



# Nutcracker Member Golf Club

## *Rules and Regulations*

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# **The Nutcracker Golf Club**

## ***Rules and Regulations***

It is the intent of Management to limit these Rules and Regulations (“Rules”) to the minimum that are required to ensure the enjoyment of The Nutcracker Member Golf Club (the “Club”) by the members and their guests. The obligations of enforcing these Rules lies primarily in the hands of a carefully trained staff whose principal responsibility is to assure members of all the courtesies, comforts and services to which they are entitled. It is also the duty of the membership of the Club to know its Rules and to cooperate with the management and staff in the enforcement of these Rules.

These rules and regulations are effective January 1, 2018, and will remain in effect with amendments issued as required.

## **ARTICLE 1.**

### **HOUSE AND GROUNDS RULES**

#### **1.1. HOURS OF OPERATION**

The hours of operation for the clubhouse shall be published on the Club's website, but is subject to change to accommodate special events. The entire Club, including the course, is closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The schedule of operations is also subject to change due to weather conditions.

#### **1.2. SPECIAL FUNCTIONS**

Management shall endeavor to publish all special functions on the club's website, including without limitations dinner dances, men's and women's club banquets and special social functions. Management, in its sole discretion, may use the clubhouse for private parties and special functions and may conduct outside tournaments on the golf course at times agreed upon by Management and the Club's appropriate golf association.

#### **1.3. CHARGING PRIVILEGES**

(a) Members shall pay for the purchase of merchandise, food and beverages, and services by a charge to their membership billing account.

(b) Management reserves the right to suspend or place limits upon a member's charging privilege or require a deposit from a member.

#### **1.4. RECIPROCAL CHARGING**

(a) Reciprocal charging privileges are not allowed to our members.

(b) The Club shall not be held liable for any incoming reciprocal charges not approved in advance by Management, and the invoice shall be personally liable to the club at which the reciprocal charge was made.

## **1.5. GUESTS**

(c) Members may bring guests to the Club at prescribed times. Members are responsible for the conduct, of all obligations and debts incurred by, and any damage caused by their guest. Members will be charged the applicable guest fees then in effect at the Club. Guests must be in the company of their host member at all times. Management, in its sole discretion, may deny guest privileges to any individual.

(d) Individuals who are non-equity members of the Club may attend the Club as a guest of equity member(s) and avail themselves of privileges to which they are not entitled under their own non—equity membership. The total number of guest visits by such members cannot exceed two (2) per calendar year under any circumstance. Individuals who are members of Pecan Plantation and are not members of the Club may attend the Club as a guest of equity member(s), so long as the total number of guest visits by such individual do not exceed two (2) per month for privileges other than social and dining. Such individuals may attend the Club as a guest of equity member(s) an unlimited number of times for social and dining purposes.

(e) Management may sponsor guests at the Club. Management will use discretion to avoid peak play periods when scheduling guests for golf play.

(f) Members shall have the right to designate a house guest a “Temporary House Guest Member.” A guest’s request for use privileges must be submitted to and approved by Management prior to the use of the Club by the guest. A guest (and their immediate family) shall be entitled to use the Club only in accordance with the category of membership for which the guest is designated as a Temporary House Guest Member, and only upon payment of all required charges and fees. Members shall be responsible for all charges incurred by guests that are not paid within thirty (30) days after billing.

## **1.6. MINORS**

(a) Any unmarried dependent child under the age of twenty-two (22) years is considered a minor for the purpose of these Rules. However, a person between 18 and 21 years of age who owns his own membership is not treated as a minor. In connection with golf activities, minors may also be referred to as juniors.

(b) Member parents or guardians of minors are directly responsible for the actions of their minor children and guests’ children. In the event of violations of Club rules or policies by minors, restrictions may be imposed on family use of the Club facilities.

(c) Minors under the age of twelve (12) years entering upon Club property must be accompanied by an adult member at all times except when properly qualified and enrolled in the Junior Golf program.

(d) Management, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to limit the use of facilities by minors.

(e) Alcoholic beverages may not be sold to any person under the age of twenty-one (21). Members are advised that alcohol is served in Dining Room sections of the club. As such, Minors should be accompanied by a parent and / or other responsible adult or guardian.

## **1.7. PROPER CONDUCT**

Members are to conduct themselves in a manner which will not interfere with other members' or their guests' enjoyment of the Club. Obnoxious or abusive language and rude or boisterous behavior is prohibited.

## **1.8. RULES AND ETIQUETTE OF PLAY**

Members are encouraged to familiarize themselves, their family and their guests with the rules and etiquette of golf, as outlined in the United States Golf Association (USGA) handbook. This handbook is available to review in the pro shop.

## **1.9. SUPERVISION OF PLAY**

The General Manager has the responsibility for supervision and control of all matters relating to play on the golf course. Golf course privileges may be refused to anyone who, in the judgment of the General Manager, violates the rules of play, etiquette and / or dress code. Responsibility for such supervision may be delegated to Club employees.

## **1.10. REGISTRATION FOR PLAY**

All members and their guests must register with the pro shop starters prior to using the facilities.

## **1.11. REPORTING INJURIES**

Any injury to persons or damage to property should be reported immediately to the Manager or other responsible staff member.

## **1.12. GOLF INSTRUCTION**

Instruction in golf may be offered under the supervision of the Club's Management.

### **1.13 DRESS CODE**

(a) **GOLF COURSE.** Golfers must wear apparel suitable for golf at all times on the golf course. This includes appropriate-length pants, shorts and skorts, shirts with collars or golf mock collars, and golf footwear non-damaging to turfgrass. The following types of apparel are expressly prohibited on the course: frayed or torn clothing, hard-soled and open-toed non-golf footwear, steel spikes, cutoffs, tank tops and t-shirts.

(b) **FITNESS FACILITY.** Attire and footwear designed for exercise should be worn at all times. Members and guests should make every effort to not distract other facility users with their clothing choices. Prohibited apparel includes frayed and torn clothing, cutoffs, tank tops, exposed sports bras (not covered by a shirt), t-shirts displaying vulgar graphics or wording, sandals, flip-flops and other open-toed footwear.

(c) **GOLF PRACTICE FACILITY.** Clothing approved for use on the golf course and / or the fitness facility may be worn on the driving range and short game area.

(d) **DINING AREA.** Clothing approved for use on the golf course and / or the fitness facility may be worn in the dining area of the clubhouse, along with other casual attire in good taste. Dress restrictions may be imposed or waived for specifically designated social events.

(e) **GENERAL.** Attire and grooming shall be such as to generally not offend fellow members. Members are responsible for ensuring their guests conform to dress code policies. Management reserves the right to refuse facility privileges to members or guests determined to be in violation of dress code policy.

### **1.14. GRATUITIES**

Management shall have the right to add service charges when and in such amounts as are considered appropriate from time to time.

### **1.15. COMPLAINTS**

Employees of the Club are to be treated in a courteous and considerate manner. No employee shall be reprimanded in any way by a member. Any complaints regarding service rendered by Club personnel must be immediately made to the General Manager or manager on duty. Depending upon the severity of the complaint, Management may require the members to state the complaint in writing along with the complaining member's signature. Members are requested to report misbehavior or violations of rules or laws committed by employees, other members or guests to the General Manager, and all violations will be subject to disciplinary action as deemed necessary by Management.

### **1.16. PARKING**

All members must drive and park motor vehicles in accordance with applicable laws and posted regulations. Disregard of parking lot space markings resulting in the use of more than one parking space, parking in an unmarked parking ar-



ea, handicap marked spaces, or fire lanes is considered a violation of these Rules and Regulations. Parking in the Club's lot is undertaken at the member's own risk. Management is not responsible for personal injury or property theft or damage. Fines outlined in these Rules and Regulations apply.

#### **1.17. PEDESTRIAN AND PET ACTIVITY ON THE GOLF COURSE**

Members may walk, jog, run, bicycle or fish on the golf course ONLY DURING DAYS AND TIMES OF DAY WHEN NO GOLF IS BEING PLAYED. This includes individuals accessing the golf course with their pets. Members are responsible for proper disposal of the pet's waste, the conduct of, and any damage caused by their pet.

*Hood County Animal Restraint and Rabies Control Order, Volume 14, page 743 Part V. "Restraint" shall mean that the animal shall be confined within the real property limits of its owner or with a competent person, secured by a leash or lead at all times if the animal is not within the property limits of its owner.*

In summary, all pets on the Nutcracker Member Golf Course must be on a leash or lead. Members found on golf course property with pets not under leash or restraint are subject to the following corrective steps:

**First Instance** - Member/pet owner is verbally advised of the referenced Hood County Animal Restraint Ordinance.

**Second Instance** - Member/pet owner receives written notification of the referenced Hood County Animal Restraint Ordinance.

**Third Instance** - Action can range from temporary loss of golf course pet walking privileges up to notifying Hood County Animal Control for handling.

Management reserves the right to deny pet privileges to any individual.

#### **1.18. DESTRUCTION OF CLUB PROPERTY**

Any member who abuses any item of Club property shall be subject to a fine and payment of all costs associated with repairing or replacing the property.

### **ARTICLE 2.**

#### **GOLF**

## **2.1. GENERAL**

(a) Yearly golf rules, regulations, procedures and program are printed in addition to these rules and are available in the Golf Shop.

(b) Every player must wear golf appropriate shoes and must have his own set of golf clubs and a golf bag.

## **2.2. STARTING**

All players must check in with the golf shop before starting play, so that the starter may control traffic on the course.

## **2.3. WEEKDAY TEE RESERVATIONS**

Weekday reservations are recommended, and may be obtained, by Golf Members, by calling the pro shop up to seven (7) days in advance. Reservations may be subject to certain advance reservation restrictions established by Management. Reservations will be taken on a first-call basis.

## **2.4. PRACTICE**

All golf practice must take place on the Club's designated practice facilities. Under no circumstance are the regular tees, greens or fairways of the golf course to be used as practice areas. When playing the course, each player may have only one ball in play at any time, except when, pursuant to USGA Rules, a provisional ball is to be played.

## **2.5. PLAYING GROUPS**

(a) No more than five (5) players per group is permitted, unless prior approval has been obtained from the golf professional.

(b) In the case of groups with less than four (4) players, the starter, at his discretion, may fill the group with other waiting players.

(c) No more than three (3) carts are allowed per playing group. This restriction is waived on days when cart usage is restricted to CART PATH ONLY for all holes.

## **2.6. SLOW PLAY**

Groups containing five (5) players are preferred. At times groups with fewer players may find themselves behind a larger group. The smaller group should not expect to play through the larger group unless the hole ahead of the larger group is open. At that point, the larger group is encouraged to invite the group behind it to play through.

## **2.7. ENFORCEMENT**

Play on the golf course is governed by USGA Rules, with the exception of any local rules which take precedence when printed on the scorecard or posted.

## **2.8. GOLF CARTS**

(a) Carts may be operated by anyone sixteen (16) years of age and older, providing that person has a valid driver's license.

(b) Members are liable for any personal injury or property damage that results from the use of a cart checked out in their name. Members are also liable for any damage to or loss of carts and must pay all repair costs necessitated by their use of a cart.

(c) All member golf carts must display the current Nutcracker windshield decal.

## **2.9. CART OPERATION**

(a) Carts are to carry no more than two (2) riders and two (2) golf bags at any time.

(b) Drivers must read the operating instructions on the rental cart prior to usage and obey such instructions.

(c) Rental carts are to be returned to the staging area.

## **2.10. CART ROUTES**

Carts are always to be driven on cart paths where they exist. Drivers must observe and obey all signs, stakes, roped-off areas and other markers used to guide carts. When necessary, carts may be driven on a ninety-degree (90°) angle to the golf ball and then directly back to the cart path. Carts are not to be driven over sprinkler heads. Drivers are to avoid areas that are newly planted, wet, or under repair, and should not approach any closer than fifty (50) feet to any tee, green, bunker, or their shoulders.

## **2.11. JUNIOR PLAY**

(a) Juniors must be certified as "A" players by the club management in order to play without being accompanied by a member parent or guardian.

## **2.12. GUEST PLAY**

(a) Members bringing more than (4) guests are requested to gain prior approval of the Club.

(b) All other rules governing guests' attendance and participation in Club activities apply to golf guest play.

## **ARTICLE 3.**

### **FOOD AND BEVERAGE**

#### **3.1. SERVICE HOURS**

For the service hours of the different food and beverage departments, see the "Operations" section in the Club's website.

#### **3.2. MEMBER RESTRICTIONS**

(3) Members are not permitted in the kitchens or behind the bar.

(b) All food and beverage to be consumed on Club premises must be purchased from the Club unless approved in advance by the General Manager.

#### **3.3. LIQUOR**

Liquor law violations are not permitted on Club premises. Per TABC regulation it is illegal for any person to bring alcoholic beverages onto Club premises for the purpose of consumption or storage. It is also illegal to remove alcoholic beverages from the Club premises. Club employees may refuse to serve alcoholic beverages to any Club member or guest who appears to be intoxicated. Minors may not purchase or consume alcoholic beverages anywhere on Club premises.

## **ARTICLE 4.**

### **INFRACTIONS AND DISCIPLINE**

#### **4.1. FINEABLE OFFENSES**

Any member who violates any of the conditions set forth in the Bylaws or these Rules and Regulations may be subject to a fine. This fine will be added to the member's monthly statement. Failure to pay the fine and satisfy the member's obligations in full may lead to a further fine and suspension.

## **4.2. REVOCATION**

A membership may be revoked and the rights of any person or persons entitled to use the Club may be terminated for any of the following reasons:

- (a) Commission of any felony or misdemeanor theft on Club premises.
- (b) Ninety (90) day member account delinquency.
- (c) Willful destruction of Club, staff, member, or guest property.
- (d) Physical or gross verbal abuse of staff, members or guests.
- (e) Continued and repeated violations of these Rules and Regulations.
- (f) Following suspension, if a member again violates the rule that led to the previous suspension within twelve (12) months of the infraction, or if the member violates any other rule that would result in suspension within twelve (12) months of the infraction.
- (g) Advertising by a member of his membership for sale in any public medium of advertising.