

# GOLF PROGRAM

2019 RULES

WILMINGTON COUNTRY CLUB



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# WELCOME TO A GREAT YEAR OF GOLF!



Wilmington Country Club is truly a special place, and we are looking forward to a special year for golf. As the 2019 season gets underway there are several new golf initiatives to look forward to this season. We are excited to welcome Jon Urbanski as our new Director of Grounds this season, and are confident he will continue a tradition of excellence on the golf courses. The golf professional staff also welcomes a new addition to the team, PGA Assistant Professional Luke Grennan. He will join PGA Assistant Professionals Chad Halvonik and Lauren Strong, along with PGA Director of Instruction Bob Lennon who are returning this year. In addition, Lori Donatello and Zac Woods will again be working hard to make this a memorable season. Our entire team is more committed than ever to serving the membership in 2019.

Our aim is to provide a golf experience at the Club that is both fun and engaging while providing a high level of service. Please know that my door is always open to hear your thoughts. Be aware that the Professional Staff is available to play golf with you, please invite us to join your group. Additionally, we are available for coaching to help you improve, and make the game more fun. We really want to see you participate in and enjoy golf at the club in 2019, including those members that have never played before. We want all of our members at the club feel welcome on the golf course.

I am so very excited to be starting another season of golf at Wilmington, and look forward to seeing you on the course soon!

Best regards,

Michael Shank, PGA

# GOLF COMMITTEE

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Mr. Shawn Randall  
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# DRIVING RANGE HOURS

The driving range will open at the following hours. Exceptions to these hours include weather conditions (frost, etc.), scheduled maintenance practice and emergency maintenance.

Tuesday, March 26th through Sunday, May 5th

Monday:	12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:	7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday & Holidays:	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday:	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Monday, May 6th through Sunday, August 4th

Monday:	12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:	7:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday & Holidays:	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday:	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Monday, August 5th through Sunday, September 8th

Monday:	12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:	7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday & Holidays:	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday:	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Monday, September 9th through Monday, October 28th

Monday:	12:00 noon – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:	8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday & Holidays:	7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Sunday:	7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29th through Friday, November 15th

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday – Friday:	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays:	7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 16th through March 9th, 2020

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday – Friday:	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays:	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Beginning March 10, 2020

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday – Friday:	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays:	7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.



# COURSE AVAILABILITY

Both golf courses are open to Senior and Associate members Tuesday through Sunday. After 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sunday and Holidays the South Course opens to all members and their guests. The North Course is available to all members and their guests without restriction. The first tee will open at the following hours. Exceptions to these hours include weather conditions, scheduled maintenance practice and emergency maintenance.

Tuesday, March 26th through Sunday, September 8th	9:00 a.m.
Monday:	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday – Friday:	7:30 a.m.
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays:	

Monday, September 9th through Friday, November 15th	9:00 a.m.
Monday:	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday – Friday:	8:00 a.m.
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays:	

Saturday, November 16th through March 9th, 2020	9:00 a.m.
Monday:	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday – Friday:	8:30 a.m.
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays:	

Beginning March 10, 2020	
Monday:	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday – Friday:	8:30 a.m.
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays:	8:00 a.m.

## DRESS CODE

- Golfers are required to observe good taste and dress appropriately when using the golf facilities. Clothing should be clean and fit properly.
- Items of clothing such as: blue jeans/dungarees, “short” shorts, mini-skirts, cut-offs, running shorts, tennis outfits, flip flops, bathing suits, health shirts, tank tops, bare midriff tops, sweat shirts, fitness attire, no tops, bare feet and excessively baggy or ripped clothing are not considered appropriate.
- Men’s shirts must have a collar. Ladies’ collarless shirts must have sleeves to avoid similarity to tank tops. Shirt should be worn tucked in with the exception of a style that is designed to be worn out.
- Shorts for men and shorts, skirts/skorts for women should be approximately “Bermuda length”. Golf Shop merchandise may be used as a guideline for what is appropriate attire.
- It is the responsibility of members to inform their guests prior to their arrival of our policies regarding appropriate attire. This will alleviate the possibility of any embarrassment.
- Anyone who is inappropriately attired will be asked to discontinue their use of the golf facilities including the putting green and the practice areas until properly attired.
- The Professional Staff, as directed by the Golf Committee, is responsible to notify individuals who are in violation of these standards. Repeat offenders will be subject to disciplinary action.

# SHORT GAME AND WEDGE RANGE RULES

This facility is designed for practicing a wide variety of short golf shots. Common sense and courtesy must be used so that all users feel safe. Your shot selection might have to be altered to accommodate other members.

- The short game practice area (SGPA) will open with the South Course in April and close the Sunday after Thanksgiving.
- Daily greens maintenance will occur after the course has been prepared. The mower operator will close a green, mow it, and re-open it. Members will be asked to move to a green that is not undergoing maintenance. Only one green will close at a time. Some cooperation will be necessary.
- The facility will open Mondays at noon.
- Members may use the facility any time with the exception of Monday before noon. All or part of the area may be restricted from time to time to teach clinics, junior golf, etc. These restrictions will be posted at the starter's area.
- Carts may be taken to the SGPA, but must be parked in the parking area. Cart traffic will not be permitted in the area of play.
- For safety, members driving golf carts to the facility must follow a series of markings which begins where the cart path meets the employee parking lot. These markings will lead members around the parking lot, through a STOP sign and on to the cart parking area. Members are asked to follow a similar marking on the return trip as well.
- Golf carts must NEVER travel through the employee parking lot.
- All rules relevant to member, junior and/or guest use of the Club's golfing facilities apply to the SGPA.
- Members who do not participate in the "range club" must register their use of the SGPA with the starter and will incur a range charge of \$10 per day.
- The putting green is for short chip shots and putting only. Any shots that might cause a ball mark must be played to any of the other target greens.
- A box with "divot mix" canisters will be located at the cart parking area. Members are urged to take a canister with them to fill divots and return it when finished.
- Please limit your pitch shots to 20 yards or less. Shots greater than this length should be practiced on the Wedge Range.
- Shots longer than 20 yards should be practiced at the "Wedge Range" located on the North Course between Hole #6 and Hole #8. Divots and ball marks are acceptable.
- Both the SPGA and the wedge range are stocked with "shag bags" full of balls. Those balls should be gathered with shag bags after use and returned to rack.

# ORDER OF PLAY - NORTH AND SOUTH COURSES

Wilmington Country Club does not utilize starting times for regular member play. To assure orderly and efficient play off of the first tee of both the North and South Courses, the following procedures will be implemented for the 2019 season:

- During “Peak Play Periods” (typically weekend and holiday mornings, early Friday afternoons, and whenever two or more groups are waiting to tee off) the Golf Professional Staff, which includes the Outside Service Manager (OSM), will control access to the first tees. This will be accomplished as follows:
- All members wishing to play golf at WCC during a Peak Play Period must first personally check in with the OSM or his designee at the Starter’s Desk.
- If no group is waiting to tee off, and an order of play list has not yet been created by the OSM or his designee, any member/group ready to play may do so, subject to the control of the Starter positioned at the first tee.
- When the first tee is not immediately available during a Peak Play Period, the OSM or his designee shall create a list of members/groups who wish to play. A member/group is not eligible to receive a starter’s position until all members of a group, or at least three members of a foursome, have physically checked in with the OSM.
- Once the group is complete or the third member of a foursome has presented him/herself to the OSM, a starter’s position will be assigned to the group and communicated to the starter who will then be responsible for initiating play following the order established by the OSM.

This procedure will be utilized to control access to the first tees. The placement of balls next to the first tee will not be used to indicate order of play.

## PACE OF PLAY

During peak play periods, the Golf Staff will monitor the pace of play by among other methods, tracking times when golfers turn to the tenth tee, and by utilizing a ranger to assure a proper pace of play. Please be mindful of others and remain in position on the course.

## PULL CARTS

- Pull carts may be obtained from the Starter’s Desk at the following rates:  
9 Holes - \$13.00 AND 18 Holes - \$19.00
- Only Club pull carts may be utilized. No personal pull carts will be allowed.
- Pull carts have the same restrictions as walkers. (Please see cart/caddie/carry rules below).

# GOLF CARTS

You must be 16 years of age or older in order to rent or operate a golf cart, and we reserve the right not to rent to anyone we deem unqualified to operate the vehicle. Handling of, and riding on, a golf cart requires strict attention to the rules governing cart safety.

When the Superintendent does impose restrictions for golf cart utilization, it is done for very sound reasons, i.e., for turf protection, to minimize damage, and to diminish the time and cost required to repair damage. Golf carts are to be kept on the cart paths surrounding all greens at all times, regardless of weather conditions.

Members have the obligation to inquire and know the restrictions for golf cart usage for the day they employ a cart. There are various golf cart rules depending on the course and the conditions. They will be posted in the golf cart on the placard hanging from the roof.

Please note:

- Golf carts are limited to two riders and two bags.
- Members are responsible for the actions of their guests.

There are currently three cart restrictive scenarios:

- North Course cart path only and South Course no carts.
- North Course observe directional signs and South Course no carts.
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Anytime golf carts are permitted on the South Course:

- Enter the fairway as soon as possible.
- Keep carts in fairway (carts should be driven in the rough as little as possible).
- Exit fairway at the green marker.

Anytime golf carts are permitted off the paths on the North Course:

- Carts may be driven in the fairway or the rough.
- Observe all directional signs.
- Exit fairway at the green marker.

Golf Cart Fees for 2019:

- 9 Holes Individual- \$16.00
- 9 Holes Double- \$32.00
- 18 Holes Individual- \$32.00
- 18 Holes Double- \$64.00

Golf Cart Rain Policy

- If weather forces you to discontinue your round, charges for your golf cart usage will be based upon holes played. The charge will be \$1.80 per hole played.



# CART - CADDIE - CARRY RULES

## South Course

- Members may carry their own bag or utilize a pull cart after 2:00 p.m. from April 9th until October 20th. From October 16th until course closing, members may carry their own bag or utilize a pull cart beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- Prior to 2:00p.m., if caddies are not available, members have the option of paying a fee and carrying their clubs or using a trolley. The fee will be the same amount as a trolley. The use of a trolley would be optional and complimentary with the payment of the fee. All other rules regarding walking, cart use and caddie requirements for guest play remain unchanged.
- During adverse weather conditions, when the use of golf carts on the South Course is impractical, members and guests will be permitted to carry their own bag or utilize a pull cart only if caddies are not available. Members are still responsible for a trolley fee or trail fee.

## North Course

- Members may utilize a golf cart/caddie/trolley or carry their own bag at any time.

## CADDIE PROGRAM

The Caddie Program is structured into three different classes. With proper training, good communication and evaluations from staff and membership, the classification system listed below continuously improves the program's level of service.

**"A" CADDIES** (Suggested 18-Hole rate: \$50.00 per bag, plus gratuity)

Must perform all "B" caddie duties plus the following:

- Carry two bags sufficiently.
- Supervise, assist and train "C" and "B" caddies.
- Be prepared with ball marker, ball mark repair tool, tees, scorecard, pencil or anything you anticipate may be needed to aid your group.
- Provide yardage from ball to center of green.
- Know the general rules of golf pertaining to hazards, tending pins, speed of play, etiquette, etc.
- Assist, if capable, in reading greens.
- Set good personal and professional examples that the lower classes can imitate.
- Possess excellent communication skills.

**"B" CADDIES** (Suggested 18-Hole rate: \$40.00 per bag, plus gratuity)

- Must perform all "C" caddie duties plus the following:
- Work with other caddies in the group.
- Carry two bags when needed.
- Keep hands on irons to avoid rattling.
- Replace or fill all divots.

**"C" CADDIES** (Suggested 18-Hole rate: \$30.00 per bag, plus gratuity)

- Be courteous, pleasant, and enthusiastic.
- Carry one bag sufficiently.
- Keep eyes on all balls in your group, not just your player's ball.
- Stay ahead of player at all times.
- Know where to stand at all times.
- Remain quiet and still while all players are addressing their shots.
- Clean clubs after every shot.
- Rake bunkers quickly and efficiently.
- Tend all flags when in a group with a double caddie.
- Clean balls on the green.
- Pick up loose trash on course and in the caddie yard.

# HOLE-IN-ONE PROGRAM

All members, aged 21 and over, who hold a handicap at Wilmington Country Club are automatically enrolled in the Hole-in-One program. At the end of the Golf Season those members are billed for an equal share of the Hole-in-One expenses. For each Hole-in-One, members present are entitled to one complimentary drink in Pub37 and on the day of the hole-in-one. The member who achieves the Hole-in-One will receive a framed picture of the hole or \$150.00 in Golf Shop credit.

## GOLF GUEST RULES- IN EFFECT ALL YEAR

- Guest Fee: \$140
- 9-Hole Guest Fee: \$80
- Family Guest Fee: \$80 (Total of 6 introductions per member per year)
- 9-Hole Family Guest Fee: \$45
- Junior Guest Fee: \$40
- Junior Guest of a Junior Member (Under 18 yrs.): \$25
- Twilight Guest Fee (After 4:00 PM): \$80
- Out of Season Guest Fee: \$80

### GENERAL

Guest play will be permitted on the North Course at any time. On the South Course, one guest per foursome will be permitted anytime Tuesday through Sunday. Multiple guest play is not permitted on weekends and holidays before 11:30 a.m. and Tuesday through Friday between 12:00 noon and 1:15 p.m. No guest play is permitted on Monday.

Reservations are required, and accepted at any time prior to play. It is preferred to give at least one day notice. The daily number of guests and their start times will be restricted to ensure that pace of play is not adversely impacted.

- All guests (including singles) must be registered in the Golf Shop prior to play to monitor frequency. An up-to-date list of guests is maintained for your reference.
- Members must accompany their guests on the golf course or on the practice facilities. Practice facility only fees are \$50.00 per player per day, which includes range balls.
- One member may introduce up to seven guests per day.
- When entertaining a guest, all players are required to utilize either a golf cart or a caddie. Members with a guest are not permitted to carry their own golf bags. When riding, members with two or more guests are required to take a forecaddie, if available, at a rate of \$20.00 per bag plus gratuity.
- Tuesday through Friday, only members and member foursomes with one guest will be allowed to tee off between 12:00 p.m. and 1:15 p.m.
- On Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays only members and member foursomes with one guest will be allowed to tee off before 11:30 a.m. on the South Course. Multiple guests may be introduced on the North Course at any time and after 11:30 a.m. on the South Course.
- The holder of a guest card may utilize the golf facilities subject to all guest rules with the payment of applicable usage fees.
- No guests may be introduced on Mondays.

## GUEST FREQUENCY

A non-family guest may be introduced for golf a maximum of three occasions per year regardless of member host. Family guests, as defined below, may be introduced for golf a maximum of six occasions per year regardless of member host. Participation in the Men's Annual Invitational is counted as one occasion. The member is responsible for knowing the number of times their guest has been introduced.

## FAMILY GUESTS

The family guest fee is \$80.00 and is limited to six total introductions per year. A family guest is defined as the following: spouse, mother, father, brother, sister, daughter, son, grandchildren, grandmother, grandfather, and in-laws of those listed (For example, mother-in-law, etc.). Nieces, nephews and cousins are not considered family guests and are subject to guest restrictions and fees. To participate in the Family Guest Fee, the guest must be hosted by the appropriate family member. Once six introductions have been met, the regular guest fee of \$140 will apply.

## JUNIOR GUESTS

The junior guest fee is \$40. Junior guests are boys and girls who have not reached their eighteenth birthday. Junior guests are subject to a Junior Guest fee. Access to the golf courses is dictated by the "Rules for Junior Golfers".

## JUNIOR – JUNIOR GUESTS

The junior guest of a junior fee is \$25. Junior-junior guests are boys and girls who have not reached their eighteenth birthday and are being hosted by a junior member under the age of eighteen. Junior-Junior Guests are subject to a Junior-Junior Guest fee. Access to the golf courses is dictated by the "Rules for Junior Golfers".

## TWILIGHT GUESTS

Members bringing a guest after 4:00 PM will be subject to a Twilight Guest fee of \$80. This entitles you to play as much golf as you would like before dark. This does not count towards your quota of 6 Family Guest fees, but does apply toward individual frequency limitations. All other rules concerning guest play will apply.

# GOLF TOURNAMENTS AND OUTINGS

The Golf Committee does not support the use of the golf course for organized outings merely as an accommodation to an outside group or organization. The Committee, however, does realize that members do wish to use the course to entertain groups with which they have a direct personal or business relationship. These requests will be approved when possible as long as the golf membership is not unduly inconvenienced. Members are limited to one outing per season.

- A Golf Tournament is a member sponsored group with a minimum of 100 players that may only be scheduled on Mondays.
- A Golf Outing is a member sponsored group of 24 or fewer players with a reserved starting time. Outings may only be scheduled for weekdays, Tuesday through Friday. Starting times will be limited to before 12:00 PM and after 1:15 PM. At least one club member must be present in the group. If available, one forecaddie per group will be required.
- All players must be appropriately attired and conform to the rules of golf regarding generally accepted golf course etiquette, golf cart usage, and player maintenance.
- All tournaments will be subject to the approval of the Golf Committee. The General Manager and the Club's Golf Committee Chairman may approve outings
- Members wishing to host such an event should first contact the Golf Professional or General Manager.

# LOCAL RULES IN EFFECT FOR ALL CLUB PLAY

- Out of Bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of white stakes. In the absence of white stakes, the course-side edge of perimeter walls or fencing defines the boundary of the course.
- All golf practice ranges are deemed to be part of the general area.
- Ground under repair is defined by any area encircled by a white line.
- All roads and paths on the course, even if not artificially surfaced, are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.
- If a ball is in the penalty area on Holes 4 or 17 South, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball came to rest in the penalty area, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke:
  - Take relief under Rule 17.1d, or
  - As an extra option, drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone, defined by the closely mown area in front of the penalty area. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3

## GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE AND ETIQUETTE

- It is the responsibility of each golfer to see to it that divots are properly tendered, bunkers are raked, and ball marks on the green are repaired either personally or by the caddie.
- If any group plays so slowly that the players are holding up the groups behind them and at the same time, have at least one open hole in front of them they should either play faster to close the gap in front of them or stand aside and let the following group play through.
- Each player must have their own clubs in a bag when playing.
- Non-playing children are not permitted on the golf courses or practice facilities.
- Bunker rakes are to be placed outside the bunkers.
- Children are not permitted on the putting green unless they are properly attired and practicing putting in accordance with the established rules of golf.

# JUNIOR GOLF RULES

- Junior golfers are all golfers age 10 through 17 who have not reached their 18th birthday. Merit Tags are awarded to juniors who have demonstrated proficiency through a series of skill tests covering the areas of rules, putting, driving and scoring.
- These skill tests are administered by the Golf Professional Staff and provide objective levels of proficiency that junior golfers must meet in order to play without a parent.
- Merit Tag recipients must also have attended a Junior Orientation Session.
- Children without a Merit Tag may play or use the practice facilities only if accompanied by a parent or guardian. The following times apply to children without a Merit Tag:
  - Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays after 4:00 p.m. on the South Course and after 12:00 noon on the North Course. Weekdays after 4:00 p.m. on the South Course and anytime on the North Course.
  - Practice facilities may be used after 4:00 p.m. or at the discretion of the Golf Professionals.
- Children with a Merit Tag may play:
  - Saturday, Sunday and Holidays after 11:30 a.m. on the South Course and anytime on the North Course. Weekdays anytime on both the North & South Course.

## ADDITIONAL RULES FOR REFERENCE

- Senior and Associate members have preference on the golf course and practice facilities at all times.
- Parents are responsible for the actions of their children at all times.

## GOLF SHOP CONTACT INFORMATION

- Club Front Desk: 302-655-6171
- Golf Shop: 302-655-6022
- Golf Service Area: 302-655-7206









the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased by 1.5 million, from 2.5 million in 1980 to 4 million in 1995. The public sector has become a major employer in the UK, and its growth has been a key factor in the overall growth of the economy.

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