

# **THE GREENS AT HALF HOLLOW GOLF CLUB**

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

### **Preamble**

Licensees (Members) are advised to familiarize themselves with the rules and regulations of the Golf Club. Rules are subject to modification in the future.

### **General Rules**

1. Members shall be responsible for all debts and other obligations incurred by themselves, their families, guests and lessees. Delinquent accounts will be treated in accordance with the By-Laws as follows:
  - Any indebtedness to the Club is payable upon presentation of the monthly statement of account. If payment is not received by the first day of the succeeding month, the account shall be considered past due, and a notice of the prior balance shall be indicated on the current statement. A member who remains indebted to the club for past due charges by the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the current statement month shall be considered delinquent. In such an event, a certified letter shall be sent to the member advising the member of the delinquency. If payment of the indebtedness is not received within ten (10) days following such notice, including all late charges, a Member's charging privileges shall be subject to suspension.
2. Each member will be assigned an account number and appropriate photo charge plate membership card(s). All membership cards must be carried at all times for the purpose of identification. **ABSOLUTELY NO CHARGES WILL BE PERMITTED WITHOUT THE MEMBERSHIP CARD.** All charges shall be charged to the member's account. **MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE NOT TRANSFERRABLE BY MEMBERS.** There shall be no cash or credit card payments.
3. Damage to, or loss of property of the Club, by its members or guests, will be the responsibility of the member responsible. The Club will exercise reasonable care in protecting the property of the Members or guests, but it will not be responsible for any loss of or injury to, said property. All such property is present at the owner's risk. The Club will not be responsible for loss of valuables, or other property from lockers, golf carts, or elsewhere in the club.
4. Picnicking is not allowed on the property of the Club. Food is not allowed on the golf courses. Purchases from the food service areas must be consumed in those areas.
5. Dogs and other pets shall not be permitted on the golf course, with the exception of Seeing Eye dogs.
6. All charges including dues must be paid by check, and cannot be paid in cash.
7. In the event of a lost or stolen membership card, the Club must be notified in writing immediately. The account of the member will be canceled. The member shall be responsible for all charges placed on the account until the club has received written notification of the card loss. A new card shall be issued within 7

days of reporting such loss. An appropriate charge will be billed to the member's account for ID card replacements.

8. Any member or guest who engages in any sport, contest, game, competition, or other activity arranged or sponsored by the Club, shall do so at his or her own risk. The member and/or guest shall hold the club and its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any and all loss, cost, claim, injury, damage, or liability sustained by him or her, resulting from any act or omission of any officer, agent, or employee of the club. Any member shall have, owe and perform the same obligation to the Club and its officers, employees, and agents hereunder in respect to such loss, claim, cost, injury, damage or liability sustained or incurred by any guest of the Member.
9. Violation of any of the Club's Rules and Regulations or conduct in a manner prejudicial to the best interests of the Club will subject the person in violation of disciplinary action in accordance with the By-Laws of the Club.
10. Resignation from Golf memberships must be requested, received, and approved in writing prior to July 31 (end of fiscal year). Resignations will only be effective if approved by August 1 (beginning of fiscal year).
11. The Club may, after previous notice to all members, modify, change and add to any of the Rules and Regulations hereunder.

### **Golf Rules**

#### **A. Carts.**

The use of carts by Members and their guests is a privilege extended for their comfort and convenience. Abuse and negligence of these carts will make the user responsible for any damage and subject to disciplinary action.

1. Priority for assignment of carts will be given to Members in order of their tee-off time. Distribution of such carts will be made by the cart man upon presentation of cart ticket.
2. No cart may be used until it is assigned by the cart man or by any other authority designated for that purpose.
3. At the end of its authorized assignment, only the proper authority may reassign a cart.
4. **CARTS SHOULD BE KEPT ON THE CART PATH OR IN THE ROUGH WHENEVER POSSIBLE.**
5. Carts must be returned to proper staging area upon completion of play.
6. 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 damages that are caused by the misuse of the golf cart by Members or their guests, including, but not limited

to, damages to the golf cart, and the Members shall reimburse the Club for any and all damages the Club may sustain by reason of misuse.

7. No one will be permitted on the golf course without a cart.
8. Bag room and cart house are "Employees Only" areas.
9. Carts are not to be driven within twenty-five (25) yards of greens, aprons, slope of greens, sand traps, or of water hazards. Players must follow directional signs.
10. Cart paths are to be used at all times if possible and carts must stay off fairways in wet weather when specified by the Greens Superintendent, the Golf Professional and/or the Starter.
11. The Club is not responsible for any personal injury to a Member or guest occasioned by the use of a golf cart, and cart user shall hold Club free and harmless from any claims of liability or damage of any nature whatsoever that may arise from or through the use of the cart. All risk is assumed by the player.
12. Only two persons will be permitted to ride in, or on a cart at any time. Only persons with driver's licenses may operate golf carts.
13. Only two sets of golf clubs are allowed on each cart. Each player must have a set of clubs.
14. Players are not permitted to take the golf carts off the golf course. Golf carts are not permitted in parking areas.
15. Carts must be parked on golf paths (hole high) or in back of greens.
16. Golf cart rental fees shall be fixed by the Club and shall be charged to the Member's account.

**B. Practice.**

1. There shall be no practicing on any part of the golf course except the practice green unless accompanied by our golf professionals or their representative.
2. Practice shots and playing more than one ball is strictly forbidden. However, where, in the discretion of the Ranger, practice shots and playing more than one ball will be permissible where it does not affect traffic on the golf course. "MULLIGANS" ARE PROHIBITED.

### **C. Etiquette**

1. Golf is a sport in which etiquette is of paramount importance. Observance of the Rules and Regulations is mandatory so that Members and guests will enjoy the time they spend on the course. The responsibility of all golfers begins on the first tee and continues through the eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) green. Consideration of others is the most important rule of golf.
2. No Member may strike a ball while another Member is within a range or until the proceeding foursomes have cleared the green area with their carts. No one should play ahead.
3. REPLACE DIVOTS WITH SAND AND REPAIR BALL MARKS ON GREENS.
4. Enter and leave bunkers at nearest level point to green. Smooth sand traps over the rake upon leaving bunker. All traps are equipped with rakes for your convenience.
5. Observe "Ground Under Repair" markings. No one is to play from these areas.
6. Players on the correct fairway have the right-of-way over anyone from another hole, except where continuity of play is to be maintained.
7. Members shall, as is reasonable, pick up all rubbish and place in appropriate containers.
8. Sportsmanship, courtesy, and good manners are an essential part of good etiquette. Quiet on the golf course should be maintained. Consideration of other players will make play enjoyable to all. Pace of play must be observed at all times.
9. Infractions of the Rules and Regulations, of which the rules of etiquette are a part, should be reported to the Golf Professional.

### **D. Play on Course.**

1. Rules of the United States Golfers Association to prevail except where modified by local rules.
2. In event of a dispute, the Golf Professional's decision will be final.
3. Reservations for tee off time will be honored as closely as possible to request.

Singles twosomes will be grouped with other players, if possible. Players with reserved time must report to the Starter fifteen (15) minutes before

starting time. Scheduled players who are not ready to play at their assigned time will be set back, at the discretion of the Starter.

4. All players shall start from the first tee assigned to them unless reassigned by the Starter. Players are forbidden to “cut in” from one hole to another.
5. Non- players and spectators are not permitted on the golf course at any time except with permission of the Golf Professional.
6. No group of golfers exceeding four (4) players is permitted on the golf course without permission of the Golf Professional.
7. Singles and twosomes, when permitted to play, have no special standing on the golf course to pass other players.
8. If a twosome drops out after nine holes, the remaining twosome will not be penalized and will be permitted to play through an ordinary rotation. The following foursomes will be moved up one slot accordingly.
9. Any twosome who refuses to play with another twosome must wait until all reserved times, as scheduled, are completed.
10. Ranger will enforce speed of play under the direction of the Golf Professional. Ranger instructions are not to be questioned and non-compliance could result in disciplinary action.
11. It is the responsibility of the slow players to wave the following players through if there is an open hole ahead.
12. Players looking for lost balls must signal to the players following them to through after five (5) minutes, and having given such a signal, they should not continue play until these players have passed out of range. **PLAYERS SHOULD INSIST ON THEIR RIGHT OF PASSING UNDER THESE RULES, RATHER THAN ALLOWING THEMSELVES TO BE HELD BACK AND THEREBY HOLD BACK THE ENTIRE FIELD FOLLOWING THEM.**
13. Players behind a group looking for a lost ball should be patient and fair, allowing reasonable time, five (5) minutes for recovery of lost ball.
14. All Members of a group should help look for a lost ball.
15. Players must inform the Starter before stopping for lunch during the course of a round and is at risk of losing the player’s position. In the event of a free tee, the following group or groups may play on. The group that stopped must report back to Starter and may re-enter the flow at the discretion of the Starter, or, if no Starter is present, they may tee off directly behind those foursomes already on the tee.

16. No food or alcoholic beverages are permitted on the golf course.
17. Instructional signs placed at strategic positions must be respected in the manner as any written rules.
18. Avoid replaying putts and lingering on the greens. Scoring for completed holes and replacing clubs in golf bag should be done on next tee.
19. If lightning is in the area, all play shall cease and players should seek shelter.

**E. Attire.**

1. Cut-off jeans, tennis shorts, and tank tops are not permitted on the course. Gentleman must wear shirts with collars, and appropriate attire must be worn by women. Other attire deemed improper shall be at the discretion of the Golf Professional.
2. Golf shoes without metal spikes must be worn by all players.