

# Golf Rules of Play



The following guidelines have been established for Great Parks of Hamilton County golf courses to help ensure a positive and enjoyable golf experience.

## **Etiquette, Speed of Play**

- Play "ready golf." Be prepared for each shot and keep up with the group directly ahead of you. On average, a foursome should play each hole in 15 minutes or less.
- Replace divots, repair ball marks and rake sand bunkers.
- 18-hole players should be efficient while making the turn. An undue delay may result in a loss of access to the next tee.

## **Rules of Play**

- Each golfer must have a receipt from the golf shop.
- It is recommended that golfers have their own set of clubs. Rental sets are available upon request.
- Fivesomes or more are not permitted on the golf course at any time unless approved by the Golf Professional.
- Holes should be played in sequence. Players should not hit until the players ahead are out of range.
- The golf staff groups players into foursomes whenever possible.
- Playing more than one golf ball per golfer is not permitted on the golf course.
- Golfers are responsible for any damage or bodily harm caused by their ball or club.
- Great Parks is not responsible for injuries on the golf course. Play is at your own risk.
- Pets are not permitted on the golf course, driving range or practice areas.
- Spectators are required to sign a Non-Player Agreement. If the non-player is between the ages of 5-17, an adult must sign the agreement. Children under

the age of 5 are not permitted on the course. Non-players are subject to all course rules and policies.

- Spectators are responsible for the applicable non-player fee. Certain exceptions apply:
  - Parent/guardian/adult who accompanies a playing child as a chaperone.
  - Parent/guardian/adult observing a scheduled school match or tournament as a walker.
- Riding carts, if available, are allowed for these events at the discretion of the Golf Professional or the Event Administrator. Carts, if available, are allowed for those who qualify under the ADA. Applicable fees apply for those taking a cart.

### **Tee Reservations**

- Tee time reservations may be made 10 days in advance. Golfers who are part of the GHIN handicap service receive coupons allowing them to make tee time reservations in person 14 days in advance.
- Reservations are limited to three tee time reservations per caller during certain times. Groups needing more times than this should contact the Golf Professional.
- Tee times are not required but are highly recommended during busy times. The golf staff pairs players into foursomes when possible.
- On weekends (Friday-Sunday) and holidays before 11 a.m., only 18-hole reservations are accepted (in season.)
- Golfers with starting times must be paid, ready to play and report to the tee at least 10 minutes prior to the tee reservation. Reservations may be forfeited or delayed if groups are late arriving to the first tee.

### **Open Play**

- For any periods when starting times are not in effect, players tee off on a first-come, in-person basis.
- When a wait exists, one person may hold a spot for a maximum of one foursome. If other groups are ready, order of play may be adjusted as needed.

## **Ages**

- Great Parks offers senior rates Monday–Thursday (except holidays.) The rates do not apply to contractual leagues, outings and tournaments.
- The senior rate is for players 60 years or older. Proper I.D. must be shown upon request.
- The junior rate is for players 5–17 years of age. Junior rates are available Monday–Thursday and during select times Friday–Sunday.
- Children must be five years of age or older in order to be on the course. A Non-Player Agreement must be signed by a parent or adult.
- Children between the ages of 5–8 must be accompanied by a parent or adult.

## **Power and Hand Carts**

- Golf cart drivers must be at least 18 years old and have a valid driver's license.
- Proper I.D. is required upon request.
- Golf cart drivers are liable for any damage or bodily harm caused by the cart.
- Two riders maximum are permitted in a golf cart.
- Power carts must be kept at least 30 feet from the greens at all times.
- Golf carts must drive on paths and in roughs. Carts may cross fairways at 90° angles (unless restricted due to weather conditions.)
- Pull carts must be kept off greens, collars and tees.
- Privately owned motorized/non-motorized vehicles (except battery operated pull carts) of any type are not permitted for use on any of the golf courses.

## **Dress Code**

- Shirts must be worn at all times. It is recommended that all shirts have collars.
- Proper footwear must be worn at all times.

## **Alcoholic Beverages**

- Alcohol must be purchased from the facility. Carry-on alcoholic beverages are not permitted. Failure to comply may result in contacting Park Rangers and/or removal from the premises.
- Coolers are permitted for non-alcoholic beverages.

### **Weather/Rain Checks/Motor Vehicle Permit**

- Great Parks' lighting detection system will attempt to notify golfers of potential lightning in the area. If the signal is heard, guests are strongly recommended to seek shelter or vacate the course immediately. Short blasts indicate a reduced lightning danger. If the weather appears to be threatening and no alarm is heard, it is recommended guests seek shelter or vacate the course immediately. This system is designed to help guests assess conditions. Neither the signal nor the system is intended to guarantee that conditions are safe. Golfers are responsible for removing themselves from any situation which they deem dangerous.
- If inclement weather causes golfers to cancel the round, they are eligible for a refund if they have not begun their round. Once play has started, golfers are eligible for a rain check only. A receipt is required to receive a refund or rain check.
- A valid Great Parks' Motor Vehicle Permit is required to enter the parks.
- Weather permitting, the golf courses will make every effort to be open for play on a daily basis.

### **Natural Turf Usage Fee at Meadow Links & Golf Academy**

- The Natural Turf Usage Fee at Meadow Links & Golf Academy is for unlimited practice balls and unlimited time of use. Usage time and practice ends when the guest leaves the facility.
- Rain checks will not be issued for Natural Turf at Meadow Links after one hour from the time of purchase.

### **Golf Tournaments/Special Events**

Throughout the year, each of the golf courses host a variety of golf events and tournaments. During these events, tee times may not be available. The golf course will make every effort to have 9-hole or 18-hole times available before or after the event.