

Subject: Golf Courses

Purpose: To Establish Rules and Regulations for the Golf Courses

The golf courses are under the direct control of the Golden Rain Foundation and its Golf Advisory Committee. These rules apply to the Dollar Ranch golf course (18 holes), the Creekside golf course (9 holes), the driving range and all practice areas.

The Director of Golf and/or Superintendent have the authority to determine, on a daily basis, when the golf courses, driving range and practice greens are to be closed because of weather conditions or playability issues and in the event of a closure post appropriate notice so indicating.

"Local Rules" for golf play may be developed and approved by the Director of Golf, as needed, either individually or in concert with the Golf Advisory Committee. Such "Local Rules" will be published on the scorecards for the two courses and/or posted in the Golf Shop as applicable. Although these Local Rules are not part of this GRF Rule R103.0, they shall be enforced as if they were included in this Rule R103.0.

Additionally, Rossmoor's four golf organizations (Men's Club, Women's 18, Women's 9 and Happy Hackers) each have established rules of membership and participation, noted herein as a courtesy but not to be enforced by GRF.

## **I. General Rules and Regulations**

- 1) The golf courses are available only to the residents<sup>1</sup> and their guests and employees as provided in GRF Policy 303.1. Additionally, the Golden Rain Foundation reserves the right to allow outside tournaments and guest programs at its sole discretion.
- 2) The courses and the golf shop are open every day except Monday. On GRF recognized holidays that fall on Mondays, the golf courses and the golf shop will be open. The golf shop and driving range open at 7:00 a.m. Closing hours for both are adjusted according to the season.
- 3) Each player must have a set of clubs and golf bag.
- 4) If players cause any damage to the golf courses or other GRF property or

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<sup>1</sup> A resident, for purpose of this rule is defined as a member of the GRF, a co-occupant, or an approved lessee or sub-lessee.

surrounding homes it is their responsibility to notify the Director of Golf or his/her designee and arrange for payment to repair the damage.

- 5) Players should respect the tranquility and the privacy of the occupants of nearby manors when playing and especially when searching for golf balls that may be lost out of bounds near homes.
- 6) Non-golfers may ride in a golf cart with a golfer, but must stay in the golf cart during play.
- 7) Threesome and foursome play is the accepted playing format and will have the right-of-way over all other groups. Twosomes and single players may only pass foursomes and threesomes with the consent of such foursome/threesome. Fivesomes are not allowed.
- 8) Male players have exclusive use of both courses until 1:00 pm each Wednesday. Men's Club tournaments shall have priority for starting times on Wednesday. The Director of Golf shall have authority to make exceptions to the above to maximize course utilization and convenience for residents.
- 9) Female players have exclusive use of both courses until 1:00 p.m. each Thursday. Women's 18-Hole and 9-Hole Clubs shall have priority for starting times on Thursday. The Director of Golf shall have authority to make exceptions to the above to maximize course utilization and convenience for residents.
- 10) Membership in one of the Rossmoor Women's or Men's Golf organizations is not a requirement for using the courses.
- 11) Participation in any golf tournament is subject to the rules of the organization sponsoring the tournament.
- 12) For their own protection, pedestrians and cyclists are not permitted on the golf courses during days/times when the courses are open for play.
- 13) Dogs may accompany pedestrians when the golf courses are not open for play provided that the dog is on a leash and the owner cleans up after his/her dog.
- 14) Dogs and other domestic animals are not permitted on the courses during days/times when the courses are open for play, except as noted below.

- A) "Working dogs" engaged in activities sanctioned by the Director of Golf, e.g. herding wild geese, are permitted on the golf courses at any time at the sole discretion of the Director of Golf or his/her designee.
  - B) Dogs may accompany players in privately owned golf carts. Dogs may not leave the carts.
- 15) Many wild animals can be found on or near the golf courses. Golfers are warned to admire them from a safe distance and **not to** feed them.
- 16) Alcoholic beverages purchased at the Creekside Clubhouse may not be taken onto the golf courses.

## **II. Guests**

- 1) Guests must be accompanied by a resident before 12:00 pm. Guests may play unaccompanied after 12:00 pm.
- 2) Residents are responsible for registering their guests (by calling the golf shop or accompanying them) and may be asked to present their resident identification cards at the time of guest registration.

## **III. Junior Golfers**

- 1) A Junior golfer between the ages of 8 and 18 is by definition a guest.
- 2) Junior golfers will be permitted to use the practice facilities (driving range and putting green) and golf courses. However, junior golfers between the ages of 8 and 13 must have an adult with them at all times.
- 3) Children under the age of 8, supervised by an adult, who have their own equipment, may use the practice facilities.
- 4) Junior golfers are encouraged to play during the "late rate" hours after 1 pm (November through March) and after 2 pm (April through October) at which time they may play at the resident rate.

#### **IV. Golf Course Dress Code**

***All golfers must be appropriately attired at all times on the courses and practice areas. Men must wear shirts with a collar and sleeves. Women must wear blouses with at least short sleeves or collar. Tank tops and halters are prohibited. Short-shorts or bathing suits or trunks are prohibited. Shorts must be no more than 4 inches above the knee. Blue jeans are not permitted. We are a soft-spike facility.***

#### **V. Making a Tee Time**

- 1) Only residents are allowed to make tee times except: outside tournaments and eligible employees.
- 2) Tee times may be made up to one week in advance.
- 3) Tee times may be made beginning at 7:30 a.m. either by telephone or in person. The golf shop staff will assign tee times alternately to persons registering in person and to those registering by telephone.
- 4) Tee times for Monday holidays will be taken beginning on the Sunday of the prior week (8 days before the Monday holiday).
- 5) Two tee times will be reserved during prime time hours, i.e., 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. specified at 15 and 38 minutes of each hour for walk-in players registering in person.
- 6) Players with reserved tee times have preference over walk-in players.
- 7) A resident may arrange a starting time for one foursome and/or one group of four or fewer unaccompanied guests for a given day.

#### **VI. Registering to Play**

- 1) All players are required to register with the golf shop staff at the golf shop before playing on either course.
- 2) The golf shop staff will verify all golfers' identification and collect the appropriate green fees.
- 3) Resident players and their guests starting before the golf shop is open or after it has closed must register on the sheet provided for that purpose

outside the golf shop before starting to play. Players are then required to pay any fees that are due as soon as possible (immediately after play for early morning players and the next day for late evening players).

## VII. Start of Play

Players are prohibited from starting play anywhere except from the first tee or as designated by the golf shop staff. Players playing 18 holes on the Creekside Course (two 9 hole rounds) must check with the golf shop staff before starting the second 9 hole round.

## VIII. Use of Golf Carts

***Golf carts must be registered at the Security office and a registration tag must be placed on the car.***

- 1) These golf cart rules apply to both rental and privately owned carts.
- 2) Golf cart paths have been installed to preserve the fairways. The Director of Golf and/or Superintendent are authorized to restrict golf carts to the paths due to weather conditions or playability. Otherwise, the 90-degree rule should be used.
- 3) Golf carts must be kept no closer than 30 feet from all tees and greens ***except when paths are provided that are closer. See exception below on #6.***
- 4) Golf carts must be kept on the paths on the following holes at all times: hole #7 of the Creekside course, and holes #4, #10, #14 of the Dollar Ranch course.
- 5) Directional signs for golf carts have been installed at various locations on the course. Golf cart drivers must observe these instructions.
- 6) Special “disabled golfer access” signs have been installed near the putting greens where disabled players may park to access the putting surface. Individuals must have permission to use these designated areas and display an identifying blue flag obtained from the golf shop. ***There are rules classes and “Handicap Cart Agreement” forms that must be completed for those needing long-term usage of the handicap flag.***

- 7) Signs and notices may be posted at any time to warn of hazards. Golf cart drivers must follow posted instructions.
- 8) Golf carts may only be operated **on the golf courses** by those individuals who are at least 16 years of age and have a valid driver's license.
- 9) If a golf cart breaks down on the golf course the golf shop should be notified immediately. The golf shop staff will attempt to assist the players and help remove the disabled cart from "the line of play".
- 10) Any damage done to a rental golf cart will be the responsibility of the player(s) who rented the cart.
- 11) Rental golf cart users must sign a golf cart "use agreement" before they begin play.
- 12) Golf Course Marshals **and golf staff** have the authority to drive off the paths at any time, regardless of posting to the contrary.

#### **IX. Golf Course Marshals**

- 1) Appointed Golf Course Marshals will enforce all rules on the golf course.
- 2) All golfers are encouraged to remind their fellow players of the golf course rules. Golfers are asked to report violations to the Marshal or the golf shop staff.

#### **X. Practicing**

- 1) The driving range, the practice putting greens, and the practice areas are intended for the use of persons defined in Section I-1 above. However, unaccompanied guests may warm up by using the driving range or the practice putting greens before their tee time.
- 2) Rules regarding the use of the driving range and the practice areas will be posted in those areas.
- 3) Practicing on the golf course is prohibited.
- 4) Driving range balls **and buckets** are the property of the Golden Rain Foundation and must be used on the driving range and practice areas only.

**XI. Refund Policy for Inclement Weather**

- 1) When inclement weather occurs while playing the golf courses, this refund policy will be invoked.
- 2) Full refunds will be available on both courses when golfers have not teed off the fifth hole.
- 3) On the Dollar Ranch 18-hole course, a player who has completed between five and nine holes when inclement weather begins will be charged the nine-hole rate, if they must quit because of the weather.
- 4) No refunds will be given if a player has completed 10 or more holes of the 18-hole course or completed 5 or more holes of the 9-hole course.
- 5) If a player decides to play on a day during which it is already raining, no refund will be given.

**XII. Violation of Rules**

- 1) Players may be notified either in person or by letter when they are found to have violated a rule.
- 2) The Golf Advisory Committee will be informed when anyone persists in violating this Rule R103.0, or the Local Rules.
- 3) Players who persist in violating rules may be denied the use of the golf courses.

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