



RULES AND POLICIES //
RIDGEPOINTE COUNTRY CLUB
GOLF COURSE

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It is the intent of the RidgePointe Golf Rules to ensure the enjoyment and safety of all golfers.

I. General

- A. Rules of the United States Golf Association, along with any local rules will be in effect for all play. Local rules will be available upon request.
- B. The golf course will be open for play at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday through Sunday. The golf course will close at dusk. The golf shop hours are seasonal and will be posted outside the golf shop. The golf course and its facilities will be closed on Mondays with the exception of Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, and any pre-approved special golfing events.
- C. When golf course is closed, this includes the practice area and the putting green.
- D. Golfers in play are deemed to have the right of way. RidgePointe members are permitted to walk or jog the cart path only, before the course opens (8:00 am). No roller blading, fishing or bicycle riding is permitted on the golf course while it is open for play. Non-members are not allowed on course without permission from management.
- E. Only food and beverages purchased at RidgePointe Country Club will be allowed on the golf course, except for coaches with high school and collegiate athletes playing on course. See Section IV. Open Play and Tournaments for exemption guidelines.
- F. At all times maintenance of the greens will take precedence over regular play. Closures may occur at short notice.

II. Player Responsibilities

- A. Each member is responsible for the conduct of their guests and the charges they may incur. If a guest violates the golf rules the member shall be held fully responsible for their actions.

- B. Each member is responsible for the conduct of his or her children. Parents should make sure that children understand the RidgePointe Country Club Golf Rules and their importance as they affect each one of us. Parents are responsible for all charges their children may incur.
- C. Each member should turn in an accurate score following each 18-hole round. The Golf Professional shall be responsible for the establishment of handicap procedures and have sole discretion to determine the handicap of participants of Club sponsored events based on facts presented to the Golf Professional.
- D. While on the golf course or its practice facilities, all players will comply with instructions given by golf shop or greens staff.

III. Tee Times and Course Closures

- A. Tee times may be made by contacting the golf shop by phone, email or in person beginning on Sunday of the preceding week for any weekday time. Tee times for Saturday, Sunday, and holidays may be made 48 hours in advance starting at 8:00 a.m.
- B. All players should register with the golf shop before beginning play and be ready to play the group's designated tee time. Any group failing to take its proper place on the number one tee could be moved back as directed by the Golf Professional or his staff.
- C. Discretions are vested in the Golf Professional and staff to accommodate groups of members who failed to obtain a tee time. The golf staff will only be allowed such discretion provided there is a place for such a group and members who have tee times are not duly inconvenienced.
- D. Individuals who do not have a game may call or come to the golf shop in order for the Golf Professional or his staff to find them a game. Golf games will be found on a first come/first serve basis, taking into account the wishes of the players with the tee time.
- E. The golf course, the practice tee, driving range and/or the practice greens may be temporarily closed when, in the opinion of the Golf Course Superintendent or Golf Professional, the course is too wet or when playing would adversely affect the golf grounds.

IV. Open Play and Tournaments

- A. All players are encouraged to play an 18-hole round in less than four hours. If a group falls out of position or play is delayed due to a lost ball, the slower group must invite the group behind to play through to speed up play on the course.

B. Threesomes and foursomes are permitted at all times when the golf course is open. Golf etiquette requires right of way order as follow:

1. Foursome
2. Threesome
3. Twosome
4. Single
5. Fivesome
6. Sixsome (when permitted by Golf Professional)

C. Tournament Guidelines

a. High School and Collegiate Tournaments

i. Student Tournament Rates

1. Course Reservation
2. Green Fee

ii. Food and Beverage

1. Coaches may bring drinks for their players only.
2. Spectators are prohibited from bringing outside food and beverage.
3. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited from all student tournaments.

iii. Course Compliance

1. All coaches are responsible for the behavior of players and parents while on the premises.
2. All coaches must submit signed waivers from each player understanding the course rules and regulations.

b. Corporate Tournaments

i. Contract shall be signed between RidgePointe and Corporate host. Deposit of ((25% or set amount)) due upon tournament reservation.

ii. Corporate Tournament Rates:

1. Course Reservation
2. Green Fee
3. Cart Fee

iii. All food and beverage shall be purchased from RidgePointe.

c. Non-profit / Fundraising Tournaments

i. Contract shall be signed between RidgePointe and Corporate host. Deposit of ((25% or set amount)) due upon tournament reservation.

- ii. Non-Profit Tournament Rates:
 - 1. Course Reservation
 - 2. Green Fee
 - 3. Cart Fee
- iii. All food and beverage shall be purchased from RidgePointe.
- iv. Publicity through RidgePointe's member communications is reserved exclusively for tournaments held on our course, and at the discretion of RidgePointe Management. RidgePointe's name and logo must appear on any marketing materials shared through the following channels:
 - 1. Social Media: RidgePointe may share your organization's posts up to two times prior to event, once on event day(s), and once after event. RidgePointe's social media calendar will take precedence at all times. No lewd language, imagery, political, racial or any derogatory remarks will be permitted. All posting is at the discretion of RidgePointe Management.
 - 2. Email Communications: Golf Tournament information may be sent to our MGA and LGA email lists and in our golf newsletters as space is available and at the discretion of RidgePointe Management.
 - 3. Flyers: Golf Tournament flyers created by non-profit organizations, to be held on our grounds, will be permitted on our bulletin boards. At no time will tournaments held at other clubs be permitted to promote on our grounds.
- d. Club Sponsored Tournaments

V. Classification of Guests and Restriction of Play

A. A guest is a person who has been invited to play golf by a member. All guest fee charges are good for the entire day. Any extra holes played will result in another cart charge. A guest unable to complete play of a minimum of 6 holes in case of rain will be given a rain check or the charge removed from the member's account.

a. Types of Guests

- i. **Member Guest:** Any person playing with and as a guest of a member may only be invited to play one (1) time per calendar month.

Weekday fee with cart: \$60.00

Weekend & Holiday fee with cart: \$80.00

- ii. **POA Member:** Any POA member not a full RidgePointe Country Club member may play one (1) time per calendar month and be able to invite up to three (3) guests.

Weekday fee with cart: \$60.00

Weekend & Holiday fee with cart: \$80.00

- iii. **Immediate family:** A person who is an immediate family member of any active Full Club member. Immediate family includes mother, father, son, daughter, sister, brother, grandchildren or in-laws of such. (Frequency of play to be determined at the Pro's discretion).

Weekday & weekend fee with cart: \$40.00

- iv. **Reciprocal Guest:** A guest who is a member of a reciprocating U.S.G.A. Club and whose Golf Professional has called for them to have the privilege of playing at RidgePointe Country Club. A reciprocating guest may play without a member at the Professional's discretion.

Weekday fee with cart: \$60.00

Weekend & Holiday fee with cart: \$80.00

- v. **Tournament Spectator cart fee:** \$30

- B. A member may invite a maximum of 11 guests on any one day. Any larger group of guests must have Golf Professional approval. The Professional is required to schedule such guest activity as not to interfere with regular member play and not on weekends and holidays unless Club Management approval is gained.

VI. Golf Carts

A. General Cart Rules

- a. Golf carts shall be operated in a careful manner by each operator. Cart operating manuals are to be followed at all times.
- b. **No one under the age of 16 may drive a golf cart unless they have a valid permit, learner's permit or a valid driver's licenses.**
- c. Golf carts should maintain the 90-degree rule at all times. Weather may dictate cart-path only and at that time, all carts are prohibited from any course driving.
- d. Golf carts should never come within 25 yards of the tee boxes, greens, and mounds.
- e. Golf carts should remain on paths only on all par 3's.
- f. No more than two people may ride in the cart and only two bags should be carried on the cart.
- g. All cart fee charges will be billed to the member's account.
- h. Members are fully responsible for any injury to person or property including damage to the golf cart while being used by the member, their family or their guests. Neither the Club nor Golf Professional shall be liable for any injury to person or property, which might result from the use of golf carts. Member's use and rent carts at their own risk.
- i. Automobiles have the right of way at all street crossings.

- j. Golf cart rental rates:
 - i. Full cart nine holes: \$15.00
 - ii. Full cart 18 holes: \$30.00
 - iii. Rider fees apply

B. Private Carts

- a. Use of private carts for golfing privileges at RidgePointe Country Club is restricted to residents of RidgePointe, Plantation Estates, and Preston Oaks & Sloan Lake subdivisions.
- b. Cart Regulations:
 - i. Cart must be electric.
 - ii. All carts will have 4 wheels
 - iii. No carts, unless contracted or permitted by the Director of Golf, can be brought in on a trailer for use.
 - iv. No joint ownership of a cart
 - v. All private cart drivers will be 16 years or older with a valid driver's license.
 - vi. All carts must be approved by the Director of Golf. All carts after January 1, 2019 will be white in color. All tires will be conventional golf cart tires and must be pre-approved by the Golf Professional.
- c. Trail Fees:
 - i. All privately owned golf carts which travel on the golf course or golf cart paths will be required to have an annual trail fee permit properly displayed. The trail fee is \$600.00 per cart (Trail fees are subject to change*). Any member who has two carts will get a discount for the second cart. **Management reserves the right to make appropriate recommendations or changes concerning annual trail fees.*
 - ii. The Golf Shop distributes all trail fee permits.
 - iii. The annual trail fee will be billed automatically in June of each year. Payment at this time is to be considered for a yearly basis. Members will be pro-rated for trail fees that start during a partial year.
 - iv. There will be no refunds given for trail fees due to relocation or personal cart failure unless approved by Management.
- d. The Golf Professional will report any noncompliance of private cart guidelines to Management. It will be the duty of the Golf Professional to make recommendations to Management in cases of extreme non-compliance concerning private golf cart regulations. Please reference section titled: **Golf Rules Violation and Damages**

- e. All players riding with private cart owners are required to pay a rider fee comparable to the rate of the standard fee. If a private cart owner rides with another private cart owner, neither will be charged a rider fee.
- f. Privately owned carts will be operated at the risk and liability of the owner. The Club and Golf Professional shall not be held liable for damage or injury sustained as a result of the operation of a privately owned golf cart. Private owners should properly insure their golf cart for liability. Owners are responsible for the upkeep, care, and maintenance of their private cart.
- g. In the event, any privately owned cart becomes inoperable while on the golf course, the cart must be removed from the golf course within 24 hours. In the event said cart is not removed, the Golf Professional shall make arrangements to tow said cart back to the private cart storage area. The Golf Professional, RidgePointe, or Management shall not be held responsible or accountable for any damage caused in or during the act of towing. No credit will be given during such time that the cart is not in use. If said members are using a Club owned cart, appropriate fee charges will be charged during said member repair time. If they are with another private cart owner no charge will be incurred.

C. Club Carts

- a. Cart plans are available for members and their immediate family only.
- b. The **individual annual cart plan** rate is \$715.00 plus tax, per member for a full calendar year. The **annual family cart plan** is \$1100.00 plus tax, per family for a full calendar year. Members of the individual annual plan will have access to one seat in a golf cart. In the event that two seats of the golf carts are being used. The member will incur a normal rental cart charge for the second cart seat. The plan covers one member of a family membership. In the event that more than one member of a household plays golf, the member benefiting from this plan needs to be designated. All plans will be set up in the golf shop.
- c. Annual cart plans will be charged June 1. Annual plans will be pro-rated until June 1.
- d. Members, when playing together, are encouraged to share a cart unless approved by the golf shop staff.
- e. The golf shop staff reserves the right to pair people together on golf carts.
- f. All guests who accompany members and ride a cart will be charged a separate cart fee which is equal to the current club rates.
- g. Plans will be automatically renewed unless otherwise indicated to the golf shop in writing prior to the renewal date.
- h. Any member not on the cart plan or trail fee plan, but riding a cart will be subject to the normal cart fee.
- i. The Club's Management reserves the right to change, modify, or cancel the cart plan or its rates at any time.
- j. Annual cart plans and trail fee plans have no bearing on tournament entry fees. Same entry fee for everyone playing the event. (Exceptions include - MGA and LGA play days, and club sponsored tournaments.)

- k. All members playing in non-club sponsored tournaments must pay the required green fee charged to all tournament participants.
- l. No refunds or credits will be given on the annual cart plan. The resignation of membership forfeits all prepaid services and privileges.

VII. **Practice**

- A. All practice should be confined to the practice tee and practice putting green during normal golf course hours.
- B. Only practice balls made available by the golf shop shall be used on the practice tee. Individuals may, if they wish, furnish their own balls to practice putting or chipping.
- C. Practice balls are not to be removed from the premises or practice areas. Practice balls are not to be used on the course at any time. Please refrain from hitting practice balls into the water.
- D. Practice on the range is confined to designated areas only. Practice balls must be hit from the area of the range tee between the ropes.
- E. Please practice all safety measures while at practice facility with other members and guests.

VIII. **Attire and Equipment**

- A. Each player must have his or her own equipment and golf bag.
- B. Members and guests must be in appropriate golf attire when playing or practicing. Men must wear shirts with collars and sleeves (exception turtlenecks, and mock turtlenecks). **We encourage all members and guests to have shirts tucked in while using any of the golf facilities.** Appropriate golf length shorts or pants shall be worn. Ladies must wear a golf type blouse. Cutoffs, bike shorts, swimwear, aerobic, dancewear, or sports bras by themselves will not be considered appropriate golf wear.
- C. Tee shirts will not be considered appropriate golf attire.
- D. Only regulation golf shoes or tennis shoes are permitted to be worn on the golf course. Spikeless shoes approved by the Golf Professional or Golf Course Superintendent will be accepted.

IX. **Courtesy on the Golf Course**

- A. Prior to playing a stroke or making a practice swing, the player should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the ball or any flying object caused by the swing.
- B. Do not stand close to, move or talk when a player is about to make a stroke. Do not stand in the line of another player or close to the said player who is about to putt.

- C. Go immediately to your ball, make your club selection and be prepared to hit when it is your turn to play.
- D. When the play of a hole has been completed players should immediately leave the putting green and proceed to the next hole without delay.
- E. Be considerate of other groups on the golf course. Do not act in a boisterous manner which may affect the game of other players on the course.

X. Golf Rules Violation and Damages

The golf assistant, the General Manager, the Course Superintendent and his staff are responsible for reporting any violations of the golf course rules to the Golf Professional. The Golf Professional shall relay the report to Club management for appropriate action. *Members should refrain from addressing any rules violation directly on their own.*

- A. All members, the Golf Professional and his staff, Golf Course Superintendent and staff are responsible for reporting violation/s of golf rules to the Golf Professional. Repeated golf rule violations by a member shall be addressed and dealt with by management. Reports may be submitted via phone or emailed to theboard@ridgepointecountryclub.com
- B. Club Management, with sufficient cause, will take the following actions in order to uphold the golf rules and regulations, and the course's beauty.
 - a. First Offense will be documented with cart, driver, and detailed offense in clubhouse. Member and/or parent to be contacted directly with verbal warning.
 - b. Second Offense will be documented in same manner and member will be charged a \$150 fine plus all repair fees for any associated damages.
 - c. Third Offense will be documented in same manner, and member will be charged a \$500 fine plus all repair fees for any associated damages.

XI. Golf Course Care and Maintenance

- A. At no time shall any club other than a putter be used on the putting green. Flagsticks shall be placed on the green in a careful manner when taken out or put into the hole.
- B. Golf bags shall not be carried onto or placed on the greens.
- C. Turf cut or displaced by a player shall be replaced. The player shall use their golf shoe to repair in the divot from the sides.
- D. Every ball mark or depression made on any putting surface shall be carefully repaired in the proper manner. Please consult with the Golf Professional or Greens Superintendent on proper procedures to repair marks.

- E. The player shall carefully repair all sand bunkers after use. The rakes shall be placed inside the sand bunker after use.
- F. In muddy conditions please clean off shoes before walking on the putting surfaces.
- G. Players should pick up tees lying on the ground to prevent damage to the mowers.
- H. In taking practice swings, players should try to avoid causing damage to the golf course by removing divots. If divots have been removed, the area should be repaired in the proper manner. Please keep sand bottle on cart for needed repairs. Sand bottles available at the pro shop.
- I. All members are encouraged to use proper containers for cups, cans or other refuse. To maintain our beautiful course, please pick up any articles which do not belong on the course.

XII. **Waterways and Ponds**

A. Fishing

Fishing on RidgePointe property will be limited to **members only** on Mondays only. Should there be club activity or maintenance scheduled for a Monday, fishing will not be permitted. No boats shall be carried across RidgePointe property or docked on RidgePointe property. RidgePointe reserves the right to limit or change the fishing policy at any time. Rules will be enforced through our management staff and employees.