You will hear an INTERMITTENT TONE when it is all clear to return to play. Common sense should always prevail, if you hear thunder or see lightning

but do not hear the detection system sirens, proceed to the nearest shelter until instructed to resume play. There are NO EXCEPTIONS to this procedure. Storms are potentially life threatening. Caddies have been instructed to follow these procedures and members shall not ask them to do otherwise.

8. Music

Music that can be overheard by others is not permitted.

VII. Golf Cart and Caddie Rules

a. General Purpose

The general purpose of these rules is to minimize cart usage, promote walking and support our caddie program. For all courses, carts are limited to players over 65 years of age or who have physical limitations that prevent walking the course as certified by a physician's letter should a caddie be available. When caddies are not available players are encouraged to carry or utilize a push cart. Every player is expected to adhere strictly to this intent and to do everything possible to limit the use of carts on the course.

All players are expected to give the Caddie Master advance notice of their intentions to play to ensure that caddies will be made available for those persons who do not have cart privileges. It will also help the Caddie Master make certain that carts are available for persons with cart privileges.

Members are encouraged to request caddies for all guest rounds to increase the likelihood of a positive experience and to ensure the proper pace of play.

Players without cart privileges who make a spur-of-the-moment decision to play, particularly late in the afternoon, may be permitted to use a cart if no caddies are available. Even in these instances, a phone call to the Caddie Master will be appreciated. In some cases, a caddie may be obtained on very short notice.

It is the member's responsibility to inform all guests of the Club's golf and guest policies. Members are expected to give the Caddie Master as much advance notice as possible of their plans to play with guests so that caddies will be available.

b. Rules

1. Every member and guest must use a caddie when playing golf at Lancaster Country Club *except* as noted below:
 - a. That member or guest has golf cart privileges.
 - b. Play is begun after 2:00 p.m.
 - c. There is no caddie available.
2. Members may have cart privileges if:
 - a. The Club Medical Committee determines whether or not cart privileges are granted to a member for medical reasons. A doctor's written certificate is required. A letter of approval will be sent to the Member with the period of time such privileges will be granted. These cart privileges will be reviewed annually.
 - b. The member is 65 years or older.
3. Guests may use a cart if they are 65 or older or must use a cart for medical reasons.
4. Members will be allowed to ride with their guests who require a cart, even if the member does not have cart privileges. A guest must have

either a caddie or cart when playing at Lancaster Country Club. In those instances where some persons in a golf group do not have cart privileges, persons with cart privileges shall ride together so as to minimize cart usage.

5. Golf cart rules will be strictly enforced so long as a caddie is available.
 - a. All carts must be signed out with the Caddie Master. This includes carts going to the Practice Ground.
 - b. At no time may a member take a cart and a caddie and not pay for a forecaddie cart fee.
6. Cart charges are as follows:
18 holes - \$45.00 per person
14 holes - \$35.00 per person
9 holes - \$22.50 per person
4 holes - \$12.00 per person
7. Only two players and two bags are permitted in a cart at one time.
8. No one under the age of 16 may operate a cart. Each minor cart driver must have a valid driver's license.
9. Carts may not be used by spectators unless such use is specifically part of an event, such as Member/Guest, or Member/Member.

10. Carts shall be operated only in accordance with any posted restrictions and directions. On holes where cart paths are provided, carts must be kept on the paths with the exception of #7 Meadowcreek where a 90-degree rule is expected.
11. Carts are not permitted in bunkers, on tees or fringes of greens. The walking paths from tees to fairways (also known as “Hogan’s Cut”) are not intended for cart traffic. At no point should any carts be parked or driven across these surfaces.
12. Carts are not permitted within thirty (30) feet of any green. When approaching a green, carts should be driven to left or right of green to avoid running over approaches to the green, following arrows where applicable.
13. Carts are not permitted on the walking bridge at the eighth hole of the Meadowcreek course.
14. Carts are not permitted to be driven off the property of the Club including Eshelman Road.
15. Carts should be driven at all times to avoid other cart tracks. Constantly driving over the same area will compact the earth and kill grass.
16. Carts should be driven in a careful manner. Members are responsible for any damage to carts.

Any malfunction of carts should be reported to the Caddie Master.

17. Privately owned carts are not permitted to be used to play golf. Privately owned carts must be registered and abide by all cart policies.
18. The Board of Governors will suspend the cart privileges of persons who violate cart rules or who use carts improperly.
19. Cart Reservations:
 - a. Members having cart privileges may reserve carts.
 - b. Members may reserve carts for guests who require carts.
 - c. Cancellation of cart reservations must be made at least two hours prior to the expected tee-off time with the exception of weather-related events or a personal emergency, or the member may be charged.
20. Members are encouraged to inform the Caddie Master of their intention to play so that caddies will be available. Members may request a particular caddie. Cancellation of caddie reservations must be made at least two hours prior to the expected tee-off time with the exception of a weather-related event or a personal emergency or the member may be charged. Members are reminded that caddies are not employees, but rather independent contractors. Members may compensate a caddie what is considered appropriate for the services.

21. The suggested caddie rates per bag without tip are as follows:

Holes Played	Honor	Cadet
18	\$75	\$50
9	\$40	\$25

22. When cart riders are in a group accompanied by a caddie, it is suggested and appropriate that each cart rider tip the caddie \$5.00 - \$10.00 for 18 holes or \$3.00 - \$5.00 for 9 holes or less for attending flagsticks, raking bunkers and other such services.

23. Forecaddies

A forecaddie is required if four non-members are in a foursome with carts. It is the responsibility of the sponsoring member to make these advance arrangements with the Caddie Master.

Forecaddies are recommended, but not required, in other situations. Even when members only are in a foursome with two carts, the use of a forecaddie will save lost balls, speed play and improve course maintenance. They will be used on request when available.

The suggested forecaddie rates, per person, without tip in a foursome with two carts is \$40.00 plus gratuity.

