

## 9.0 Golf Membership Rules

### 9.1 General Rules:

9.1.1 No Golf Member shall receive special treatment or services that violate any policy or result in a reduction in service to another Golf Member.

9.1.2 Golf Members and their guests shall conduct themselves in a civil and professional manner at all times.

9.1.3 The Association shall not be responsible for any loss of jewelry, clothing, or any other property from lockers, or elsewhere in or about the clubhouse or grounds.

9.1.4 No Golf Member shall remove, damage or destroy any property belonging to the Association. Golf Members shall be liable for damage, destruction or loss of property for which they or any of their guests are responsible.

9.1.5 For the purposes of this Section 9, "Good Standing" shall mean current in the payment of all assessments and dues.

9.1.6 The "Season" is defined as November 1- April 30.

### 9.2 Golf Attire - Golf Course and Driving Range:

#### 9.2.1 General

The Springs Golf Club requires its members and guests to be properly attired and reflect the heritage and style that is associated with a preeminent private golf club in the Coachella Valley.

The golf shop staff is directed to inform any member or guest when they are in violation of the dress code and are authorized to refuse access to the golf course and practice facilities of those in violation.

### 9.2.2 Men

- Men's shirts must have collars and sleeves. Mock turtleneck shirts designed for golf are acceptable.
- Golf pants or golf shorts are acceptable. Golf shorts must be no shorter than mid-thigh.
- Shirts must be tucked in, except for those designed for golf that are evenly cut and finished around the bottom.

### 9.2.3 Women

- Women's tops that are sleeveless must have a collar and be conservative in nature.
- Women's tops without a collar must have sleeves.
- Golf shorts, skirts or skorts are acceptable, but must be no shorter than mid-thigh.

### 9.2.4 All Members

- Proper golf hats and visors must be worn with the bill facing forward.
- Golf shoes with soft spikes—or spikeless golf shoes—are preferred but athletic shoes with flat rubber soles are acceptable.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Denim clothing, gym/workout clothing, tennis/pickleball clothing, yoga pants, cargo shorts with exterior pockets, T-shirts, tank tops, Hawaiian-style shirts and swimwear are not permitted.

9.2.5 Bermuda length shorts (no shorter than 4" above the knee), skirts, skorts and pants are permitted.

9.2.6 Denim of any color, cargo shorts, tee-shirts, halter tops, tank tops, cut offs, workout attire, tennis dresses and swimwear are not allowed on the Golf Course or Driving Range. Playing privileges may be denied to any Golf Member or guest not in compliance with the dress code.

9.3 Parking: Parking in front of the clubhouse entrance area shall be by attendant only. Cars and golf carts shall not be parked on the driveway in front of the Clubhouse.

9.4 Safety: The Golf Course is limited to players participating in the game of golf only. Due to the inherent risks involved with the game of golf, the following activities are prohibited on the Golf Course:

- a. Taking walks
- b. Jogging
- c. Walking your dog(s) or exercising
- d. Fishing
- e. Swimming

9.5 Golf Membership – Who May Apply:

9.5.1 Any Member who is a Social Member in Good Standing may apply to become a Golf Member and will be approved immediately.

9.5.2 Non-residents may apply to become Golf Members so long as they also apply to be Social Members (see Social Member Rules below). Non-residents must be sponsored by a Golf Member in Good Standing. The Golf Committee will review the application and provide a probationary membership for thirty (30) days while the application is reviewed. The application must be approved or rejected by the end of the 30-day review period. The Golf Committee may consider any factors it deems relevant, including but not limited to character, reputation, congeniality and/or compatibility with current Golf Members. All proceedings of the Golf Committee in connection with its evaluation on a prospective member are secret and confidential. The Golf Committee's recommendation will be provided to the Board of Directors for final decision.

9.6 Membership Classifications:

9.6.1 The Golf Committee will establish the classes of golf membership and the dues, reserve fees and other charges associated with golf membership, subject to Board approval.

9.6.2 There are six main classes of golf membership and an honorary classification. The six are listed below along with fees for family members:

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP:

- I. Spouses:
  - a. Limited to 6 times at half green fee
- II. Sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters and their spouses
  - a. Limited to 6 times at half green fee
- III. Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters and their spouses
  - a. Limited to 6 times at half green fee

\*COUPLE/PARTNER:

- I. Sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters and their spouses
  - a. Unlimited at half green fee
- II. Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters and their spouses
  - a. Unlimited at half green fee ①

FAMILY:

- I. Sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters and their spouses
  - a. Unlimited, no green fee

- II. Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters and their spouses
  - a. Unlimited at half green fee ①

**\*\*EXECUTIVE:**

- I. Spouses:
  - a. Unlimited, no green fee
- II. Sons, daughters, grandsons, granddaughters and their spouses
  - a. Limited to 6 times at half green fee
- III. Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters and their spouses
  - a. Limited to 6 times at half green fee

**\*\*\*LEGACY:**

- I. Spouses:
  - a. Unlimited, no green fee
- II. Sons, daughters, grandson, granddaughters and their spouses
  - a. Unlimited, no green fee
- III. Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters and their spouses
  - a. Unlimited at half green fee ①

**\*\*\*\*COACHELLA VALLEY:**

- I. Spouses:
  - a. Limited to six times at half green fee
- II. Sons, daughters, grandson, granddaughters and their spouses
  - a. Limited to six times at half greens fees
- III. Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters and their spouses
  - a. Limited to six times at half green fees

**HONORARY MEMBERSHIP:** Honorary members are those persons who are now Honorary members or who may hereafter be granted Honorary membership by the Board upon the unanimous vote of the Golf Committee. They are entitled to all Golf Membership privileges. The Honorary membership is not transferable. It may be terminated at any time by the Board of Directors upon receiving a recommendation by the Golf Committee to do so. There shall be no more than five (5) Honorary memberships at any time. This membership is not subject to payment of any dues obligations and is non-assessable and non-voting.

\* A couple is defined as a married couple, domestic partnership or significant other living in in the same household.

\*\* Executive membership applies when either the member or both members of the couple are under 60 years of age. When one member of the couple is beyond 60, the couple no longer qualifies for executive member status.

\*\*\*Legacy membership is available to Members who have been golf members for 30 years or more or who are at least 90 years of age.

\*\*\*\*This membership is open to golfers belonging to another club in the Coachella Valley and who reside outside of a five mile radius of The Springs.

① Unlimited play at half greens is only applicable to those living outside the Coachella Valley.

## 9.7 Rights, Privileges and Obligations:

9.7.1 Golf Members shall pay all required dues, fees, charges, and assessments on a timely basis. Subject to the terms of these Rules, Members in Good Standing shall at all times enjoy the right and privilege to use the golf facilities and services and to extend the privilege of such use to guests and family members in accordance with and to the extent provided by these Rules. Golf Members may serve on the Golf Committee to the extent permitted by the Golf Committee Charter.

9.7.2 A resident Golf Member in Good Standing may delegate the right to use his or her Golf Membership to a person or persons renting his or her home for a minimum of one Season. This delegation may be made only once during the life of the Golf Membership. This is intended to be a benefit to the Golf Member to enable the rental of his or her house at a premium. The membership that is assigned must be the same type of membership (single, couple or family) that the Golf Member holds. The delegation must be filed with the Membership Director and the Director of Golf, subject to the administrative fee established by the Board. During the time the Golf Membership is delegated, the homeowner may not use the Golf Membership or play as a guest, except for invitationals or charity events. No transfers of Golf Memberships are allowed.

## 9.8 Resignation, Surrender, and Reinstatement of Golf Membership:

9.8.1 Resignation and Surrender - Subject to the below conditions, any Golf Member may resign his or her Golf Membership and surrender the membership's rights and privileges. A resigning Golf Member shall provide written notice of surrender to the Board of Directors in accordance with this Section, by executing the "Resignation and Surrender Agreement."

- a. A resignation and surrender shall not release the Golf Member from his or her responsibility to pay all fees, usage charges, dues, dues surcharges or installments, and assessments due as of the effective date of the resignation and surrender. The Golf Member shall be pay any and all outstanding amounts on or before the effective date of the resignation and surrender;
- b. The Resignation and Surrender Agreement shall be irrevocable unless the Board authorizes a withdrawal of the resignation and surrender; and
- c. The Golf Member releases all claims and rights of whatever nature he or she may have against the Association.

Unless all of these conditions are satisfied, the Golf Member's resignation and surrender shall be ineffective and the membership shall continue. The Golf Member shall be liable for all of the financial responsibilities pertaining to membership.

For Golf Members who provide written notice and comply with the above conditions, their memberships shall be deemed surrendered as of the last day of the sixth calendar month following the month in which the Board of Directors receives an executed copy of the Resignation and Surrender Agreement.

In the event that a Golf Member with a Single Membership dies, then his or her Membership automatically terminates.

9.8.2 Reinstatement After Resignation and Surrender - A former Golf Member may apply to the Association for reinstatement after 18 months has elapsed from the effective date of the surrender (as defined above), provided that the individual was in Good Standing at the time of such resignation and surrender. The Board shall have the sole and absolute discretion to approve such application. An individual applying for reinstatement shall have no right to appeal or contest a decision by the Board to deny the application. If approved, the applicant will be required to pay the current Golf Initiation Assessment.

Any former Golf Member who was in Good Standing at the time of his or her resignation and surrender may apply to the Board for reinstatement prior to the conclusion of the 18-month waiting period, provided that he or she pays the full amount of Golf Membership Dues for the period of time between the effective date of the surrender (as defined above) and approval of the reinstatement application, up to a maximum of 17 months.

9.8.3 Medical leaves are not granted regardless of medical condition. (Medical leaves granted before 2/26/2020 will be honored.)

9.9 Golf Play: These Rules are designed to enhance Golf Members' enjoyment of the Golf Course and achieve maximum course utilization. When appropriate, the Director of Golf may make exceptions to more fully achieve these objectives.

9.9.1 Course Closure - When the Golf Course is closed for any reason, golf play and driving carts on the course are prohibited. The Director of Golf or Golf Course Superintendent may limit the manner of play when it affects player safety or potential course damage.

9.9.2 General Rules

- a. Golf Players must register and receive starter clearance before play.
- b. Players may not physically enter lakes to retrieve balls.

- c. Pets are not permitted on the course.
- d. No bicycles, motor bikes, roller skates, roller blades, skateboards or any vehicles other than licensed carts are allowed on the course and cart paths.
- e. Each player must have his or her own set of clubs.

9.9.3 Rules of Golf USGA Rules of Golf shall govern all play except as modified by local rules posted in Clubhouse or on scorecard.

9.9.4 Handicaps - Participation in golf events by Golf Members and guests is restricted to those having current USGA or RCGA index.

The Handicap Committee reserves the right to adjust any handicap when it feels such action is appropriate. The Committee's decision will be final.

9.9.5 Open Play - Play will be permitted at all times identified by the Golf Committee and Director of Golf. Play must be completed by nightfall.

9.9.6 Tournament Play - Association tournaments will take precedence over open play. In addition to other tournaments, there is a weekly shotgun tournament for women (Wednesday) and men (Saturday) at 8:30 am during the Season and 8:00 am beginning May 1.

9.9.7 Championship Tournaments - Play in the Men's Championship Tournaments will be open only to male golf members in good standing. Play in the Ladies Championship Tournaments will be open only to female golf members in good standing of the Ladies Golf Association. Championship Tournament play is not available to renters or others to whom golf rights have been delegated.

9.9.8 Course Etiquette - Golf Members and guests shall observe proper golf etiquette on the course. This includes:

- a. A player in his or her own fairway has the right to play ahead of a player who has played a ball into the wrong fairway.
- b. No player shall hit his or her ball from the tee or fairway until the players in front are well out of range, or shall play up to a green until the players in front have moved away from the area of the green.
- c. Practicing on the regular tees, greens, fairways or traps is prohibited. (All practicing must be confined to the designated practice area.)
- d. Rake and smooth over any holes, mounds or footprints made in sand bunkers. Rakes should be placed in the bunker with the handle facing out toward the outer edge of the sand trap.
- e. Use sand and seed as required to repair all divots, fairways and roughs.
- f. Repair damage made to putting greens such as ball marks. Avoid twisting or scraping of shoes on the green.

- g. Golf carts must yield to pedestrians and vehicles at all intersections.

9.9.9 Slow Play - Generally the time expected to play 18 holes is four hours or less. The issue of slow play is a significant part of course etiquette, and it has required the development of special rules, which are as follows:

- a. If a group has a clear hole ahead of the one they are on, they should signal the next group to play through. A lost ball does not alter this rule.
- b. Anyone refusing to comply with the Ranger's or Golf Shop Staff's requests or who uses abusive language may be subject to disciplinary action, including removal from the course.
- c. If players are following, do not replay putts. Proceed to the next hole before posting scores.

9.9.10 Damage or Injury - The Association is not responsible for damage caused by golfers. If a player observes or damages Association or private property adjacent to the golf course, he or she shall report it to the Pro Shop at the end of the round.

9.9.11 Practice Facilities - Use of practice facilities is limited to Golf Members and their guests. It shall be the responsibility of the Golf Member to ensure that children under the age of 12 are supervised by an adult. Unaccompanied adult guests may use practice facilities if the host Golf Member contacts the Pro Shop prior to use. Practice areas are the range (including Oasis tees), putting green, and the area to the right of No 1 fairway. Social Members may use the practice facilities after 2:00 pm.

9.9.12 Starting Times - Starting times are required for all play during the Season.

- a. Golf Members may call the Pro Shop to reserve starting times by telephone, beginning at 7:00 am. Only one starting time may be reserved per call. The phone number for the Pro Shop is 760.328.0590. At 7:15 am starting times may be made by walk-ins. Golf Members may reserve starting times anytime using the Club Essentials phone app or the Association website.
- b. All requests for starting times may be made up to 7 days in advance for Golf Members, and up to 2 days in advance for Social Members.

9.9.13 Social Member Play - Social Members are allowed to play a total of six rounds of golf each Season. A round of golf is 9 or 18 holes. A Social Member need not play with a Golf Member.



Social Members may play in invitationals and charity tournaments. Participation in these tournaments shall not count towards the Social Member's six rounds of golf during the Season.

Social Members can use the driving range and putting green after 2:00 pm everyday but must first check in with the Pro Shop. Social Members have unlimited play May-September at green fee rate.

9.9.14 Guest Play - No guest may play unless there is at least one Golf or Social Member present in the foursome, except for sponsored guest play (as noted below). A guest may not play more than six rounds of golf per Season (excluding invitationals and charity events). A round of golf is 9 or 18 holes. After the Season ends, there are no limitations on how many times a guest or a Social Member may play.

9.9.15 Public Play – There shall be no public play on the golf course or practice areas at any time.

9.9.16 Golf Carts – Generally

- a. Play generally requires the use of electric carts. Only two persons may ride in a cart at one time.
- b. WALKING THE COURSE RULE: Golf Members may walk the course all day and pull their carts or carry a golf bag. Walking the course during shotguns will be allowed only at the discretion of the Director of Golf.
- c. Golfers shall drive only on cart paths on par 3's..
- d. All paths next to tees and greens have a scored area to minimize slipping. Carts should stop in scored area for player entry or exit.
- e. Carts may be driven on the fairways but must stay 50 feet from the tees and greens at all times, except when riding with a medical flag provided by the Director of Golf. Cart paths must be used whenever possible.
- f. No carts shall be driven on the tee boxes or other areas so designated by signs. When putting, carts must be left on the cart paths at the side or rear of the green or next tee, but never in front of the green.
- g. During the Season, foursomes are limited to two carts and twosomes are limited to one cart.
- h. Any person who does not possess a current driver's license shall not be permitted to operate a golf cart. Carts should be started and braked slowly to avoid making skid marks on the turf. This is especially important for wet areas or soft turf.
- i. The cart operator and the Golf Member are responsible for any damage caused by cart operation. Please report damage to the Director of Golf.
- j. Golf carts are not to be driven into any out-of-bounds areas. Golfers are permitted to walk into such areas. Extreme care must be exercised not to damage landscaping around homes.

k. These Rules apply to both private and rented golf carts.

9.9.17 Golf Carts – Medical Flag Rules - Golf Members should contact the Director of Golf for procedures for obtaining a Medical flag. Medical flag privileges are limited and shall be used for the recipient only. Golf carts exhibiting medical flags must maintain a minimum of 15 feet from the tees, greens and bunkers. The Golf Course Ranger will enforce these rules. Cart paths must be used whenever possible. Violations of this Rule may result in forfeiture of flag.

9.9.18 Golf Carts – Private Carts – See 2.1.2; All Members must register their golf carts with the Association. Golf Members may operate their private electric golf carts on the course subject to the following rules:

- a. The Golf Member shall indemnify and hold the Association harmless for any liability caused by the operation of the golf cart.
- b. The Golf Member shall pay an annual cart permit fee as established by the Board for each fiscal year beginning October 1. See CART PERMIT for rules governing the issuance of this permit.
- c. Golf Members shall maintain liability insurance at all time and shall be financially responsible for any accidents involving their golf carts.
- d. Private golf carts may only be operated by the Golf Member, and immediate family or guests who hold a valid driver's license.
- e. Golf Members may store their private carts at the Clubhouse on a first come, first served basis in accordance with the Golf Storage Agreement available at the Pro Shop.

9.9.19 Golf Carts – Cart Permit - The issuance of a cart permit grants permission to operate a private cart on Club property. It may be revoked by the Golf Committee if any of the rules herein set forth are violated.

9.9.20 Green Fees - The guest green fees for both the Season and non-Season will be set by the Association. A schedule of fees is available in the Pro Shop.

9.9.21 Golf Carts – Cart Fees - Cart rental fees will be set by the Association. A schedule of fees is available at the Pro Shop. NOTE: Any Golf Member who does not have a cart permit issued by the Association is required to pay a rider's fee. The rider fee will be the same as the current cart fee.