

# **CYPRESS CREEK GOLF CLUB**

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## **MEMBERSHIP PLAN & RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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# CYPRESS CREEK GOLF CLUB

## HOUSE RULES

It is the intent of CYPRESS CREEK GOLF CLUB (the "Club") to limit the following Rules and Regulations to the minimum required for the mutual enjoyment of its patrons. The obligation of enforcing these Rules and Regulations for the good of all patrons is primarily placed in the hands of the Club's management whose principal responsibility is to assure the members and the public of all the courtesies, comfort, and services to which, as a patron of a country club, you are entitled. The Club reserves the right to amend or modify these Rules and Regulations from time to time in its sole discretion.

It is further the duty of the membership and the public to know these Rules and Regulations and to cooperate with the Club's management and staff in the enforcement thereof.

## GENERAL CLUB RULES

### A. GENERAL CLUB RULES

1. The operation of all Club Facilities is subject to change at the discretion of the General Manager or his designee. The Club Facilities will be open and closed at different hours depending on the season and planned activities. The Club will post the hours of operation on-site as well as the Club's website at [www.cypresscreekgolfclub.com](http://www.cypresscreekgolfclub.com).

2. The Clubhouse will be open to the public every day. The Golf Shop will be open and services will be offered every day, unless the Club schedules a golf outing. The days and hours of operation may be changed at the sole discretion of the Club from time to time.

3. No performance by entertainers will be permitted on the Club Facilities without the permission of the Club.

4. Alcoholic beverages will not be served or sold, nor permitted to be consumed, at the Club Facilities during hours or at locations prohibited by law. No alcoholic beverages will be sold or served to any person not permitted to purchase the same under the laws of Hillsborough County and the State of Florida. The Club reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to refuse service of alcoholic beverages to a member, guest or the public when that member, guest or the public appears intoxicated.

5. Patrons must park their automobiles in accordance with marked parking regulations. Drinking is not allowed in automobiles.

6. Except as permitted by the Club, no commercial advertisements shall be posted or circulated at the Club Facilities nor shall solicitations of any kind be made on the Club Facilities or upon the Club's stationery.

7. Other than as permitted by the Club, no petition shall be originated, solicited, circulated or posted at the Club Facilities.

8. Employees are not permitted to deliver food or liquor outside areas designated by the Club.

9. The Club shall furnish all food and beverage consumed on the Club Facilities.
10. Members and the public must not request special personal services from employees who are on duty or the personal use of the Club's furnishings or equipment which are not ordinarily available for use by members or the public.
11. Dogs or other pets (with the exception of seeing eye dogs) are not permitted on the Club Facilities, except under special circumstances or where authorized by the Club. Members or the public are responsible for damage caused by an animal owned by the member or the public or under the member's or the public's control.
12. All suggestions, criticisms or complaints of any kind relating to any of the operations of the Club or its employees must be in writing, signed and addressed to the Club Manager.
13. It is unbecoming and shall be grounds for disciplinary action if any member, guest or the public abuses any of the Club's employees, verbally or otherwise. No member, guest or the public shall discipline any employee, nor shall a member or the public request an employee to leave the Club Facilities for any purpose whatsoever. Any employee not rendering courteous and prompt service should be reported to the General Manager immediately.
14. No member, visitor, guest or the public is allowed in the service areas of the Club.
15. Golf lockers and bag storage are rented to members or the public on an annual basis, payable in advance. Lockers and bag storage are obtained through the Golf Shop. Golf clubs are not allowed in the locker rooms at any time. Basic locker room hours of operation will be posted in the locker room. Additional and special services may be contracted for with the locker room attendant.
16. Golf and bath towels are not to be removed from the premises under any circumstances.
17. Members, the public and employees of the Club are requested to report any violation of the Rules and Regulations. Members and the public violating these Rules and Regulations will be subject to such action as deemed necessary by Club Management.

## **B. SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

1. The Membership is valid for one full year. Annual dues are non-refundable and must be paid in advance. Upon expiration of the term, the purchased membership shall automatically terminate. New Membership Application and Agreement shall be required if the member wishes to renew his or her membership.
2. A member may be terminated or suspended by the Club if in the sole judgment of the Club, the member:
  - a. Submits false information on the Application for Membership or for guest privileges;
  - b. Permits a membership card or club account to be used by anyone other than the designated holder;
  - c. Exhibits unsatisfactory behavior, conduct or appearance;

- d. Fails to pay any amount owed to the Club in a proper and timely manner;
- e. Fails to abide by these Rules and Regulations;
- f. Treats members, the public or employees of the Club in an unreasonable or abusive manner; or
- g. Exhibits any other conduct or fails to perform any obligation determined by the Club from time to time, as appropriate for suspension or termination of membership or use of the facilities.

3. The Club may at any time, and from time to time, restrict or suspend, for cause or causes described in the preceding paragraph, any member or public's rights to use any or all of the Club Facilities. No annual dues shall be refunded during the restriction or suspension.

4. Notwithstanding termination or suspension of a membership, a member shall remain liable for any and all amounts owed to the Club and will not be entitled to a refund of any membership dues previously paid to the Club and will not be relieved of any obligations to the Club.

### **C. CLUB SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES**

1. The Club provides a variety of social, cultural and recreational events in which members and the public with applicable privileges are entitled to participate. Activities will be publicized by the Club from time to time.

2. Reservations are required for most activities and are taken on a first-come, first-serve basis by pre-registering with the appropriate personnel of the Club.

3. Reservations will be held for only 15 minutes after the reserved time.

4. Cancellation of reservations after any published deadline for cancellation or failure to cancel a reservation may result in the member or the public being charged a cancellation fee, as determined by the Club from time to time.

5. The Club wishes to encourage the use of the Clubhouse Facilities by members and the public for private parties, on any day or evening, provided such use does not interfere with the normal operation of the Club Facilities or with the services regularly available to the members and the public. Members and the public are requested to make reservations with the Catering Department for available dates and arrangements.

6. Private parties are not permitted on the Club Facilities unless prior approval is obtained from the Club management by a member or the public who assumes full responsibility for the conduct of the guests in accordance with these Rules and Regulations. The Club may require the advance payment of a security deposit by the member or the public who assumes responsibility for the party. The member or the public sponsoring the private party shall be responsible for any damage caused by the installation or removal or party decor and shall be responsible for the removal of all party décor.

## **D. MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS**

1. Membership is not an investment in the Club, nor does it provide an equity or ownership interest in the Club or the Club facilities which are owned solely by the Club. Membership does not confer upon any member a vested or prescriptive right or easement to use the Club Facilities.

2. The Club reserves the right, from time to time, in its sole and absolute discretion, to terminate all or any memberships with or without cause, to modify these Rules and Regulations, to discontinue operation of any or all of the Club Facilities, to sell or otherwise dispose of any or all of the Club Facilities in any manner whatsoever and to any person whomsoever, to convert the Club Facilities to a member-owned club and make any other changes in the terms and conditions of membership or the Club Facilities available for use by members. A member only acquires a revocable license to use the Club Facilities.

3. The Club reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to restrict or to otherwise reserve the Club Facilities for maintenance, tournament play and other special events from time to time.

## **E. LOSS OR DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY OR INSTANCES OF PERSONAL INJURY**

1. Each member, as a condition of membership and each guest and the public as a condition of invitation to the premises of the Club, assumes sole responsibility for his property. The Club shall not be responsible for any loss of or damage to any private property used or stored on the Club Facilities, whether in lockers, bag storage or elsewhere. All personal property left without payment of storage thereon, in or on the Club Facilities for six months or more may be sold by the Club, with or without notice, at a public or private sale, or may be otherwise disposed of, and the proceeds, if any, shall belong to the Club.

2. No person shall remove from the room in which it is placed, or from the Club Facilities, any property or furniture belonging to the Club without proper authorization. Every member and the public shall be liable for any property damage and/or personal injury occurring on the Club Facilities, or at any activity or function operated, organized, arranged or sponsored by the Club, caused by the member or any guest or family member of such members, or the public. The member and the public, shall be liable for the cost of damage.

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 including, without limitation, golf cars or who engages in any contest, game, function, exercise, competition or other activity operated, organized, arranged or sponsored by the Club, either on or off the Club Facilities, shall do so at their own risk, and shall release and hold the Club, the management company and their directors, officers, representatives and agents harmless from any and all loss, cost, claim, injury, damage or liability sustained or incurred by such person, resulting therefrom and/or from any act or omission of the Club employees, representatives or agents. Any member and the public shall have, owe and perform the same obligation to the Club and the management company and their directors, officers, employees, representatives and agents hereunder in respect to any loss, cost, claim, injury, damage or liability sustained or incurred by any guest or family member of the member and the public.

4. Should any party bound by these Rules and Regulations bring suit against the Club, the management company or their directors, officers, employees, representatives or agents in connection with any event operated, organized, arranged or sponsored by the Club or on any other claim or matter in connection with membership, and fail to obtain judgment therein, said party shall be liable to the Club, the management company and their directors, officers, employees, representatives and agents for all costs and

expenses incurred by it in the defense of the suit (including court costs and attorneys' fees incident to appeals).

#### **F. RESERVATIONS AND CANCELLATIONS**

1. Dinner reservations may be required, as determined from time to time, by the Club. For a party of ten or more, a minimum of 48-hour notice is requested and it is further suggested that for these larger parties a set menu be arranged whenever possible. The courtesy of providing notice of necessary changes or cancellation is requested no later than 24 hours prior to the day involved.

2. Any member and the public making a reservation for a special function and failing to cancel the reservation 24 hours before the event was scheduled to begin shall, nevertheless, be charged a cancellation fee of one-half the cost of the event.

3. At all functions held in the dining rooms, tables will be assigned on a first-call, first-choice basis. Reservations for special tables will not be accepted.

4. The Club reserves the right to change or modify the hours of operation of the dining facilities as well as other services provided at the clubhouse as may be determined from time to time.

5. Reservations will be held for only 15 minutes after the reserved time.

6. Cancellation from golf events must be made 24 hours in advance, or the tournament entry fee will be assessed.

#### **G. SERVICE CHARGES & GRATUITIES**

For the convenience of the members and the public, a mandatory service charge (sales tax applies) will be added to any food and beverage sales. The Club may change the amount of the service charge from time to time. All employees are allowed to except gratuities.

#### **H. CHILDREN**

1. Children 14 and under are not allowed to use any of the Club Facilities unless accompanied and supervised by an adult.

2. Children under the legal drinking age are not allowed in any bar area, unless accompanied by an adult.

3. Children under the age of 18 are not permitted in the men's or ladies golf locker rooms, unless accompanied by a parent.

4. Children under 18 years of age are not allowed to use the Club Facilities after 6:00 pm, unless accompanied by an adult.

5. Children under 14 years of age playing golf prior to 4:00 pm on holidays and weekends must be accompanied by their parents.

6. Children under six years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

7. Children under age 16 may not be spectators on the golf course.

## **I. ATTIRE**

1. It is expected that members and the public will choose to dress in a fashion befitting the surroundings and atmosphere provided in the setting of the Club. It is also expected that members and the public will advise their guests of the Club's dress requirements.

2. Shirts and shoes are required in the Club Facilities.

3. Soft spiked shoes are permitted only in areas designated by the Club from time to time. Shoes with spikes are not permitted at the facility or on the course.

4. The following is considered appropriate attire for use of the Club Facilities:

- a. Clubhouse Dining Room: The appropriate attire for the dining room will be announced by the Club from time to time.

- b. Cocktail Lounge and Grill Room: Casual or sports attire may be worn. No bathing suits are permitted.

- c. Golf: Appropriate golf attire is required for all members, guests and the public. Players must wear shirts. Tank tops, tennis shorts, cut-offs are not permitted. Shorts extended no further than 4 inches above the knee are considered appropriate attire. Soft spiked golf shoes are highly recommended. Members and the public are expected to ensure that their guests and children adhere to these Rules. Golf spikes are not permitted at the facility or on the course.

5. The dress code is mandatory. Improperly dressed members, guests and the public will be asked to change and will not be permitted to use the Club Facilities until properly attired. If you are in doubt concerning your attire, please check with the Club staff. Any misuse or disregard of these Rules shall be grounds for disciplinary action.

## **J. GUESTS**

1. Guest privileges may be extended under the rules and regulations adopted by the Club. The Club will establish from time to time the rate of the guest fees and guest charges for use of the Club Facilities. All guests are required to register in the Golf Shop.

2. All guests shall either be houseguests or day guests. A houseguest is defined as a guest residing in a member's residence and who lives more than 75 miles from the Club.

3. Day Guests

- a. Day guests must be registered by the sponsoring member with the Club. The Club reserves the right to require identification by each day guest. A member may not sponsor unaccompanied guests.

- b. Day guests will be entitled to use the Club Facilities in accordance with the privileges of the membership of the sponsoring member upon payment of daily fees.



- c. Day guests may be limited by the Club, from time to time, in the sole and absolute discretion of the Club. Notice of such limitation will be given by the Club.
- d. The sponsoring member shall be responsible for all charges incurred by the guest. The sponsoring member is also responsible for the conduct and dress of a day guest while at the Club. If the manner, conduct or appearance of any day guest is deemed to be unsatisfactory, the sponsoring member shall, at the request of the Club, cause such day guest to surrender the guest card and leave the premises.
- e. A non-member may only use the golf facilities as a guest up to a total of six times per year.

## **GOLF RULES**

### **A. GENERAL GOLF RULES**

1. The rules of golf of the USGA together with these Rules and etiquette as adopted by the USGA shall be the rules of the Club, except when in conflict with the local rules or with any of the rules herein.
2. The bag drop area is located close to the Golf Car Storage Facility. This area is designated for riding members, guests, the public and outings. Clubs will be picked up and placed on your golf car. Clubs should not be left at the bag drop area unattended. The Club is not responsible for golf clubs left unattended by a member or guest.
3. All members, guests and the public must register with the Golf Shop 15 minutes prior to their starting time. Tee times will not be delayed; the Golf Professional or Starter will fill tee times at their discretion. Members shall present their membership cards upon registration.
4. "Cutting-in" is not permitted at any time. All players must check in with the Golf Shop.
5. A group that has been given a tee time and, without advanced notification to the Golf Shop, does not appear for that time, will not be permitted to have a tee time in the morning of the next weekend. If the next weekend is a tournament weekend, the policy will be for the weekend following the tournament.
6. No member or members or the public will start on any hole other than number one without Golf Shop approval. Any violations should be reported to the Golf Shop for disciplinary action.
7. No player should play until the players in front are out of range.
8. 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 or golf shop, to resume play.
9. All tournament play must be approved in advance by the Golf Professional.
10. A group stopping for refreshments during the course of a round could lose their position.
11. Enter and leave bunkers at the nearest level point to the green. Smooth sand over with a rake upon leaving.

12. Repair all ball marks on the green.
13. Ball hawking is not allowed on the course at any time.
14. Each player must have his/her own set of golf clubs.
15. If lightning is in the area, all play shall cease.
16. Jogging, bicycling or walking is not permitted on the golf course at any time.
17. Fivesomes may play under the following conditions upon prior approval of the Golf Professional:
  - a. All players must ride.
  - b. All players must maintain the pace of play.
18. Foursomes shall have priority on the course at all times. Groups of less than four players should not expect to play through foursomes and should not exert any pressure on the groups ahead.
19. Threesomes, Twosomes and Singles will be grouped with other players, if available. No twosomes or singles will be allowed before noon on weekends or during peak hours.
20. No one should move, talk, or stand close to or directly behind the ball or hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke.
21. Players shall have no more than one ball in play at any time.
22. No practice of any kind, putting or second shots, is permitted on any of the regular fairways or greens. All practice shall be confined to the practice green or range provided for this purpose.
23. If an errant shot breaks one of the fairway homes windows, it is the member's or the public's responsibility to notify the owner (if available) or report the incident to the Golf Shop. The member or the public shall be responsible for the damage.
24. Golf course marshals may be on duty to help regulate play and enforce golf car regulations. The golf course marshals have full authority on the golf course to enforce all rules and speed of play. Your cooperation is appreciated.
25. All Members who have a handicap are eligible to maintain a handicap. Only members with USGA approved handicaps may participate in Club tournaments. All handicaps submitted may be reviewed by the tournament committee.
26. Children under six years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
27. No spectators under the age of 16 years will be allowed on the golf course.
28. The Club shall not be responsible for golf bags left at the bag drop area.

**B. HOURS OF PLAY**

1. The hours of play and Golf Shop hours will be posted in the Golf Shop. The golf course superintendent is authorized to determine when the golf course is fit for play. This decision shall be final. In the superintendent's absence, the Golf Professional on duty shall make this decision.

2. The Golf Shop will be open seven days a week. All hours of operation are subject to change at any time.

3. Power golf cars will be available weekdays, weekends, and holidays consistent with the Golf Shop hours. All cars must be returned to the Golf Shop one-half hour before dark.

**C. TEE TIMES**

1. Each member and the public must register in the Golf Shop prior to teeing off.

**D. RAIN CHECK POLICY**

When rains prevail and cause termination of play:

1. An appropriate credit for that day's appropriate fees may be granted, as determined from time to time by the Club.

2. Credit will only be issued on the affected day and it will be the sole responsibility of the player to apply for a rain check from the Golf Shop.

**E. YOUTH GOLF RULES**

A Youth Golfer is defined as a dependent who has not completed Senior High School.

1. Youth Golfers must comply with these Rules and Regulations and maintain proper golf etiquette. Youth Golfers shall at all times demean themselves in a gentlemanly and/or ladylike manner. Temper display, damage to Club property, etc., shall be cause for fine and suspension.

2. Parents of Youth Golfers are charged with the responsibility of acquainting their children with the rules and etiquette of golf before permitting their children to play the course.

3. Youth Golfers may play Mondays (if no outings) and may start play after 2:00 p.m. seven days per week based on availability.

4. Youth Golfers must adhere to the Club's dress code when playing at the Club and at other clubs in the area during inter-club matches and tournaments.

5. Youth Golfers playing nine or 18 holes must have an established handicap to participate in net events.

## **F. POWER GOLF CAR RULES**

1. Please read the operating instruction on each power golf car prior to usage.
2. Power golf cars shall not be used by a member or guest on the Club Facilities without proper assignment and registration in the Golf Shop.
3. Each operator of a power golf car must be at least 16 years of age and have a valid automobile driver's license.
4. Only two persons and two sets of golf clubs are permitted per car.
5. Obey all golf car traffic signs.
6. Always use golf car paths where provided, especially near tees and greens. Use the 90 degree rule and cross fairways only at right angles. Players are required to remain on golf car paths, without exception, on Par 3 holes.
7. Cars are not permitted within 30 feet of the green. When approaching white posts on either side of the green, all cars are to remain on the car path adjacent to the green.
8. Except on car paths, do not drive a car within 30 feet of a green, a tee or a bunker.
9. Never drive a car through a hazard or into a bunker.
10. Be careful to avoid soft areas on fairways, especially after rains. Use the roughs wherever possible. Consult with the Golf Shop on availability of cars and car patterns during inclement weather.
11. Operation of a power golf car is at the risk of the operator. Cost of repair to a golf car, which is damaged by a member or the public, will be charged to the member or the public or, in the case of damage by a guest, to the sponsoring member. Patrons using a power golf car will be held fully responsible for any and all damages, including damages to the car, that are caused by the misuse of the car by the members or their guests or the public, and the patrons shall reimburse the Club for any and all damages the Club may sustain by reason of misuse.
12. When the "cars on path only" signs are posted, they must be strictly followed.
13. "Course closed" or "hole closed" signs are to be adhered to without exception.
14. Power golf cars shall be driven on the golf course only when the course is open for play.
15. All cars shall be delivered to the golfer by the Club's personnel and under no circumstances is a player permitted to take cars from the car building.
16. Only cars provided by the Club are permitted on the course, unless the member has signed & licensed his/her personal golf car with the club. The rules and regulations governing use of Personal golf cars will accompany the annual license and usage agreement.
17. When seated in any power golf car, keep both feet within the car at all times.
18. Do not operate a golf car with a flat tire.

19. The Golf Professional shall enforce the rules governing the use of power golf cars. Violations of the rules may result in suspension of a member's or the public's privilege to use the cars.

## **G. HANDICAPS**

1. Handicaps are computed under the supervision of the Golf Professional in accordance with the current USGA Handicap System.

2. All Members are eligible to maintain a handicap. Only members with a USGA approved handicap may participate in Club tournaments. All handicaps submitted may be reviewed by the tournament committee.

3. To establish a handicap, a member must have turned in a minimum of five scores. Members are responsible for posting their scores on a daily basis. Any member failing to turn in a score will result in a score being posted that is equal to their lowest score on record.

4. Accurate records are to be kept for scores turned in and recorded for all full rounds played. The Golf Professional will determine if there are violations by members in turning in their scores.

## **H. GOLF COURSE ETIQUETTE**

Persons using the golf course should do their part to make a round of golf a pleasant experience for everyone. Here are some suggestions:

1. Do not waste time. Anticipate the club or clubs you may need, and go directly to your ball. Always be near your ball to play promptly when it is your turn. If a player is delayed in making his or her shot, it would be courteous of such player to indicate to another player to play which would not be deemed playing out of turn.

2. The time required to hole out on and around the green is a chief cause of slow play. Study and clear the line of your putt while others are doing the same. Be ready to putt when it is your turn.

3. Be sociable, but reserve your extended conversation for the 19th hole.

4. When approaching a green, park your golf car on the car path on the best direct line to the next tee. This can save about one-half hour per round. Never leave the golf car in front of the green where you will have to go back to get it.

5. When play of a hole is completed, leave the green promptly and proceed to the next tee without delay. Do the scoring for the completed hole while the others in your group are playing from the next tee.

6. If you are not holding your place on the course, allow the players behind to play through. Do the same if you stop to search for a lost ball.

7. Repair your ball marks on the greens.

8. Any divots made in the fairway should be replaced.

9. Carefully rake sand bunkers after use.

10. The golf course marshals will report slow play and all breaches of golf etiquette to the Club management, which will take the appropriate action.

## **I. SLOW PLAY**

1. **SPEED TIMES:** Speed times are the first five times given out on weekends and holidays (non-crossovers). Players must complete their rounds of golf in less than 4 hours. Players teeing off between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. must complete 18 holes of golf in 4 hours and 15 minutes or less.

2. Players teeing off after 11:00 a.m. are urged to complete their round of golf in less than 4 hours and 30 minutes. Everyone enjoys golf more when they do not have to wait. Please do your best to play steady golf and see the Golf Shop staff for tips on how to play faster.

3. No mulligans should be taken during a round.

4. Players must be ready to play the moment the preceding shot is struck.

5. Marshals will issue warnings to those groups holding up the pace of play. These individuals will be subject to tee-time restrictions.

6. A provisional ball should be played for one that is lost outside a water hazard or out of bounds.

7. Pick up the ball if you are out of the hole.

8. Groups must report to the tee and begin at the designated time. Any part of the group that is late will have to catch up to the group on the golf course.

9. Start times, turn times, and finish times will be recorded for every group by the starter on duty.