

RIVERBEND GOLF CLUB, INC. RULES

SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Riverbend Golf Club, Inc. is a Florida Corporation and the administration of its affairs, the development and enforcement of its operating rules and its fiscal condition are the responsibility of its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors welcomes suggestions and constructive criticism, in writing, which will enable the Club to better serve the needs and wishes of our members.
- 1.2 Club property shall not be removed from the premises without permission of the Board of Directors. Costs of repairs to Club property, including golf carts, damaged by members, lessees or guests will be charged to those responsible.
- 1.3 In case of a conflict between these rules and the By-Laws, the By-Laws shall govern.
- 1.4 All members of the Riverbend Golf Club shall abide by these rules and all rules of the Riverbend Condominium Association which pertain. Members shall be responsible for the actions of their families, guests and lessees. Violations of these rules may result in a fine or suspension of play or as otherwise stated in the Riverbend Golf Club Bylaws.
- 1.5 With written permission from the Club member, members of the immediate family (children, grandchildren, parents, spouses) will be permitted to use the golf facilities and sign for all charges to the member's account.
- 1.6 There are five (5) membership classes:
 - Riverbend Membership
 - Current North Passage Membership
 - Full Golf Membership
 - Associate Membership (non-voting)
 - Summer Membership (non-voting)
- 1.7 The Pro Shop is located in a segment of the Riverbend Condominium Assn Clubhouse. This, along with the locker room/washroom facilities of the Clubhouse, is available to all Club members, their immediate family, lessees and guests. Availability of the remainder of the Clubhouse is as defined in the Condominium Association Rules.
- 1.8 The lessee(s) of a member's residence, under a written lease agreement for three months or more, shall be entitled to the use of the golf facilities and pay member rates if the lessee applies for such use and pays the "renter/member" fees established by the Board of Directors. The Board shall publish this fee by April 15 for the "Golf Year" October 1 through September 30.
 - a) Prior to leasing, the member must submit to the Board of Directors, an Intent to Lease, a copy of the lease and a membership application for the prospective lessee at least 20 days prior to occupancy. The member will waive rights to the use of the golf facilities for the duration of the lease. The Lessee will be charged \$100.00 to cover administrative and processing expenses.
 - b) Use of the Golf facilities by lessees is limited to two people. All others shall be considered guests.
- 1.9 Golf bag storage at the cart barn is encouraged. A bag storage liability release form must be signed. The Club cannot be responsible for damage or loss.
- 1.10 Parking has always been a problem during the winter season and the only viable solution is the member's cooperation in walking or biking to the Pro Shop where feasible or being driven there.
- 1.11 North Passage members may transfer and assign their membership in the Club to the owner of a residence in North Passage. Any transfer and assignment by a member of his membership in the Club shall be by a written assignment agreement signed by both parties on a form provided by the Club. The assignment by a member of the Club of his membership shall be recorded in the Public Records of Martin County, Florida and a copy of the assignment shall be delivered to the Club forthwith after recording.
- 1.12 A member of the Club who fails to pay the periodic assessments or any charges within thirty (30) days after the due date shall be considered delinquent. In addition to any other rights and remedies available to it under the By-Laws, the club may deny the delinquent member, and/or his lessees and guests, the use of the golf facilities until such time as the delinquent assessments and charges are paid in full.
- 1.13 Members are encouraged to sponsor new Full Golf members. As an incentive, one three-month maintenance fee will be credited to the referring member's account in the month the new member

joins. The new member must remain a Club member for 12 months to retain the incentive payment. There is no maximum number of credits a member can receive. Any potential new members may play one round of golf with you at no charge. This policy may be modified or cancelled at any time by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2 - GUEST PRIVILEGES

- 2.1 Guest privileges to the same guest may be extended a period of 2 times in a 30 day period, regardless of multiple sponsorship. This restriction does not apply to house guests. A "house guest" is a guest who is temporarily staying in the residence of a regular member. A "guest" who is not a "house guest" is a person invited by a member to play golf.
- 2.2 In all cases, guest(s) and house guest(s) must be accompanied in the same golf group by a member. If this is not feasible, prior approval must be obtained through the pro shop which approval may be withheld in very busy times.
- 2.3 Guest privileges in times other than the busy season specified above will be as defined by the Board of Directors, which approval may be withheld in busy times.
- 2.4 All guests will be charged the guest rate for golfing using an electric cart, or the walking fee, as appropriate. Children, grandchildren, parents (including their spouses) of members do not pay guest fees.
- 2.5 If a Regular member who is not married does not designate an Annual Guest, as permitted in the Bylaws (Article VIII, Section 6,b), prior to the beginning of the "Golf Year", October 1, the Board may, on application, provide that member with up to 10 eighteen hole guest passes. If a spouse of a member does not play golf, the Board may, on application, provide that Member with up to 10 eighteen hole guest passes. In the case of two non playing members the Board may, on application, provide those members with up to 10 eighteen hole guest passes, not 10 for each non playing member. If the guest is not to be accompanied by the member, clearance must be obtained as described in section 2.2. Walking passes as described in section 4.3 are available to all lessees who apply as provided in section 1.8. **GUEST PASSES DO NOT INCLUDE CART FEES.**

SECTION 3 - OPERATIONAL RULES

- 3.1 All players are required to use electric golf carts provided by Riverbend Golf Club. Personally-owned golf carts outside of Riverbend will be required to pay a trail fee and show proof of insurance. (Exception under "Walking Rules").
- 3.2 Members are urged to use golf carts carefully to prevent damage to the golf course and to keep it in the best possible condition.
- 3.3 Where at all possible, please drive electric carts on cart paths where provided or in the rough. Driving and parking on the turf compacts the soil unnecessarily.
- 3.4 If it is necessary to enter or cross the fairways, the 90 degree rule must be observed. **Carts must be kept off tees, approaches and slopes of greens and away from sand and water hazards.** Exception: If a player has been determined to be "disabled" by the golf pro shop staff, that golfer will be provided with an appropriate flag for the golf cart and will be permitted to take the cart to the level surface of the tees and the edge of greens, as may be necessary, provided this does not cause undue risk for the player or others.
- 3.5 Carts must not cross white lines placed for the protection of fairway turf. Carts are restricted to golf course play and must not be used to transport players and/or equipment to and from residences. Carts are not permitted onto residents' property. Golf carts are not permitted onto pass way of the halfway house.
- 3.6 **Pull Carts** with specifications approved by the Board are allowed only during those times designated for walkers. Pull carts must have wide tires and must carry sand for filling divots.
- 3.7 Ball marks on greens must be repaired by the golfer. Divots must be filled with sand as provided with each electric cart. Please do not overfill a divot, the sand is detrimental to our mowing equipment. Divots, on tees will be filled by golfers.
- 3.8 Only two players and two golf bags are permitted on each electric golf cart. Each player must have his or her own set of clubs. Use of electric carts is restricted to golfers for the purpose of playing golf or traveling to the driving range for practice. Adult non-golfers are not permitted to ride in a cart except when specifically authorized by the Pro Shop personnel, such as to view Tournament play. Children who are not playing golf are not permitted to be passengers in, or drive, a golf cart.
- 3.9 Every golfer must register in the Pro Shop **PRIOR TO PLAY**. ALL play MUST commence from the 1st tee, with no **cutting in** except as authorized by the Pro Shop (exception under "Walking Rules").

- 3.10 A practice putting green (no chipping) is located beside the first tee. A practice range including a bunker and chipping green is located between the 8th and 11th fairways. No practice is permitted other than in those designated areas.
- 3.11 **Dress Code: General:** The dress code applies to all members, guests, lessees and children while on the golf course.
Men: Trousers or shorts are acceptable if the shorts are no more than four inches above the top of the knee. Shirts must be traditional golf shirts with collar and sleeve.
Women: Slacks, skirts or shorts are acceptable. Skirts and shorts should be no more than four inches above the top of the knee.
Unacceptable: Blue jeans, cargo shorts, athletic shorts, short shorts or skirts, beach wear, t-shirts, sweat clothes, halter or strapless tops, swim tops, or tank tops. Shirts must be tucked in, unless they are banded shirts designed NOT be tucked in.
 Golf shoes with soft spikes or walking or running soft sole shoes must be worn on the course. **NO METAL SPIKES ALLOWED.**
- 3.12 Children under 16 must receive a "Riverbend Junior Member" card from our Riverbend Professional to use the golf course. They must be accompanied by an adult and are not permitted to operate an electric golf cart. Appropriate behavior is expected.
- 3.13 Empty bottles, cans, cigarette butts and other litter are to be placed in receptacles as provided.
- 3.14 Tee time reservations may be made as much as one week in advance at the Pro Shop. **ELECTRIC CARTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE CART BARN BEFORE 6:00 P.M.**
- 3.15 During the season (Nov. 1 thru April 30), play in foursomes is encouraged. If you have a twosome or threesome, allow the Pro Shop to assist you in creating a foursome.
- 3.16 Foursomes have priority on the course. Consideration should be given to allowing faster players to play through when there is an open hole ahead. Twosomes and threesomes must retain their position on the course unless invited to play through.
- 3.17 It is the objective of the golf program for a foursome to play an 18 hole round in 4 hours or less. Please follow the practice of "Hit when ready". While golf is a social occasion, it is also a competitive event. Its biggest detriment is slow play! Socialize after the round. Your friends will appreciate it!
- 3.18 Due to insurance restrictions and Golf Club contracts for the retrieval of balls from all ponds, balls hit into the water, during play, may be retrieved only at that time. **Entering into the ponds at any other time is not allowed for any reason.**

SECTION 4 - WALKING PRIVILEGES

- 4.1 The Riverbend Golf Club extends to its members, lessees and their guests the unique privilege of walking the course when golfing. **WALKING ON THE COURSE FOR ANY OTHER REASON IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED to ALL RESIDENTS, MEMBERS and VISITORS.**
- 4.2 The course is available for walking, weather permitting, 365 days of the year after 4:00 P.M. or check for the posted time in the Pro Shop. In addition, when the Pro Shop is closed during off-season. On Mondays and Thursdays, the course is available for play all day.
- 4.3 Each member or lessee desirous of walking privileges will be issued a new "Walking Pass" or a validated pass updated annually for a fee. These passes will be issued by the Pro Shop and are not transferable. If a member has passed their 80th birthday when making application for the Walking Pass, there will be no fee.
- 4.4 If a member is desirous of having a guest use walking privileges the guest must be accompanied by the member. There will be a daily charge for the guest. This walking guest fee can be paid for in three ways - 1. at the Pro Shop before beginning, 2. call the Pro Shop and charge it to your account, or 3. sign a charge slip presented by Ranger personnel on the course. **No cash can be accepted.** A two-part color-coded, dated ticket will be issued to validate the charge. This ticket must be in the possession of the guest walker.
- 4.5 Every walker must be prepared to present the proper credentials to Ranger personnel upon request. Those walkers without the proper credentials will be asked to leave the course or the daily walking charge will be assessed, if the guest is eligible to have walking privileges.
- 4.6 Walking privileges do not apply to the practice range. See Golf Practice Range Rules for clarification.
- 4.7 **WALKERS MUST ALLOW THE IMMEDIATE RIGHT OF WAY TO PLAYERS DRIVING ELECTRIC CARTS.**
- 4.8 Golf Club and Condominium Association employees are encouraged to use the course once the electric carts have been returned and secured.

SECTION 5 - GOLF PRACTICE RANGE RULES

- 5.1 The range is open to members, lessees with golf privileges, and guests accompanied by members of Riverbend Golf Club. Children under 16 need not have received the "Riverbend Junior Member" card when practicing and accompanied by a member.
 - 5.2 There are no fees to utilize the range other than the rental of a small or large bucket of range balls. Golf carts will be assigned, if available, free of fee, to access and exit the range. No carts used for this purpose can be used to play any holes on the golf course without first signing up in the Pro Shop for a round of golf.
 - 5.3 The range is open for the sole use of rented balls at 8 A.M. on the days when rented balls are available through the Pro Shop. This is usually daily excepting Mondays and Thursdays in the summer. No range balls, or carts to access the range will be issued after 3:30 P.M. The range will be closed at 4:00 P.M. until all range balls are recovered.
 - 5.4 After 5:00 P.M., the range, similar to Walking Privileges, is open to members using their **own** golf balls and accessing the range on foot. Such users must retrieve their golf balls and police the area before leaving.
 - 5.5 Range Balls are the property of the Golf Club and are not to be removed from the practice range. **Use of range balls on the golf course is strictly forbidden.**
 - 5.6 The Club Professional and students have exclusive use of the range during the group clinic sessions (schedule and registration in the Pro Shop)
- NOTE: All practice shots are to be made from the teeing area at the west end of the range toward the east end except for practice prior to 8:30 A.M. shotgun starts and any lessons being given by the Club Professional.
- 5.7 All range users are to pause and allow golfers who are in the range area while actually playing either the 8th or 11th holes on the golf course to play through. This is in the area of both courtesy and safety.
 - 5.8 Approach the range from the Pro Shop with caution! Golfers on hole #11 or on the range itself may not see you coming.

SECTION 6 - LIGHTNING POLICY AND PROCEDURES

- 6.1 Lightning causes many deaths and injuries on golf courses every year. Florida has the highest incidence of lightning in the United States.
- 6.2 To help avoid exposure to this danger, the following will occur: Riverbend Golf Club will utilize an M10/P10 Optical Lightning Detector or other state of the art means to determine if lightning is in the area. When lightning is detected, three blasts on our warning devices will be sounded!
- 6.3 When the alarm is heard, it is mandatory to discontinue play immediately and seek shelter. **THE COURSE IS CLOSED!** The best procedure is to return to the clubhouse. Avoid isolated trees, elevated tees or other high places and anything metal. The halfway house is not a lightning shelter. Clearance to resume play will be a single prolonged note on the warning devices.
- 6.4 The presence of a flashing white light indicates alarm mode is active.

SECTION 7 – MEMORIALS

A member who wishes to have a tree planted on golf club property must first request permission from the Board in writing where upon the Board will review the specific request and grant or not grant permission based on the needs of the golf club. If permission is granted by the Board, the member may purchase the tree and the grounds crew will, if within its capabilities, plant the tree. Any memorial marking is to be attached to the tree and be approved by the Board in advance of purchase.

SECTION 8 - ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

Enforcement procedures are as stated in the Riverbend Golf Club Bylaws. Any reference in the bylaws or other statements of the Golf Club to the Rules and/or Regulations shall be to these Rules. Each member is invited to report to the Board, in writing, incidents that are contrary to these Rules.

ALL PERSONS USING THE GOLF COURSE AND DRIVING RANGE DO SO AT THEIR OWN RISK.

NO LIABILITY IS ASSUMED BY THE RIVERBEND GOLF CLUB, INC.