



Sun City Texas  
*Golfer's Guide*



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Whether a daily player or hitting the links only on occasion, Sun City Texas offers residents a wide range of golfing opportunities. In addition to online booking and individual tee times, there are a number of golf associations for men, women, couples, 9-hole and 18-hole players. We offer discounted resident golf packages for every need, and make it easy to establish and maintain a GHIN Handicap online or at any of our golf shops.

This guidebook provides general information and guidelines for resident and guest use of the Sun City Texas golf facilities. These policies and rules have been reviewed and approved by the Community Association Board of Directors and the Golf Committee. Questions should be directed to the Head Golf Professionals or golf course staff.

Golfing is a rich part of the Sun City Texas lifestyle. One only has to become involved to begin a lifetime of enjoyment.



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## Reservation

Resident tee times may be reserved by logging on to the Sun City Texas website at [www.sctexas.org](http://www.sctexas.org). Once logged on, click on the Chelsea Tee Time button.

Chelsea reservation details are available in all golf shops, as well as in the Golf section of the Sun City Texas website.

## Communication

Daily course conditions can be obtained from the Chelsea Tee Time Reservations web page or by calling the golf shop at your preferred course and selecting the Course Conditions teleprompt. See page 12 for phone numbers.

News, merchandise and events are reported weekly in the Golf Communicator. Contact the Communications Department to receive this email.

For Cultural Practices, visit [www.sctxgcmaint.blogspot.com](http://www.sctxgcmaint.blogspot.com).

## Registration/Check In

Golfers and their guests must check in with the golf shop prior to commencing play. Golfers are encouraged to check in with the golf shop well before their scheduled tee time.

## Cancellation

Golfers are encouraged to cancel their tee times as early as possible. Prior to the day of play, reserved tee times may be canceled through the Chelsea website. Cancellations after this point must be phoned into the golf shop.

## Rain Check

If inclement weather threatens play, a rain check will be issued to each golfer in accordance with the following schedule:

- *Rain prior to completion of 5<sup>th</sup> hole: 18-hole rain check*
- *Rain following completion of 5<sup>th</sup> hole: 9-hole rain check*
- *Rain following completion of 13<sup>th</sup> hole: No rain check*

## Dress Code

**Gentlemen/Boys:** Collared shirts, turtlenecks or mock turtlenecks and long pants or mid-thigh shorts.

**Ladies/Girls:** Collared shirts, sleeveless blouses with or without collar.

Cutoffs, tee-shirts and/or tank tops are not considered proper attire for men or women. Clothing should be clean and in good repair.

Golf shoes/sandals with soft spikes or athletic shoes are required. Metal spikes are not allowed on any Sun City Texas golf course.

All decisions regarding proper attire are made at the discretion of the Head Golf Professionals.

## Golfer Conduct

Golfing at Sun City Texas should be a pleasant experience for all. Players and their guests are required to conduct themselves in a manner which does not disturb other participants. Golf course staff are empowered to counsel and/or eject those who do not comply with acceptable standards of conduct.

### Unacceptable behavior includes:

- *Loud or profane language*
- *Harassment or abuse of fellow players, guests or golf staff*
- *Throwing of clubs or other emotional outbursts that might disturb or endanger fellow golfers*
- *Intentionally hitting into the group ahead or otherwise disturbing other parties*
- *Entering private homeowner property along fairways*
- *Hitting balls from environmentally sensitive areas*
- *Smoking is prohibited in all clubhouses*

## Golfer Course Care Responsibilities

An attractive, well-maintained golf course results from the cooperative efforts of maintenance staff and golfers. Each golfer must take responsibility for certain turf repairs and course maintenance activities, particularly throughout their round.

### The following actions are expected of all golfers:

- *Teeing Area: Use divot mix to fill divots. Return broken tees*
- *Fairways: Use divot mix to fill your divots*
- *Sand Bunkers: Golfers entering any fairway or greenside bunker are responsible for removing footprints and divots. Return rakes with the head inside the bunker, handle outside the bunker on the grass edge*
- *Ball Marks on Greens: Repair your ball marks on all greens. Golf course staff will be happy to demonstrate the repair process*
- *Limit practice range area use and fill divots with sand provided*
- *Be alert for wet conditions and avoid as best as possible*
- *Observe all signage on the course and around the clubhouse*

The Adopt-A-Hole program allows residents of Sun City Texas to assist in responsible course care maintenance. Information on the program and how to get involved is available in any golf shop.



## Golf Course Safety

Golfers are encouraged to utilize good judgement and common sense during play. Please be particularly mindful of the following conditions:

- ***Texas Summer Heat:*** High temperatures and physical exertion can quickly lead to heat-related complications. Dress for the weather and drink plenty of water during play. If you are not aware of heat related dangers or the signs of heat stroke, please ask a staff member. All Sun City Texas personnel are CPR/First Aid certified.
- ***Unsafe Golf Cart Operation:*** Golf carts should not be driven on steep slopes or on the face of bunkers. Golf carts must exit the golf course and adhere to all course signage. Always keep carts at least 30 feet from the green.
- ***Wildlife:*** Sun City Texas golf courses are home to a host of wildlife, including a variety of snakes, some of which are poisonous. Do not approach wildlife and use caution when entering rocky or brushy areas. Never attempt to harm a snake - leave it alone and alert the staff.
- ***Threatening Weather:*** It is each golfer's individual responsibility to remain alert and exit the golf course under changing or threatening weather conditions. Please note that Sun City Texas does not maintain or operate any type of warning alarm or siren.

## Pace of Play

Pace of Play is an important issue. It impacts a course's ability to optimize the rounds played and generally ensures all players the best possible golf experience. Enforcement of guidelines has been difficult and sporadic at best, as it is often difficult for a given group to determine its "place" on the course. For this reason, players are expected to keep up with the group before them, unless the prior group is under its allowed time, at the discretion of the golf staff.

The maximum allowable pace of play is four hours and thirty minutes; however, golfers are encouraged to have a pace of play as far under this time as possible. Ready golf from tee through the green should be the goal of all golfers.



## Accommodation of Disabilities

Golfers with qualifying disabilities which limit their ability to walk to teeing and putting areas may obtain a handicap flag at the White Wing golf shop. This flag allows a player to park their golf cart closer to the putting surface, reducing their required walking distance.

The following forms must be returned to the White Wing golf shop to obtain a flag. Forms are available at [www.sctexas.org](http://www.sctexas.org) and the White Wing golf shop:

- *Access Request Form*
- *Disability Verification Form*

### Handicap Flag Rules

- *Flags must be displayed above the roof of the golf cart and visible at all times during a round.*
- *Carts must remain at least 30 feet from teeing areas, bunkers and greens.*
- *Carts may not be driven between cart paths and greens, nor behind greens.*
- *If a course is declared Cart Path Only (CPO), players with handicap flags must adhere until CPO has been lifted.*



## Practice Facilities

Range balls and baskets are facility property and may not be removed from practice areas at any time. Free range balls under Annual and Punch Card Pass Plans are only good for the individual/s with the plan. All other participants must request a basket from the golf shop.

Range balls are for the driving range only. Putting and chipping practice must be done with one's personal golf balls. Note: Golf instruction for compensation is allowed by the Sun City Texas staff only on our practice facilities.

## Staff Authority and Responsibility

Sun City Texas golf course staff will monitor and ensure all guests comply with the standards noted in this manual. Staff can inform and assist players to ensure that compliance, however, cooperation ultimately resides with golfers and guests.

Golfers and guests who cannot or will not comply with instructions from staff will be denied access to the course or removed if already in play.

Questions or concerns regarding enforcement of standards can be referred to the head professional at each golf course.





## Helpful Information

Legacy Hills Golf Course  
512-948-7560

White Wing Golf Course  
512-948-7570

Cowan Creek Golf Course  
512-948-7580

Sun City Texas Website  
[www.sctexas.org](http://www.sctexas.org)

The Chelsea Reservation System can  
be found under "Golf"  
at [www.sctexas.org](http://www.sctexas.org)

Handicap Reporting  
Terminals are located in all golf shops

Input or inquiries for improving golfing at Sun City Texas can be referred to the golf staff or head golf professional at each course.

## Frequently Asked Questions

***My 12 year old grandson likes to play golf with me when he visits. Is it acceptable for him to drive the golf cart when on the golf course?***

No. Only licensed drivers are allowed to operate golf carts within Sun City, including on golf courses.

***How many individuals may ride on a golf cart?***

Only two individuals are allowed to occupy a golf cart while on the course. This is for the safety of passengers traveling on uneven surfaces.

***What is the Golf Committee?***

The Golf Committee is a board appointed group of residents who provide evaluation, assistance and recommendations on all golf matters.

***Can I walk on the golf course at any time when not playing golf?***

No. This is strictly prohibited as per community rules.

***Are there discounted rates for residents?***

Several packages available. Details are available at all Sun City golf shops.

***How do I make a tee time?***

Tee Time reservations can be made by phone or computer through the Chelsea Tee Time system on the Sun City Texas website.

***I'm new - what kind of groups are available?***

Sun City has several organizations for men, women and couples. Ask a golf shop staff member about these clubs.

***Can I get golf instruction at our courses?***

Group clinics and individual instruction are available at all golf courses. Contact any golf shop for details.

***How do I establish a handicap?***

Sign up and begin publishing scores at any of the three golf shops. As a member of the Texas Golf Association, Sun City maintains handicaps through the GHIN system.

***Can I use the golf course cart paths if I'm not playing golf?***

No, this is strictly prohibited per golf course rules.

***Why are there two prices on the merchandise in the golf shops?***

Sun City residents receive specialty pricing on all merchandise in our golf shops. With three shops and a large selection, you're bound to find what you need.

