

Sun City Texas Community Association

Rules for Sun City Texas Community Association Golf Courses

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1. This document is intended to provide the rules for use of and behavior on Sun City Texas Community Association (SCTXCA) golf courses. Refer to the *USGA Rules of Golf and Local Rules* for playing the game of golf on these courses.

2. SCOPE:

- 2.1. These Rules apply to all Sun City Texas Community Association golf courses. In areas where rules differ for Residents and non-resident golfers these differences are specified.

3. DEFINITIONS:

- 3.1. Residents of the SCTXCA or qualified occupants of Sun City Texas (SCTX) residences as defined in the SCTXCA Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions. (see References in section 6).
- 3.2. Board: SCTXCA Board of Directors.
- 3.3. Golf Course(s): Those golf courses and related golf assets owned and operated by the SCTXCA.
- 3.4. Golf Staff: Those positions established by the SCTXCA to operate the Golf Courses, including but not limited to the Director of Operations; Head Golf Professionals; Golf Superintendents; Tournament Director; pro shop staff; and Marshals.
- 3.5. MGA: Men's Golf Association, a charter club of the SCTXCA.
- 3.6. WGA: Women's Golf Associations, as used herein either the 18-hole WGA or 9-hole WGA, both charter clubs of the SCTXCA.
- 3.7. USGA: United States Golf Association.
- 3.8. Local Rules: Specific rules as they apply to the physical characteristics of the SCTX golf courses (see the web portal page Golf at Sun City).
- 3.9. CC – Cowan Creek Golf Course.
- 3.10. LH – Legacy Hills Golf Course.
- 3.11. WW – White Wing Golf Course.
- 3.12. PC – Punch Card.
- 3.13. Chelsea – An automated tee time system used by the SCTXCA.
- 3.14. Access Flag: A flag to be displayed on a golf cart signifying that the operator or passenger has met the requirements allowing the golf cart the type of golf course access granted in the SCTXCA *Access for Golfers With Disabilities Policy*.

4. RESPONSIBILITY:

- 4.1. The Golf Committee (“Responsible Party”) shall be responsible for reviewing, updating and recommending to the Board changes and amendments to these rules/policy for the Board’s review and approval including answering questions of interpretation.

- 4.2. The Executive Director or other CA staff designee shall be responsible for implementing, enforcing, and administering these rules/policy.

5. **THE RULES:**

The Legacy Hills, White Wing and Cowan Creek Golf Courses are semi-private. Play by Non-Residents is currently allowed and used as a source of revenue. At times, eligibility to play the Golf Courses may be limited to Residents in good standing and their guests.

Use of the Golf Courses is restricted by the Governing Documents, including these Rules and any other rules that may from time to time be adopted and posted.

- 5.1. **Golf Passes and Fees:** All rates and fees are approved by the Board and are subject to change without prior notice. Golf fee payment options include an annual pass, a combination annual pass, a punch card (multiple denominations) and a daily fee. (Pay as you go - PAYGO)
 - 5.1.1. Only Residents in good standing may prepay golf fees (i.e., obtain an annual pass, combination annual pass or punch card). Information regarding prepayment will be entered into the Community Association and pro shop computers indicating the name(s) and ID Badge number(s) of the purchaser(s).
 - 5.1.2. Annual passes and punch cards are valid from the month of purchase through December 31 of the year paid. Residents of record on January 1 will be required to pay the full annual pass fee regardless of whether the fee is paid prior to January 1 or at sometime later in the year.
 - 5.1.3. In the event a Resident purchases an annual pass, combination annual pass, or punch card and, before the end of the calendar year in which the pass/card is valid, the Resident dies, ceases to be a Resident, or suffers a disability that will not permit golf play, that individual (or his or her estate or spouse) may apply for a partial refund of the fees paid for the pass/punch card by completing the then-current form for such refund.
 - 5.1.4. Upon receipt of a complete application and all other required documentation, the Community Association shall process the refund. Refunds for a disability will be honored only if no golf rounds have been played since the date of the disability. The refund for both annual passes and punch cards will be calculated using the rate per round actually played had the golfer purchased a punch card for the number of rounds actually played. The number of rounds played will be calculated using the following formula that prices the rounds already played:

Rounds 1-25 will be priced at the 25 Round PC Rate.

Rounds 26-50 will be priced at the 50 Round PC Rate.

Rounds 51 and above will be priced at the 100 Round PC Rate.

All refund requests submitted after October 31st will be limited to an amount not greater than 25% of the original amount paid.

A refund request for a combination annual pass, if accepted, will result in a refund for the entire pass using the rounds played by both golfers. If the other golfer on the combination annual pass wishes to continue to play golf for the remainder of the year, he or she may purchase an annual pass on a pro rated basis, a punch card, or pay the daily fee.

- 5.1.5. New Residents may purchase an annual pass or combination annual pass at an amount prorated as of the date of purchase, but the purchase must be made within 180 days of closing date of the purchase or the establishment of occupancy.

5.2. General Golf Course Rules:

- 5.2.1. All golfers must check in with the pro shop staff to obtain a tee time assignment. Failure to pay required fees will be deemed theft of services under Texas statutes and may subject the golfer to a charge at the daily fee rate, the loss of golf privileges, or other related enforcement action.
- 5.2.2. Accessing a Golf Course without checking in with the pro shop staff is prohibited. All golfers who wish to play late in the day after the pro shop closes must notify the pro shop staff earlier in the day to obtain approval and pay applicable fees. Accessing a Golf Course from adjoining private Lots is prohibited.
- 5.2.3. All play will commence from the first tee unless otherwise directed by the pro shop staff.
- 5.2.4. Each player must have his/her own set of golf clubs (personal or rental). Players sharing a single set of golf clubs will be asked to leave the Golf Course.
- 5.2.5. No more than **FOUR** individuals may play per assigned tee time.
- 5.2.6. The Golf Courses are soft spike facilities. Therefore, metal-spiked shoes are not permitted anywhere on the Golf Courses and related facilities, including the practice areas, driving ranges, pro shops and restaurants.
- 5.2.7. Proper attire is required for all persons while on the Golf Courses and related areas, which includes the following requirements:
 - 5.2.7.1. Men must wear shirts with collars (e.g., a dress collar, turtleneck, or mock turtleneck with at least a 1” collar) and long pants or shorts with a hem no higher than mid-thigh. Tee shirts and/or tank tops are not proper attire.
 - 5.2.7.2. Women may wear collarless and/or sleeveless shirts, but no tank tops or cutoffs are allowed. No short-shorts or unacceptably short skirts are allowed.

- 5.2.7.3.** All impromptu decisions regarding proper attire are to be made by the Head Golf Professionals or designee..
- 5.2.8.** Children age 13 to 16 must receive approval from the Head Golf Professionals, or designee, prior to playing without adult supervision. Children age 12 and under are prohibited from playing, even with adult supervision, unless prior approval is obtained from the Head Golf Professionals, or designee.
- 5.2.9.** Fishing, boating, wading and swimming are not permitted in Golf Course lakes, excepting fishing at the designated areas on Berry Creek Pond and Cowan Creek Fishing Pond. Fishermen and other persons using the ponds may not use the Golf Courses for access.
- 5.2.10.** Golf balls hit into the rough, hazards or out-of-bounds areas may be retrieved, provided golfers do not trespass onto private property without the permission of the property owner.
- 5.2.11.** Any person causing damage to Golf Course property or injury to other persons or property is required to report the incident to pro shop staff immediately.
- 5.2.12.** An individual playing golf by himself/herself must give way to all groups playing on the course.
- 5.2.13.** Director of Operations and/or the Head Golf Professionals shall have the authority to enforce these Rules, any additional administrative rules, and any policies which, in their opinion, contribute to good golf etiquette, pace of play and/or safety on the Golf Courses. (See Golf Course Etiquette, Section 5.5.) Under extenuating circumstances, the Director of Operations or the Head Golf Professionals have the discretion to deviate from these rules.
- 5.2.14.** In cases of flagrant and/or repeated violations of these Rules, the Director of Operations, or his designee, has the authority to suspend golf privileges.
- 5.2.15.** Pets are not allowed on the Golf Courses at any time.
- 5.2.16.** Unaccompanied guest play must be arranged by a Resident through the pro shop staff. The SCTXCA automated tee time assignment system (Chelsea) may not be used for these tee time requests.
- 5.2.17.** In the event of lightning, all players shall cease play immediately and relocate to a safe location.
- 5.3. Tee Time Reservations:** Residents may request tee times, using the Chelsea system, up to seven days in advance. Up to three tee times may be linked. A reservation for 13 or more players must be approved in advance by either the Director of Operations, Head Golf Professionals or the Tournament Director. Residents may be penalized for falsifying their tee time request (e.g., entering names of individuals who do not intend to play) in order to receive better tee times. Penalties may include, but are not limited to, loss of golfing privileges.

- 5.4. Golf Carts:** All golfers are required to use a motorized golf cart during play on the Golf Courses. No more than two golf carts are allowed in a foursome. Personal golf carts must conform to the approved Sun City specifications, which are posted on the Golf Committee website. Golf Staff may allow non-playing persons to observe golf play from a golf cart provided the cart is driven on the cart path only. At their discretion, the Golf staff may allow players to walk during light play including use of a push or pull hand golf cart, in the late afternoon or when play is cart path only. Walkers must maintain pace of play.

5.4.1. General Golf Cart Rules:

- 5.4.1.1. NO** golf carts will be permitted closer than the "Return to Cart Path" signs unless that golfer has been issued an Access Flag under the SCTX Access Policy for Golfers with Disabilities
 - 5.4.1.2.** NO golf cart shall be operated between the greens and any of the greenside bunkers, between any green and the cart path, or on the green itself.
 - 5.4.1.3.** Cart operators must abide by the 90-degree rule while on the Golf Courses, and carts must return to the cart path as directed by signs posted on the courses.
 - 5.4.1.4.** A maximum of one cart for a twosome or two carts for a threesome or foursome is allowed.
 - 5.4.1.5.** No more than two individuals may ride in a golf cart during play.
 - 5.4.1.6.** The Director of Operations, Head Golf Professionals or Golf Superintendents may restrict carts to the cart path as course conditions dictate.
 - 5.4.1.7.** Golfers with disabilities may apply for and receive an access flag which allows for greater than normal Golf Course access. (*See also* Section 5.5.)
 - 5.4.1.8.** Carts are not allowed on the Golf Courses except when playing golf or as otherwise approved by the Director of Operations, Head Golf Professionals or Golf Superintendents.
 - 5.4.1.9.** Sun City streets, not cart paths or sidewalks, must be used for golf cart travel to and from the Golf Courses.
- 5.4.2.** Privately owned carts may be used on the courses provided the following requirements are met:

5.4.2.1. Registration

- 5.4.2.1.1.** All golf carts driven on the Golf Courses must be registered with the Community Association and have the assigned identification number affixed to the lower center portion of the windshield.
- 5.4.2.1.2.** The name and phone number of the cart owner, along with the registration number for the cart, shall be entered into the Community Association's computer system for identification purposes.
- 5.4.2.2.** The owner of the golf cart and/or its operator may be responsible for any damage or injury caused by the golf cart operator to other persons or property.
- 5.4.2.3.** All golf carts must be in compliance with state laws.

5.4.2.4. All carts must have turf type tires.

5.4.3. Rental Golf Carts:

5.4.3.1. Golfers may rent a golf cart through the Golf Course pro shops. The rental fee is determined from time to time by the Board.

5.4.3.2. A rental cart may be used only on the Golf Course from which it is rented.

5.4.3.3. A rental cart must be returned immediately following completion of the round of golf to the designated area for such return.

5.4.3.4. The individual renting the cart is responsible for any damage to the cart and/or injury to any person or property that occurs while the cart is in the individual's possession. Renters are required to notify staff of any damage to a cart or other property immediately upon its return.

5.4.3.5. A renter must present a valid driver's license as a precondition of renting a cart.

5.5. **Access Flags:** The Community Association makes Access Flags available for use by golfers with disabilities. These Access Flags permit greater golf cart access to various areas of the Golf Courses than that available to other golfers. The rules with regard to applying for, receiving and using Access Flags are set forth in the Community Association's *Access for Golfers with Disabilities Policy*, a copy of which is available in the Golf Course pro shops and the Community Association administrative office.

5.6. Practice Facilities:

5.6.1. Practice facilities at the Golf Courses are only for the use of Residents, their guests, and other paying customers.

5.6.2. All individuals using the practice facilities must pay the applicable fees.

5.6.3. Range balls are available for use on the practice facilities provided the applicable fees are paid.

5.6.4. Range balls and baskets are the property of the Community Association and are not to be removed from the practice facilities. Removal of range balls and/or baskets may result in penalties, including the loss of golfing privileges.

5.6.5. Practicing golf shots (including pitching, chipping and bunker shots) is allowed only in designated practice areas. Only putting is allowed on or around the practice putting greens – no chipping.

5.6.6. Players using the short game areas should consider the safety of others, as well as vehicle traffic, when practicing. Putting is allowed on the pitching greens unless there are others practicing.

5.6.7. If a practice area is closed, whether because of weather, maintenance, or otherwise, no person is allowed to use the practice area, even if that person brings his/her own balls.

- 5.6.8.** Children age 13-16 must receive approval from the Head Golf Professional prior to using the practice facilities without adult supervision. Children age 12 and under are prohibited from using the practice facilities unless prior approval is obtained from the Head Golf Professional.

5.7. Golf Course Etiquette:

5.7.1. Pace of Play:

- 5.7.1.1.** In an effort to achieve optimum use of the Golf Courses, an 18-hole round should not exceed 4 hours and 30 minutes (15 minutes per hole) and a 9-hole round should not exceed 2 hours and 15 minutes (15 minutes per hole).
- 5.7.1.2.** Golfers are to practice “ready golf”. The order of play is based on who is ready, not who is away. Groups should hit when it is safe to do so.
- 5.7.1.3.** Groups are expected to maintain their position/time on the course at all times. The first group of the day must play in the allotted time or less. All other groups must play in the allotted time and make every effort to keep up with the group in front of them. A group is out of position if they have a gap in front of them and are behind the established pace of play.
- 5.7.1.4.** 1st Warning: If a group is out of position, a Marshal or pro shop staff member will issue a friendly first warning. This communicates to the group they need to close the gap and improve their time per hole.
- 5.7.1.5.** 2nd Warning: If the group is still out of position after the 1st warning the Marshal will issue a 2nd warning. If after 2 holes the group has not improved their time per hole so that they are in position) they will be directed by the Marshal to move into position. This may require skipping shots and/or holes to close the gap.
- 5.7.1.6.** Position on the course must be maintained even when players stop for refreshments or restrooms, look for balls, encounter rules questions, receive pages, messages, mobile phone calls, make the turn, etc.
- 5.7.1.7.** After repeated occurrences, if the group does not comply, the Pro Shop Staff will intervene if necessary and remove the group from the course without refund. (See Section 6 - Failure to Comply)
- 5.7.1.8.** The Marshals will do everything possible to resolve these situations and prevent major issues.
- 5.7.1.9.** In some cases, allowing faster groups to play through can be part of the solution.
- 5.7.1.10.** These Pace of Play rules apply regardless of the size of the groups involved or the medical status of the players in the group.

5.7.2. General:

- 5.7.2.1.** Bunkers should be raked to a smooth surface and rakes placed inside the bunker parallel to the fairway after use
- 5.7.2.2.** Ball marks on greens should be fixed appropriately. All divots on tee boxes and fairways should be sanded/replaced as appropriate.
- 5.7.2.3.** Golfers who use the Golf Courses should know and understand USGA Rules of Golf and Local Rules, and should apply them appropriately.

5.8 Failure to Comply

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Failure to Comply with Policy -- If a person violates this Policy and/or other posted rules of play, that violation shall be reported to the Association's Board of Directors, Director of Operations, and/or their designee(s). The Board of Directors, Director of Operations, or their designee(s) shall then have the authority to take appropriate enforcement action, including the issuance of warning letters and temporary suspension of golfing privileges. The ability to issue permanent termination of golfing privileges and/or sanctions is the prerogative of the Board of Directors or the Covenants Committee.

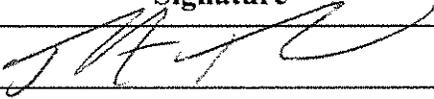
6. REFERENCES:

- 6.1.** The Amended and Restated Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Sun City Texas as recorded with the Williamson County of Texas Clerk's Office.
- 6.2.** SCTXCA Access Policy for Golfers with Disabilities.

Policy Approval and Tracking Information

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