

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

The following rules and regulations have been adopted by the Board of Directors to govern conduct of members and guests. Adherence to these rules is expected and, if carefully observed by all, will add to everyone's enjoyment of the club.

Your officers and directors are assisted by the General Manager, several committees and the club staff. Committees are:

1. Architectural Standards
2. By-Laws
3. Finance & Budget
4. Green & Grounds
5. House
6. Long-Range Planning
7. Membership/Marketing
8. Nominating
9. Social
10. Tournament & Golf

If you may have any questions or complaints, please contact the chairman of the appropriate committee or the General Manager. Your complaints must be submitted in writing.

### **Article I                      Club House Rules**

#### **1.0      Guest Privileges**

Members are encouraged to entertain guests at the club, however, certain restrictions shall apply.

A. For guest privileges to apply, members must accompany the guest. Immediate family members are exempted.

B. Persons residing within a 35 mile radius of the club may be a golf or card playing guest no more than twice a month and four times during a year. This limitation includes married adult children of a member who resides within a 35 mile radius of the club. There is no limit to the number of times a person may be a dinner guest.

C. Guests are not to be invited to member activities designed "for members only", but may be invited as a guest to other member activities. (see definitions)

D. Clergy Privileges: Members of the clergy shall be given playing privilege on the golf course. Green fees only shall be waived and a cart is required. They may make tee times the same as public players.

E. Active Military: Active military personnel will be given playing privileges at IRGC. Green fees only shall be waived and a cart is required. If the military personnel is married, the green fees will be waived for spouse as well, cart required.

## **1.1 Use of Facilities**

1.10 No smoking will be allowed in the club house.

1.11 Alcoholic beverages will be dispensed in accordance with prescribed rules and regulations of the Michigan State Liquor Control Commission.

1.12 Alcoholic beverages shall not be consumed on the golf course except for moderate use as provided by the club. Drinking in excess can result in the suspension of playing rights.

1.13 Members are responsible for the conduct of their children when on the club property.

1.14 Members must have prior approval from the Club Manager to host a private party. The Club Manager shall make every effort to minimize any negative impact on the club members use of the facilities if the event results in membership being unable to use the dining room and lounge area due to a private party being hosted.

1.15 Requests for private parties by a member must be in writing and signed by a club member. All billings shall be charged to the sponsoring members account. The manager shall provide the member with the terms, conditions and requirements for such use. Private parties may be scheduled at the discretion of the Club Manager with Board approval.

1.16 Local organizations, clubs, groups and societies may be allowed the use of club facilities provided approval is given by the Board of Directors and the General Manager.

1.17 No notice, advertisement, subscription paper or petition may be posted or circulated in the clubhouse, except that which directly relates to the club affairs and activities. All postings must be approved by the General Manager.

### **1.18 Member/Employee Disputes or Disagreements**

In the event a dispute or difference arises between a member and an employee, such matter shall be immediately brought to the attention of the employee's supervisor or the club General Manager. Members shall not attempt to personally discipline or publicly criticize an employee.

In the event of disagreement or dispute, the member shall prepare a written statement of the facts at issue, including names of other persons who witnessed the incident, and submit the memorandum to the General Manager.

1.19 Locker assignments will be controlled by the General Manager. Annual fees will be charged. One member's equipment only will be stored in the locker.

1.20 Clubhouse and golf course operating hours will be established by the Board of Directors and will be posted in general notice.

1.21 Personal checks may be cashed for members upon approval of the General Manager.

1.22 When a member has a hole-in-one, he/she should finish the round, and then return to the clubhouse. At his/her discretion, he/she will buy a drink for his/her friends, who he/she will identify to the waitperson. Under no circumstances will a staff member offer a hole in one drink to anyone in the clubhouse. The member will remain in control of the entire situation. Hole-in-one-insurance is available for purchase in the pro shop.

## **Article II Golf Course Rules & Regulations**

2.0 A starter will be on duty during periods of heavy play. Clubhouse employees will control the tee during normal play.

2.1 Tee times will be set at eight minute intervals and will be allocated on a first come-first serve basis.

2.2 Members holding a reserved tee time must check in with the starter ten minutes in advance or forfeit their reservation. A later tee time will be made available based on scheduled play.

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1. Only the golf staff has the authority to tee groups off the back nine. Bag drop and starters/rangers MUST check with the golf staff.
2. Prior to allowing a group to tee off the back nine the golf shop staff MUST first send someone out to holes 8 and 9 to make sure no one is playing these two holes. If no one is there, then someone should accompany them to #10 to ensure the group does not delay going to the tee.
3. The groups teeing off of #10 must also be told to "allow faster golfers to play through". If a member or regular foursome does not allow groups to play through, then they will lose the ability to tee off of the #10 in the future.

2.4 During periods of heavy play, threesomes and foursomes only will be allowed. Twosomes will be paired with other twosomes if possible.

2.5 Children must demonstrate the ability to play golf before being allowed on the course with a responsible adult.

2.6 Spectators and or caddies are allowed on the course provided they are immediate family members or guests of members and have the General Manager approval. This privilege is extended to members only.

2.7 Members and guest players are reminded that children should not be allowed to roam freely about the club and grounds while they are playing golf.

2.8 Indian River Golf Club requires proper golf attire be worn on the Golf Course and Driving Range\*.

Soft-spiked or soft-soled shoes only.

The following attire is not allowed:

Tank tops

T shirts with offensive language or pictures

Cut offs

Sweat pants or gym shorts

\*It is recommended that ladies sleeveless blouses have collars, turtleneck or mock turtleneck collars. These are sleeveless blouses that are designed to be fashionable that are acceptable.

It is recommended that men wear shirts that have sleeves with collar, turtlenecks or mock turtlenecks.

2.9 Golfers are reminded that litter of any kind must be deposited in receptacles. Players are requested to pick up and deposit any trash lying about.

2.10 Motorized golf carts and pull carts are to be kept at least thirty feet from greens and are never to be driven or pulled between greens and bunkers. Motorized carts and pull carts must remain on paths where provided and all players must observe and obey all directional and regularity signs. When playing number 18, always take golf carts and motorized carts around the right hand side of the green. Never pull carts on or around number nine tee.

2.11 Players driving motorized carts must possess a valid automobile driver's license. Signatures and driver's license numbers are required for non-member rentals. Members' signatures only are required for rental. Non-member owned golf carts are not allowed.

2.12 Rain Checks will be issued as follows:

The General Manager, at his/her sole discretion will determine if conditions do not permit play. If he/she determines play is not possible, a full rain check will be issued if fewer than four holes are played. If fewer than twelve holes are played, a nine hole rain check will be issued to those who have paid a full green fee. Rainchecks for golf cart rentals will be made on the same basis. No cash refunds will be made.

### **Article III Requirement in Playing in Club Events**

3.0 In all cases, organized golf events organized through the Pro Shop are for golfing members only. Excluded from these events are the general public as well as Social Members. Guests who are not members may be invited to play up to 2 times a month, but not more than 4 times a year. Social Members may not be considered guests as applied to organized club golf events. Exceptions to the policy are events specifically created for and advertised to the general public. Examples of events restricted to golfing members only are leagues, Wednesday Association, Pairs & Spares, Members Night, Club Championships, Presidents Cup and any other tournaments closed to outside play.

### **Article IV Golf Cart Privileges**

4.0 Members are not allowed to own or use privately owned golf carts on the Indian River Golf Club course.

4.1 Golf Cart Drivers:

A. Age limitation

Because of potential legal liabilities, no one under sixteen years of age, or who does not possess a valid driver's license, shall be permitted to drive an Indian River Golf Club golf cart.

B. Driving a golf cart on the Indian River Golf Club Course while intoxicated is strictly prohibited.

C. Golf carts shall not be operated on the golf course after sunset and must be returned to the clubhouse, except for special events receiving special Board approval.

4.2 Season Rental of Golf Carts

Members may rent golf carts on a seasonal basis. Rates are established for single (one person) or double rentals (member and spouse).

Seasonal double rentals entitles a member/spouse the unlimited use of one seat on a cart for one year. This applies whether the member and spouse ride together or in separate carts when not playing together in the same event. This option does not permit the renter (or spouse) to offer free rides to another member/guest in the event one seat is not occupied.

### **Article V Drugs / Narcotics**

The possession or use of illegal drugs or narcotics on club property is strictly prohibited. The violation of this provision by an employee shall be grounds for immediate dismissal. The violation of this provision by a member shall constitute grounds for immediate suspension. Such violation if committed on club

property and resulting in a conviction under State or Federal Law may, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, result in forfeiture of the member's certificate.

## **Article VI JUNIOR GOLF**

6.0 The Board of Directors recognizes the importance of a junior golf program and has authorized the General Manager to organize and conduct such a program.

6.1 A junior golf program is a training program for the boys and girls who will be our future golfers and club members.

6.2 It gives juniors an opportunity to receive proper instruction in the play of the game and in the rules of etiquette. It gives them a chance to play and so provides a healthy outlet for their energies and worthwhile activity for time which might otherwise go unoccupied. It helps boys and girls to make their own decisions promptly. In team sports – such as basketball, baseball, or football – other players provide valuable assistance; in golf, the player is alone when he finds his ball in a deep bunker or behind a tree.

6.3 A junior golfer shall be at least ten years old and less than 18 years old

6.4 Junior golfers must at all times let faster players play through

6.5 Junior golfers are permitted to practice in designated areas when they are permitted on the course.

6.6 Juniors may be permitted on the course during unscheduled hours with the General Manager's permission

## **DEFINITIONS**

**“For members only”** activities – are those events in which only members may participate. Examples of such events are, but not limited to, the Welcome Back Party, Presidents Cup and Club Championship, Men's and Ladies league events, and designated “members only” events.

### **“Members activities”**

Club card groups – are primarily member activities in which house guests and other guests may be invited to play with the group. However, the rule cited in 1 (B) shall be strictly followed. Such guest may not play in an event more than two times in one month or four times in one year.

### **General Manager – Club Manager**

The titles "General Manager and "Club Manager" as found in the Rules and Regulations, are used interchangeably.