

# THE GOLF CLUB AT SOUTH HAMPTON

## CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS

### I. GENERAL:

#### **Hours of Operation:**

The Club and its facilities shall be open on the days and during the hours established by Management. Hours of operation will be adjusted at the sole discretion of management.

#### **Clubhouse Activities:**

The General Manager must approve plans or dates for clubhouse activities in advance.

Performances by entertainers are permitted on the property of the Club, only with the permission of the General Manager.

#### **Club Property:**

Club Property is not provided for hunting, fishing and site seeing. Club property is for golf, dining, and general business purposes.

#### **Food and Beverage Miscellaneous:**

Alcoholic beverages consumed on Club Property, must be sold and served by the club, and consumed on the premises during hours permitted by law.

All food and beverages consumed on the property of the Club must be purchased from the Club, unless approved by the General Manager.

#### **Commercial Advertising:**

Except as permitted by the General Manager, no commercial advertisements shall be posted or circulated in the Club nor shall business of any kind be solicited or transacted on the property of the Club, nor upon the Club's stationery.

#### **Petitions:**

Other than permitted by the General Manager, no petition shall be originated, solicited, or posted within the clubhouse or on any other property of the Club.

#### **Employee Rights:**

Members must not request personal services from the employees of the Club who are not on duty.

It is unbecoming and completely unacceptable for any Member or Guest to abuse any of the Club's employees, verbally or otherwise. All service employees of the Club are under the ultimate supervision of the General Manager and no Member or guest shall reprimand or discipline any employee or send any employee off the

premises of the Club for any reason. Any employee not rendering courteous and prompt service should be reported to the General Manager immediately.

**Club Office Equipment:**

Members should not request the Golf Shop Staff to use the Club's office equipment for personal purposes.

**Pets:**

Dogs or pets are not permitted on the Club's premises, except under special circumstances when authorized by the General Manager.

**Constructive Criticism:**

Any complaints, criticisms, or suggestions of any kind relating to any of the operations of the Club should be in writing, signed and addressed to the General Manager.

**Violation of Rules:**

Violation of any of these rules or conduct in a manner prejudicial to the best interests of the Club will be subject one to disciplinary action in accordance with the Bylaws and Constitution of the Club.

**Rules Other:**

Management reserves the right to amend or modify these rules when necessary.

All rules and regulations contained herein shall be subject to and controlled by the applicable provisions of the Bylaws of the Club.

**II. USE OF PROPERTY**

No bicycling, fishing, hunting, jogging or any other recreation related activities may take place on the golf course except golf without specific written permission from the General Manager.

All golf balls lost on the golf course are property of the golf course. Players are free to retrieve their errant shot, but "ball hawking" will not be allowed.

No commercial enterprise may be established on course property unless it is in conjunction with the golf course. Written permission must be obtained in order to conduct any commercial activity on golf course owned property.

No soliciting on club property without written consent from Management.

**III. LOSS OR DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY AND PERSONAL INJURY**

1. Each member, as a condition of membership, and each guest, as a condition of

invitation to the premises of the Club, assumes sole responsibility for his or her property. The Club shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to any private property used or stored on the premises of the Club, whether in lockers, bag room or elsewhere.

2. The removal of any property or furniture belonging to the Club without proper authorization is not permitted. Every member of the Club shall be liable for any property damage and/or personal injury at the Club, or at any activity or function operated, organized, arranged or sponsored by the Club. The cost of such damage shall be charged to such member's Club account.

3. Any member, guest or other person who, in any manner makes use of or accepts the use of any apparatus, appliance, facility, privilege or service whatsoever owned, leased or operated by the Club, or who engages in any contest, game, function, exercise, competition or any other activity operated, organized, arranged, or sponsored by the Club, either on or off the Club's premises shall do so at his or her own risk. The member shall hold the Club and its Directors, officers, employees, representatives and agents harmless from any and all loss cost, claim, injury, damage or liability sustained or incurred by him or her, resulting there from and/or from any act or omission of any Director, employee, representative or agent of the Club. Any member shall have, owe and perform the same obligation to the Club and its Directors, officers, employees, representatives and agents hereunder in respect to any such loss, cost, claim, injury, damage or liability sustained or incurred by any guest of the member.

#### **IV. CLUB ATTIRE**

1. It is required that members and guest will adhere to the posted dress requirements of the club. It is expected that members will advise their guests of our dress code policy.
2. Shirts, with collars (including mock neck shirts) and shoes are required on the premises.
3. Only Soft Spiked golf shoes are permitted on the golf course and surrounding practice facility.
4. Shorts may be worn at the facility.
5. Denim or athletic coaching shorts are not permissible to be worn on the golf course or surrounding practice facilities. Please see a member of the Golf Professional Staff if you have a question about the dress code.

## **V. MEMBERSHIP:**

### **Mailing Addresses:**

Each member shall be responsible for filing in writing, with the Club, their current mailing address.

A member shall be deemed to have received all mailings from the Club ten days after they have been mailed to the address on file with the clubs accounting department.

### **Membership Cards:**

A membership indicating the type of membership may be issued to the Club member upon payment of the dues by the member. Membership cards are not transferable. Presentation of a membership card is required prior to use of the Club.

Only the person to whom it is issued and whose name appears on the card can use a membership card.

In the event of a lost or stolen membership card, the Club must be notified immediately. The account will be cancelled. Should notification of card loss or theft not be received, the member shall be responsible for all charges placed on the account. For each new membership card replaced, a service charge will be placed on the member's Club account.

Dues and other purchases are payable in full at the end of each month. All accounts must be kept current and in good standing, for the membership to remain active. All Members must have a current credit card on file to cover all charges. The club currently accepts the following credit cards as forms of payment (Visa, Master Card, & American Express).

### **Suspension or Termination of Membership:**

A member may terminate membership in the Club by delivering to the Club a written notice of termination in accordance with the By Laws of the Club. Notwithstanding termination, the Member shall remain liable for any outstanding balances on the Member account. Dues and fees will continue to accrue until the General Manager acknowledges resignation.

A member may be reprimanded, fined, suspended, or terminated by the Club under the procedures adopted by the club, if the Member:

- a. Failed to meet eligibility for membership

- b. Submitted false information on the application for membership
- c. Permitted his or her membership to be used by a non-member
- d. Submitted false information regarding an application for club privileges for a guest of the Member
- e. Failed to accompany a guest where required when using the facilities of the Club
- f. Exhibited unsatisfactory behavior, conduct or appearance
- g. Failed to pay club dues and charges incurred on their account as stipulated in the By Laws of the club
- h. Fail to abide by the rules and regulations as set forth for use of the facilities of the Club
- i. Treated the guests, fellow members, or employees of the Club in an unacceptable manner, as determined by the clubs General Manager.

### **Privately Owned Carts**

Privately owned carts are permitted for use on club property after completing the Private Golf Cart usage policy with Club Management.

### **Golf Starting Times:**

All players should make a tee-time.

Full Golf Members may make tee-times up to 14 days in advance. Starting Times will be given based on availability.

The club will provide access to tee-time booking via the internet.

The club reserves the right to book groups and or outings as far in advance as it deems necessary.

Failure to check in 15 minutes prior to your time is grounds for forfeiture of that time.

### **Handicaps:**

All members who wish to compete in various club-sponsored events must develop and maintain a USGA handicap in order to be eligible. As an affiliate *golf club* of the Florida State Golf Association, *all acceptable scores* must be posted in a timely manner in order to facilitate a current USGA Handicap Index.

***The underlying premise of the USGA Handicap System is that each player shall try to make the best score on every hole in every round, under the Rules of Golf, and that the player will post every acceptable round for peer review.***

All membership types will be subject to the current handicap fee, if they choose to keep an active handicap at *The Golf Club at South Hampton*. This fee is due and payable on an annual basis.

## **Guests:**

It is the responsibility of every member to update their guests as to club rules and regulations for their enjoyment and that of all members and club guests.

Each guest may play The Golf Club at South Hampton four times in one calendar year, for the current "Guest of Member" rate. The Golf Professional staff will monitor this.

Unaccompanied guests will not be eligible for the "Guest of Member" rate. Members must play with their guests to be eligible for this rate.

## **VI. GOLF RULES**

1. All members and guests must register in the Golf Shop before beginning play.
2. All play must originate on the first tee, unless authorized by the Golf Professional Staff.
3. Practice is not permitted on the golf course. The practice range and the practice putting green and chipping green should be used for all practice.
4. If a match fails to keep its place on the course and is behind more than one hole from the players ahead, those players will be warned and if the situation is not corrected, will be required to skip a hole.
5. All players who stop after playing nine holes for any reason must occupy the next tee before the following players arrive at the tee or they may lose their position on the golf course.
6. The General Manager must approve all tournament play in advance.
7. Course Advisors may be on duty to help regulate play from time to time. Members are required to heed the requests of any such Course Advisor.
8. All Members and guests must have a valid driver's license to drive a golf car.
9. Each player must have his/her own set of clubs.
10. All golf cars must be kept on cart paths where provided, and must be kept a minimum of thirty yards from greens and tees unless on cart paths. When the course conditions warrant "Cart Path Only" conditions, please adhere to this policy.
11. Lightning: It is the obligation of every player to watch for hazardous weather

patterns. If lightning is in the area, discontinue play and seek shelter immediately. Any injuries that result from playing while lightning is present, is the sole responsibility of the individual player.

12. Management reserves the right to limit play to foursomes.
13. Single golfers and twosomes will be grouped with other players, if available.
14. No personal coolers are permitted on the facility. Food and beverage service is available in the clubhouse and from the beverage cart.
15. Walking is limited to Full Golf Members and only during the current posted "Twilight Hours." Guests of the Full Golf Members are permitted to walk with a Full Golf Member after payment of the applicable guest of member rate.

## **SOUTH HAMPTON PRACTICE FACILITY POLICIES:**

### **PRACTICE FACILITIES:**

1. The Practice Facility is open 30 minutes prior to the first tee time based on daylight and will close promptly 60 minutes prior to sunset. The Practice Facility will be periodically closed for maintenance practices.
2. Practice Balls and Buckets are the property of the club and may be used only on the practice facility.
3. Balls must be hit from designated areas only. Designated areas are marked with ropes. If there is no availability we ask that you wait your turn or use the short game areas.
4. Proper golf attire is required.
5. Members may have a guest accompany them to the Member Only Practice Area, but must check in on behalf of the guest prior to using the facility.

### **GOLF CART RULES:**

1. Golf Carts may only be used after properly registering in the golf shop and having a cart assigned by a member of the staff. Should the staff determine that a cart is unavailable to take to the back range due to normal club business, than the staff will shuttle members and guests back and forth.
2. Golf Cars are only permitted where indicated, never on the tee or practice areas.
3. Each operator of a golf cart must be 16 years of age and possess a valid driver's

license.

4. Golf Carts are not to be used off of club property. Improper cart use can result in loss of cart privileges or use of facility.
5. No more than two (2) occupants and two (2) sets of clubs per cart.
6. Always use golf cart paths where available unless otherwise informed by staff.
7. Costs resulting from injury or damage from/to the golf cart are the responsibility of the cart operator.

### **TEACHING/INSTRUCTION:**

Formal Golf Instruction may only be given by authorized club staff. Anyone giving instruction deemed to be unauthorized by club management will be asked to leave the club property.

### **GOLF CART RULES**

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2. Each operator of a golf cart must be 16 years of age and possess a valid driver's license.
3. Golf Carts are not to be used off of the golf course.
4. No more than two (2) occupants and two (2) sets of clubs per cart.
5. Observe and obey all traffic and/or directional signs.
6. Always use golf cart paths where available unless otherwise informed by staff. Par 3 Holes are path only.
7. Except on cart paths, carts are not allowed to be closer than 30 yards of tees or greens.
8. Never drive a cart through a hazard or privately owned property
9. Do not drive under low limbs to prevent injury and damage to the cart.
10. Avoid soft areas on the course particularly after rain.
11. Improper cart use can result in loss of cart privileges or use of facility.

12. Costs resulting from injury or damage are the responsibility of the cart operator.

**THE GOLF CLUB AT SOUTH HAMPTON  
RULES REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF HANDICAP DESIGNATION FOR  
GOLF CARTS AND HOW THIS DESIGNATION SHOULD BE TREATED**

As a special accommodation to our members and guests with disabilities, The Golf Club at South Hampton will provide a special exemption to the normal Golf Cart Rules provided these members and guests fit the requirements for such.

- a. A member or guest requesting an exemption for the normal Golf Cart Rules and this designation for their round of golf, must provide the Golf Club Staff with adequate proof of disability. This proof shall include a handicap placard issued from a state agency or a doctor's note.
- b. For all other circumstances, Club Management will hold the right to decide on whether the member and guest fits the requirements for special exemption to the normal Golf Cart Rules.
- c. Should a member or guest violate the special exemption policies or rules below, the following procedure will be used:
  - i. A player assistant will remind the golf cart operator of the rules.
  - ii. A player assistant will remind the golf cart operator of the rules and that he or she has spoken with them once already. The player assistant will then notify the golf staff of the situation.
  - iii. A player assistant having to speak to a group for this purpose on a third occasion will warrant the suspension of privileges on the property for the remainder of that day and a meeting will be set up with club management prior to the individuals next round of golf.

**SPECIAL RULES FOR GOLFERS WITH A DISABILITY:**

1. Members and Guests requesting special exemption must register in the Golf Shop and show adequate proof of disability.
2. Operators of designated Handicap Golf Carts are responsible for the operation of the cart, those riding with them, and following the rules designated by club management.
3. Operators of designated Handicap Golf Carts must be aware of the normal Golf Cart Rules of the club in relation to the special designated rules for Handicap Golf Carts.
4. Golf Carts are not to be used off of the golf course.
5. No more than two (2) occupants and two (2) sets of clubs per cart.
6. Carts are not allowed to be closer than 30 feet of tees, greens collars, bunkers, or

greens.

7. Always use golf cart paths where available unless otherwise informed by staff.
8. Carts should never be driven over curbing on the side of the cart paths.
9. Never drive a cart through a hazard or privately owned property
10. Do not drive under low limbs or in wooded/"natural" areas to prevent injury and damage to the cart.
11. Avoid all soft areas on the course particularly after rain.
12. Improper cart use can result in loss of cart privileges or use of facility as outlined above.
13. Costs resulting from injury or damage are the responsibility of the cart operator. All operators of the cart must sign the cart agreement prior to play.

### **Rain Check Policy**

When rain causes the termination of play, players should go to the golf shop with their receipt, as credit is prorated based on the number of holes played.

Certificates for a dollar value are given for future use. NO CASH REFUNDS will be made. These certificates will be valid for 90 days as listed on the receipt and will hold a value that can be applied to your next golf rate at the club.

No exceptions will be made for expired rain checks and hole numbers are only used to determine the amount of value your rain check will hold based on the rate paid at time of check in on the day of play.

Pro-ration:

5 holes or less played:	Full credit, based on the rate charged
6 holes to 14 played:	Half credit, based on the rate charged
Over 14 holes:	No credit will be issued

The twilight rain check policy varies throughout the year; please consult the golf professional staff with any questions.

### **Golf Course Etiquette:**

Persons using the course should do their part to help insure that all rounds here at The

Golf Club at South Hampton are a pleasant experience for all. Here are some guidelines: Do not waste time. Play must be completed in 4 hours, 18 minutes or less. The pace of play and all cart rules will be monitored by the Player Assistant. Anticipate your club needs and take a range of clubs to your ball to prevent returning to the cart. Always be near your ball when it is approaching your turn to play. Play ready golf when possible ( ie: play when you are ready rather than waiting in order of distance from the hole when it is safe to do so ).

The time required to hole out from around the green is the chief cause of slow play. Again, take the clubs necessary to play the shot, get in position to play, and while others are playing study the shot so you are prepared to play when it is your turn.

Players not conforming to the dress code will be asked to change prior to play.

If lightning is in the immediate area, all play should cease. Each player is responsible for paying attention to weather patterns prior to and during play.

All golf balls lost on the golf course are property of the golf course. Players are free to retrieve their errant shot, but “ball hawking” will not be allowed.

In order to provide for the utmost pleasure, the club shall make or amend rules from as necessary.

Management reserves the right to limit play to foursomes.

Walking is limited to Full Golf Members and only during the current posted “Twilight Hours.” Guests of the Full Golf Members are permitted to walk with a Full Golf Member after payment of the applicable guest of member rate.

It is not enough to stay ahead of the group behind you, rather players are responsible with their pace of play and keeping up with the group in front of them. Throughout the course, there are reminders as to the pace of play. If you are behind pace and a hole behind you may be asked to skip a hole. Letting players through except while looking for a ball actually slows play. Please co-operate with our staff to insure all players have a great round of golf.

Please Repair Ball Marks, Rake Bunkers, and Fill Divots with sand that is provided.

## **VII. MISCELLANEOUS:**

### **Rules and Regulations:**

Rules and Regulations may be changed at anytime by the management. Any changes, additions or deletions in current policy will be posted on the club bulletin boards.