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CLUB RULES AND GOLF RULES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO ENSURE THAT ALL PLAYERS OBTAIN MAXIMUM ENJOYMENT FROM THE CLUB. THE CLUB'S MANAGEMENT ASKS THAT EVERYONE CAREFULLY OBSERVE THE CLUB'S RULES TO ENHANCE THE ENJOYMENT OF THE GAME FOR EVERYONE. THE CLUB MANAGER AND STAFF SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY OF ENFORCING THE CLUB RULES AND THE GOLF RULES.

REGISTRATION

Any and all persons coming to the Club to play or practice **MUST** check in at the Golf Shop prior to using the facilities. Failure to check in and register fifteen (15) minutes prior to a reserved starting time may cause cancellation or set back on the tee sheet.

Players late for their starting time lose their right to the starting time and shall begin play only at the discretion of the starter or Golf Shop.

STARTING TIMES • TIME OF STARTING

Tee times are available 14 days in advance of the day.

It is requested that tee time cancellations be made 24 hours prior to the starting time.

When a Member makes a starting time, the Golf Staff will ask for all players' names and billing arrangements.

GUEST POLICY

"Limited Guest Periods" will be in effect during our two most active time periods. A Member may only bring two Guests at a time during these peak play periods:

- *Fridays from 12 noon to 1:00pm*
- *Saturdays & holidays before 11:00am*

UNACCOMPANIED GUESTS

A Member may sponsor an unaccompanied group. Requests will be fulfilled on a space-available basis and will be approved for play by the Director of Golf. Requests may be made by emailing the Golf Shop at golf@governorstowneclub.com or by telephone. The Member will receive an immediate verbal or email confirmation on the request.

The guests may settle their charges for the day by credit card. Any unpaid balance will be charged to the sponsoring Member. Members are required to inform their guests about Club policies and procedures. Members will ultimately be responsible for their guests' actions while at the Club.

ATHLETIC MEMBER STIPULATIONS

Athletic Members are:

- *Permitted to play six rounds of golf per year for the payment of a greens fee and cart fee*
- *Permitted to bring up to three guests per round at the Accompanied Guest rate*
- *Allowed to play Tuesday through Thursday anytime*
- *Allowed to play on Friday, before 11:00am, Saturday, Sunday and holidays after 11:00am*
- *Allowed to use the Practice facility and putting greens at no charge for warm-up only before round play*
- *Allowed use of the Practice facility and putting greens for a per-use Range Fee charge of \$25.00 if not playing that day*
- *Not allowed to play as the guest of a Golf Club Member at anytime*
- *Eligible to participate in all social events and select golf events*
- *Allowed to store golf clubs in the Bag Storage area*
- *Entitled to keep their USGA Handicap on file at the Club*

HANDICAPS

Handicaps are computed under the USGA GHIN system and supervised by the Governors Towne Club Handicap Committee. All Members and their guests may be required to provide a USGA-approved current handicap for specific Club tournaments.

Members are responsible for posting all scores whenever they play (Please see the USGA rules on posting). Members failing to post will be subject to penalty scores posted to their handicap. If any doubt should arise about whether to post or not, please see the Golf Shop for more information or www.usga.org.

"Trend" handicaps will not be accepted for any Member tournament play.

GOLF COURSE RULES

The Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association ("USGA") together with the Rules of Etiquette as adopted by the USGA shall be the rules of the Club, except when in conflict with local rules. All players, especially children and beginning golfers, are expected to learn and observe

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the fundamentals of golf etiquette. Children under the age of 16 are not permitted to play before 11:00am on Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays. However, special consideration will be given to those children who possess the skill and etiquette levels appropriate for this time frame.

“Cutting in” is not permitted at any time. All play shall start at the first tee unless otherwise directed by Golf Shop personnel. Under no circumstances are players permitted to start play from a private residence. Practice is not allowed on the golf course. The Practice Facilities must be used for all practice.

Slow play is not tolerated. In the interest of all, players should play without delay. No player should play until the players in front are safely out of range.

Foursomes should complete an eighteen-hole round in four hours and fifteen minutes. If a foursome or other group of players is unable to maintain adequate speed of play and fails to keep their place on the course, they must allow the following group to play through. Golf Shop personnel have the authority to stop a slow-playing group or to allow the following group(s) to play through, or to require the slow-playing group to pick up their balls and move forward to catch up with the group ahead.

Continued slow play by players will be noted and the Golf Staff will attempt to improve such player’s skills or knowledge to enable them to complete play within four hours and fifteen minutes. If such efforts do not result in the required completion time, the Golf Staff may limit the play of such players to times other than prime playing times.

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 will lose their position on the golf course and must get permission from the starter to resume play.

While playing on the course, each player must use a separate set of golf clubs.

The golf course may not be used for any purpose except golf. Any non-golf activities such as picnicking, biking, kite flying, soccer, football, recreational walking, jogging, walking of pets, skateboarding, roller skating and similar activities are not permitted on the cart paths or golf course. Fishing in lakes on the golf course is not permitted.

Management may close the golf course to play at any time in its sole discretion. “Course Closed” or “Hole Closed” or “Cart Path Only” signs are to be adhered to without exception.

No beverage coolers or outside food and beverages are permitted on the golf course unless supplied by the Club.

DISCONTINUED PLAY POLICY

The “Discontinued Play” policy for inclement weather is as follows: *A credit may be given by the Golf Staff on duty depending on the number of holes completed.* It is the sole responsibility of the player to apply for a credit from the Golf Shop on the day play is discontinued.

FIVESOME POLICY

A five-some may be allowed to play at the discretion of the Golf Professional Staff. The policy is to be administered by the Pro Shop during busy periods in which other players may be affected.

PACE OF PLAY

The pace of play at Governors Towne Club is 4:15 for 18 holes. Please remember that 4:15 is the **MAXIMUM** time for a round at the Club. Club Members prefer to play at a reasonable pace.

GOLF CART USAGE

Golf carts shall not be used by a Member, immediate family Member or guest on Club Facilities without proper assignment and registration in the Golf Shop.

The Golf Course Superintendent may require that carts remain on cart paths based on course conditioning and weather conditions. Players will be informed of this policy prior to beginning play.

Each operator of a golf cart must be at least sixteen (16) years of age and have a valid automobile operator’s license or learners permit. Operators with a learner’s permit must be accompanied by an adult.

A maximum of two (2) persons and two (2) sets of golf clubs are permitted per golf cart, unless otherwise waived by the Golf Shop.

Golf cart operators must obey all golf cart traffic signs.

Golf carts must remain on any golf cart paths located on the course around the tee boxes and greens. Exceptions to the Club’s “Cart on Path Only” policies for handicapped golfers must be obtained from the Golf Shop Staff.

Operation of a golf cart is at the risk of the operator. Members using a golf cart will be held fully responsible for any and all damages, including personal injury and property damage, that are caused by the operation of the golf cart by the Member, immediate family members and their guests, and the Members shall reimburse the Club Owner and/or the Club for any and all damages they may sustain by reason of operation of the golf cart.

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The Member using a golf cart accepts and assumes all of the responsibility for liability connected with the operation of the golf cart. The Member also expressly indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless the Club Owner and/or the Club and their Managers, employees, from any and all damages, whether direct or consequential, arising from or related to the use and operation of the golf cart by the Member, immediate family members and their guest.

Violations of the golf cart rules may result in loss of golf cart privileges and/or playing privileges. Carts are not to be driven within ten (10) yards of the fairway bunkers or tees. Carts should remain on cart paths on all Par Three Holes. Carts are not permitted in, through, or beyond the tree lines. If the rules of the day designate "Cart Path Only," the golf carts are not to be driven off the cart paths. Request for injured or temporarily disabled persons for special permission cart usage must be submitted in advance to the Professional Staff. If permission is granted, a flag will be placed onto the cart. Cart Restriction Rules will supersede special permission requests. *ie: (Cart Path Only)*

GOLF CLUB STORAGE • GOLF CART STORAGE

The Golf Club Storage room and the Golf Cart Storage areas are for employees only. Please ask for assistance if you need anything from these areas.

SANDING POLICY

On each golf cart, a sand bucket is provided. You are requested to fill your divots and then flatten the sand with your foot. Divots taken on tees will be repaired by the Maintenance Staff. Flattening the sand provides other golfers with better lies, prevents dulling of mower blades, and eliminates "scalped" areas on the fairways.

PRACTICE FACILITIES

The Practice Facility is open during normal operating hours. At times, the Golf Staff will post well-in-advance any changes in operational status of the Practice Facilities. During Mondays or during special events/outings, the Practice Facility will be closed. Proper attire is required to use these facilities.

Guests of Members will be charged a \$25.00 Range Fee to use these areas if not playing golf that day. No unauthorized lessons shall be permitted. Spectators must observe the Dress Code Policy.

Please refrain from parking at the Sales Center to use the Practice Facilities.

WALKING POLICY & CADDIES

If feasible, a Caddie program will be instituted at Governors Towne Club for the Members' enjoyment. The Club suggests that Caddies be used when available. The use of personal pull/push carts is prohibited on the golf course and practice areas. The Club reserves the right to amend these policies in the future.

DRESS CODE

Members, please make your guests aware of proper attire before they arrive at the Club. Proper dress will be strictly enforced in all areas of the Club and grounds. The Dress Code applies to everyone on the Club grounds, regardless of age. The following is the Governors Towne Club Dress Code for the Golf Course and Dining area:

- *Men are required to wear shirts with collars and sleeves, slacks or Bermuda shorts*
- *Cargo-style pants or shorts, tank tops, tee shirts, fishnet tops, halter tops, cutoffs, sweat pants, jeans, short shorts, or other athletic shorts are not permitted*
- *The removal of a shirt by a Member or a guest while playing golf is not authorized*
- *All shirts for gentlemen must be tucked in at all times*
- *Any and all headwear must be worn face forward*
- *Women are required to wear skirts, slacks, Bermuda shorts, and appropriate golf blouses*
- *Gentlemen are required to remove all headwear upon being seated in the dining areas*

CLUB EVENTS • OUTINGS • CLOSED DAYS

Under normal operating circumstances, the Club is closed on Mondays. Play and practice will be prohibited.

Through the course of the year, the Club will host events for the Members to participate in. These events will "block" the course from regular play. Members who are unable to participate in the Club-hosted event may be able to play before or after the event, or may call the Golf Shop for possible reciprocal play at another club, if available.

The Club will host, from time to time, corporate or charity events. These events will typically be restricted to Mondays or Tuesdays. Proper notification of these events will be provided through all communication channels so that the Member may make alternative provisions during these events. Members may request of the Director of Golf, special consideration in hosting a group of players during the season.

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DANGEROUS WEATHER CONDITIONS

During spring and summer, dangerous storms can develop rapidly. When lightning is seen in the area, all golf play shall cease and players should seek appropriate shelter immediately. The Club is under no obligation to warn players of lightning in the area. However, every attempt will be made by sounding a siren to alert players of possible inclement weather. It is extremely important to note that a golf cart does not provide protection from the lightning. Please also note that if tornado conditions do exist, or if a tornado is seen in the area, all persons should quickly move to a low area such as a ditch or a creek bottom. Play will be resumed after dangerous weather has sufficiently passed, with approval from the professional Golf Staff. The Club requests that all golfers comply with these safety procedures without question.

FROST POLICIES

To ensure proper care of the course during frost and inclement weather, delays are sometimes enacted. Play will begin as soon as possible.

In frost or dangerous weather conditions, the order of play will begin with the first tee time, if any, that was scheduled after the adjusted course opening time. Any tee times scheduled prior to the adjusted course opening time will be worked in, beginning with the earliest tee time. Please be aware of this policy when requesting early tee times during winter months.

CELLULAR PHONES

The use of cell phones on the golf course is **STRONGLY** discouraged. If you must use a cell phone, your phone must be used for outgoing calls only and set to silent mode. The Club will reserve the right to enact a "no cell phone" policy if it becomes necessary to do so.

CREDIT BOOK

Members will receive credit in the Golf Shop periodically through the season, based upon their performance in the Club-sponsored tournaments. This credit must be used before December 31st of the year in which it is received.

SERVICE CHARGE

A service charge percentage, as determined from time to time by the Club, will be added to all food and beverage sales for the convenience of all Members. Members may elect to leave an additional tip for exceptional service by noting the addition on the charge ticket.

NO CASH POLICY

The Club will not accept cash payments from guests for food & beverage, or greens and cart fees. The Club will accept credit cards for any of these purchases.

FOOD & BEVERAGES

All food and beverages consumed on the Club grounds must be purchased from the Club, unless otherwise approved by the Club Manager.

ALCOHOL

The Club will comply with all federal, state and local laws pertaining to the sale and service of alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages will not be served or sold, or permitted to be consumed on the Club premises during the hours prohibited by law. It is the Club's policy that Club employees may, at their discretion, refuse to serve alcoholic beverages to any person who appears to be intoxicated or on the verge of becoming intoxicated. No assistance will be offered to Members or guests to enable them to operate motor vehicles if they are in an apparently intoxicated condition. The Club Manager or the responsible Club employee may, at his or her discretion, notify the appropriate authorities if a Member or guest insists on leaving the Club in an intoxicated condition and with apparent intent of operating a motor vehicle. Club employees are instructed to assist Members or guests in finding a driver or taxi as an alternative to operating a motor vehicle while in an intoxicated condition.

HOLIDAYS

The Club may be closed on designated holidays as authorized by the Board.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The Club's Hours of Operation may be modified seasonally or by the Board from time to time. It will be necessary to occasionally close for maintenance, but every effort will be made to keep the course open at all times.

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LIABILITY

Neither the Club, its Directors, Officers, nor employees shall be liable for any injury to persons or damages to or loss of property involving Members, or guests of other persons on the Club premises. Each Member agrees to indemnify and hold the Club, the Board, Officers and employees harmless from and against any and all claims made by them and their guests occurring to the Club premises for personal injury, damage to, or loss of property not proximately caused by the gross negligence or willful or wanton conduct of Club employees.

EMPLOYEES

In the interest of orderly management, Members are not allowed to reprimand or issue orders to employees, but are requested to discuss any suggestions or concerns with the Club Manager.

ANIMALS

Domesticated animals, except certified service animals accompanying Members or guests, are not allowed on the Club grounds or in the Clubhouse. Motor vehicles containing animals will not be allowed to remain on the Club premises.

CARDS

Playing cards or other games are permitted only in rooms or areas set apart for such purposes. The Club Manager shall have the power to stop all games which may bring the Club into dispute, interfere with the proper use of the Club by other Members, interrupt its harmony, or jeopardize its licenses.

GAMBLING

No gambling or other unlawful activities are permitted on the premises.

PROHIBITION

Governors Towne Club Golf Course is a private facility created for the intended use of its Members and guests. Any use including but not limited to skating, skateboarding, jogging, running, walking, and bike riding is **STRICTLY PROHIBITED**.

NOTICES

No notice should be placed on any Club bulletin board or other places on the Club premises without the Club Manager's approval.

IN CLOSING

It is our aim to have a very happy Membership. We will make every effort to fill reasonable requests. Please contact any Staff member with your request and he or she will forward it to the appropriate area.

Thank you for taking the time to review all of the enclosed information. Should you have any additional questions not covered in this booklet, please ask to speak with a member of Club Management.

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