



**Rules and Regulations
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Yardley Country Club
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Members of Yardley Country Club (Club) should familiarize themselves with the following Rules and Regulations which have been adopted for the common good of all members and must be observed for the same reason. Please advise guests of applicable Club Rules and Regulations.

Article I. General

Section 1.1 The Club is owned and operated by its Stockholders. Operation of the Club is vested in a nine-member Board of Governors (Board). Violation of these Rules and Regulations may subject members to disciplinary action, including, without limitation, the suspension or termination of membership. Members are also expected to bring violations of these Rules and Regulations to the attention of the Golf Pro and/or the Board so that appropriate action can be taken depending on the circumstances.

Article II. Golf

Section 2.1 Our golf professionals are responsible for overseeing tee-off practices, etiquette, maintenance of the course by members and guests, conduct, and golf cart regulations.

Article III. Golf Carts

Section 3.1 Carts will be available for 9 or 18 holes.

Section 3.2 Carts must be signed for in the Golf Shop prior to use. Cart operators must be at least 16 years old.

Section 3.3 Golf carts must be kept 30 feet from all tees and greens and kept on fairways and cart paths, where available, to preserve the rough and improve the appearance of the golf course. Hand carts may go anywhere you can walk EXCEPT greens, bunkers, tees, between greens and bunkers and must remain at least 15 feet from any tee or green.

Section 3.4 After you have played your tee shot, drive to the end of the cart path then scatter and proceed directly to the fairway. If your ball is in the fairway, drive to it and play it. If you are in the rough, park on the fairway and walk to your ball.

Section 3.5 Exit the fairway just before the green stake placed on the edge of the first cut, go directly to the cart path, stay on the cart path and park on the cart path. The directional cart signs on the fairways have been eliminated. If your ball is past the green stake, you may drive to it (stay on the fairway). After you play your ball, go back to the green stake and exit the fairway from there. This will help speed up play.

Section 3.6 Exception to these rules are as follows:

- Avoid driving down the dew cuts
- Treat dirt or gravel paths (#6, #7, #10) the same as asphalt paths
- #8 has no cart path at the tee area; park close by and proceed directly to the fairway after your tee shot
- ALL PAR THREES ARE CART PATH ONLY including #17
- A Blue stake will be placed on #16 to enter the fairway, exit the cart path just after the stake and drive directly to the fairway

Section 3.7 All cart direction signs must be obeyed.

Section 3.8 Only two people are allowed to ride on carts at a time. Foursomes are limited to two carts and twosomes to one cart.

Section 3.9 Golf carts must be operated in a safe manner at all times and the renter will be responsible for damages. Failure to operate the golf carts in a safe manner may result in suspension of cart and/or golf privileges.

Section 3.10 Handicap flags will be issued by the Golf Shop with proper validation by Member or Guest. Carts with handicap flags must remain 20 feet from any green at all times.

Article IV. Golf Course & Driving Range

Section 4.1 All players must start on the first hole, unless given permission to start elsewhere by the Golf Shop, including going from the range to the back 9.

Section 4.2 All players must check in with the Golf Shop prior to teeing off.

Section 4.3 The hours of operation for the golf course and practice facility will be established by the Board and controlled by the Golf Shop on a seasonal basis. The Club reserves the right to modify the hours and days of operation as it deems necessary from time to time (e.g., due to weather conditions).

Section 4.4 Annual weekend starting positions are assigned by the Golf Shop with Board approval. Weekday starting positions will be assigned by the Golf Shop when necessary. Groups may be formed and granted annual weekend starting position with Board approval. This requires a minimum of 6 players for one group and 10 players for 2 groups.

Section 4.5 The designated Ladies Day is Thursday with preferred tee times between 8:00-10:00am.

Section 4.6 At times, the course may be closed for either men's or ladies' golf events. Notice of the closing will appear on the Club website, by email and be posted by bulletin boards.

Section 4.7 All players are required to leave the course if there is a threat of lightning.

The following regulations will be in effect between April 1st and October 31st inclusive, except as superseded by tournament rules:

Section 4.8 All players must play in foursomes or threesomes, except that twosomes or singles may be permitted to tee off with the permission of the Golf Shop.

Section 4.9 Players stopping for lunch or for any other *extended* reason during the course of a round must check with the Golf Shop or Starter prior to resuming.

Section 4.10 Practicing on the golf course is not permitted. All practicing must be done in designated areas. When using the practice area, please use caution and common sense to avoid hitting balls onto holes 10 and 11.

Section 4.11 Replace all divots, rake or smooth out all sand traps after use and repair all ball marks on the green.

Section 4.12 Pace of play is important; it is the goal of the Club to have all players complete a round within a reasonable time frame. The pace of play at YCC for an 18-hole round of golf is targeted at **Four (4) hours**.

Section 4.13 Each player is responsible for being aware of their position on the course with regard to pace of play goal. Players are expected to keep pace with the group ahead of them. The Club's management reserves the right to invoke sanctions for habitual slow play including, but not limited to, verbal and/or written warnings, skipping parts of/or entire holes during the round, and limiting prime time play privileges.

Article V. Dress Code

Section 5.1 Proper attire must be worn at all times on the golf course, the practice facilities and the Clubhouse.

Section 5.2 Denim jeans/shorts, cargo pants/shorts, gym and tennis shorts, cut-off and short shorts, athletic warm-up suits, tee shirts, tank tops and halter tops are not permitted on the golf course and practice facilities.

Section 5.3 Men's shirts must have a collar and sleeves. Mock collars are acceptable.

Section 5.4 All shirts must be tucked in trousers, shorts, or skirts

Section 5.5 Hats and visors must be worn forward and are not permitted to be worn on the 2nd floor of the Clubhouse.

Section 5.6 Soft spike golf shoes or other alternatives are acceptable on the course (no metal spikes). Golf shoes are not permitted on the 2nd floor of the Clubhouse.

Section 5.7 Any member or guest not in compliance with this Dress Code Policy may be restricted from use of the facilities until properly attired. Ready-to-wear shirts and shorts are available for purchase in the Golf Shop. Repeated violations will result in a suspension of club privileges.

Article VI. Local Rules of Play

Section 6.1 Local Rules are found on the back of the Club scorecard. Questions may be referred to the Golf shop for clarification.

Section 6.2 The Club is a member of the United States Golf Association (USGA), Pennsylvania Golf Association (PAGA), Golf Association of Philadelphia (GAP), and Trenton District Golf Association (TDGA). All play is governed by the rules established by the USGA.

Article VII. House Rules

Section 7.1 No club member is permitted to enter the kitchen or storage areas except the Chairman of the House Committee of the Board.

Section 7.2 Pets are not permitted in the Clubhouse or on Club property, except when medically warranted.

Section 7.3 The Club assumes no responsibility for personal property of any Member.

Section 7.4 Members or guests of members will be responsible for damage to any Club property.

Section 7.5 Intoxication or any other disorder will not be tolerated. The management and employees have been instructed to cease service to any intoxicated person and to report any disruptive or abusive behavior immediately to the Board or on-site management.

Section 7.6 Smoking is permitted on the golf course and designated outdoor areas. Receptacles are located around the Club and designated smoking areas.

Section 7.7 Loud or abusive behavior or language is prohibited at all times anywhere at the Club.

Section 7.8 ALL alcoholic beverages consumed on Club property must be purchased through the Club. Transporting and consuming alcoholic beverages onto Club property is prohibited and will not be tolerated.

Section 7.9 Controlled substances (as defined by state and federal laws), other than those prescribed by a physician for medical reasons, are not permitted on Club property. The sale, exchange or unlawful use of a controlled substance on Club grounds is prohibited. Persons found to be under the unlawful influence of a controlled substance while on the Club premises will be

considered to be engaged in conduct detrimental to the best interests of the Club and shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Section 7.10 Firearms are prohibited on the premises.

Article VIII. Locker Rooms

Section 8.1 No towels or other Club property is permitted to be taken from the locker rooms at any time. Towels are provided for drying only. Any other use is not permitted.

Section 8.2 No baggage shall be left on top of lockers, on benches or partitions.

Section 8.3 Golf Clubs and hand carts are not permitted in the locker room at any time.

Section 8.4 Management shall have the power to prohibit or limit the playing of any game that seems inappropriate or prejudicial to the interest of the Club. Gambling is strictly prohibited.

Section 8.5 Lockers cannot be altered, inside or out, in any fashion.

Section 8.6 Children under 16 years of age are not permitted in either the men's or ladies locker room unless accompanied by an adult.

Article IX. Parking Lot

Section 9.1 No parking in prohibited areas.

Section 9.2 No parking at any time in the Lane or Driveways.

Section 9.3 The Club assumes no responsibility for cars damaged in the parking lot.

Section 9.4 Consuming Alcoholic beverages in the parking area is not permitted.

Section 9.5 The changing of shoes in the parking area is prohibited. Please use the locker rooms for this purpose.

Article X. Guest Privileges

Section 10.1 All guest fees and carts must be charged to the sponsoring member's account

Section 10.2 Annual members may host guests as follows:

- 1) Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays, you may host up to three (3) guests at a time
- 2) Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, you may sponsor up to seven (7) guests at a time
- 3) Any annual member sponsoring more than two (2) foursomes will be deemed to be hosting a tournament and tournament conditions and fees will apply. Prior approval must be granted by the Tournament committee.

Section 10.3 Weekday and Limited members may host up to three (3) guests at any time they have been granted playing privileges.

Section 10.4 Any member hosting a guest must play with their guests and are responsible for the conduct of their guests, including proper attire.

Section 10.5 Guests may play a total of five (5) times annually in season (April 1 - October 31)

Article XI. Charge Privileges

Section 11.1 Statements will be sent out the first week of each month with payment expected by the 15th. The credit card on file will automatically be charged after the 15th.

Section 11.2 A finance charge of 2% will be charged on delinquent accounts.

Section 11.3 Members with accounts more than thirty (30) days past due (i.e. sixty (60) days beyond the statement date) will be subject to the following suspension:

- 1) 1st Offense - Club privileges suspended. In order to have Club privileges reinstated, all current and past due balances must be paid.
- 2) 2nd Offense - Club privileges suspended. Club privileges will be reinstated two weeks after all current and past due balances have been paid. In addition, a two-week suspension of golfing privileges will be imposed during the gold season (April through September)
- 3) 3rd Offense - Club privileges terminated. You will be required to appear before the Board to request reinstatement. For purposes of this policy, "Club privileges" means the use of the golf course, driving range, account charging in the restaurant and lounge and participation in member events.

Article XII. Hole-In-One Policy

Section 12.1 All annual members (Full, Limited, and Contemporary), including Life, Honorary and Senior Honorary, are enrolled in the Hole-in-One Club

Section 12.2 In the event that a member enrolled in the Hole-in-One Club makes a hole-in-one while playing with a threesome or foursome at the Club for a minimum of 9 holes that is validated by the Golf Shop, any member enrolled in the Hole-in-One Club will be entitled to (1) drink in the lounge bar on the day of such validated hole-in-one.

Section 12.3 Such drink may be ordered after the member making the hole-in-one finishes his or her round until the Golf Shop closes for the day.

Section 12.4 The Club will maintain a Hole-in-One Fund to cover the tab for all drinks ordered in accordance with the Hole-in-One Policy. Following any validated hole-in-one, each member enrolled in the Hole-in-One Club will be billed \$2.00, which members will see on their next monthly billing statement.

Article XIII. Membership Classification & Privileges

Section 13.1 There are several different categories of membership available to current and pending members. These are listed along with the current prices and restrictions on the Membership Categories and Membership Fees & restrictions sheet applicable to that year. Categories may be added or deleted from year to year as conditions change.

Section 13.2 The Membership Categories, Fees, and Restrictions are reviewed and updated annually. Only the current year issue is valid for existing and new members.

Section 13.3 Questions may be referred to the Membership Committee directly or through the Business office in writing. These will be clarified as soon as reasonably possible, with Board of Directors input in some cases if necessary.

Article XIV. Terms and Conditions

Section 14.1 All members MUST check in prior to play. Memberships are not transferable and are non-refundable.

Section 14.2 The Club household memberships shall include Member, Spouse and those family members 25 years of age and under.

Section 14.3 New members MUST attend a Membership Orientation session within 90 days of application acceptance date.

Section 14.4 All members accept and guarantee the Club, that each membership is a contract for twelve (12) months beginning on the member's anniversary date through the term one (1) year from such date.

Section 14.5 Membership will automatically renew on the anniversary date unless cancelled in writing by the member within sixty (60) days prior to the aforementioned membership anniversary date.

- 1) Should the member decide to rejoin the club after the resignation has tendered by the Club, the member must pay the dues balance based on their original renewal date or wait one full year before returning to the Club.
- 2) If there are extenuating circumstances the member can be presented to the Membership Committee in writing and will be decided on a case by case basis.

Section 14.6 Golf Cart Fees are not included and any applicable taxes are the sole responsibility of the member.

Section 14.7 All members must comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Club.

- 1) The Club reserves the rights to amend, modify or supplement these rules, terms and conditions at any time and without prior notice.
- 2) The Club reserves the right to close the course due to outings, agronomist practices, special events, or inclement weather conditions as it deems necessary.

Section 14.8 All members will use the facility at their own risk and must comply with all Club rules. Guest are welcome at any time, but are limited to five(5) rounds per golf season.

Article XV. Medical Leave

Section 15.1 A member may request a medical leave by providing a written request to the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee will coordinate with the Business Office, Golf Shop and Board to review the approval of the medical leave as well as reinstatement from the medical leave. Due to the uncertain nature of each situation, these requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis. The member will then be notified of the start and expected end dates.

Section 15.2 A medical leave may be granted for three (3) months; however, the Board may shorten or extend the leave in monthly increments at its discretion with appropriate medical documentation.

Section 15.3 While on a medical leave, the Member will be charged a reduced monthly dues rate of \$100.00 per month plus any then applicable capital fee/charge. For pre-paid dues, a credit against future dues will be applied. This would be true for any pre-paid capital fee as well. This may carry-over to the following year until the credit is used.

Section 15.4 Reinstatement will be granted provided the request for reinstatement is made prior to the expiration of the leave and the appropriate medical release is obtained.

Section 15.5 A member that is on medical leave may use the practice areas during their leave while assessing if they are capable of returning from the medical leave.

Section 15.6 A member may not play while on medical leave.

Article XVI. Loss or Destruction of Property

Section 16.1 Club property removed, damaged, or destroyed by a member or guest may be charged to the member. The member may also be subject to disciplinary action.

Section 16.2 The Club is not responsible for any private property belonging to a member or a guest.

Section 16.3 No Club property or equipment of any kind shall be removed from the Club premises, without explicit approval from the Golf Shop or Board President and signing of a receipt by the member.

Section 16.4 No person may use the equipment or other articles of another member or remove such property from another member's locker, without prior consent.

Article XVII. Liability

Section 17.1 No member or guest shall have any right of action against the Club or any of its officers or employees to recover losses or damages for injuries to the person or property of such members and guests or the emissary of such member or guest due to the negligence, malfeasance or misfeasance of its officers, governors, agents, or employees.

Section 17.2 No member or guest shall have the right of action against the Club, its officers, Governors or employees for the loss of personal property of members or their guests that occurs on the premises.

Article XVIII. Complaints

Section 18.1 Members or guests shall not reprimand Club employees. Any cause for complaint or constructive suggestions regarding the Club operations shall be put in writing and referred directly to the Golf Shop or Board President as the situation requires. Depending on the specific nature of the communication, a response shall be made within a reasonable time in the appropriate format.

Article XIX. Disciplinary Policy

Section 19.1 Violations of these Rules and Regulations will be referred to the Rules and Regulations Committee for review. The Committee shall coordinate with the Board regarding any matters that may come before it so that appropriate action may be taken.

Section 19.2 This process is structured as an escalating series of steps intended to provide opportunity for correction before more severe discipline is implemented. Nevertheless, the Club reserves the right to depart from this policy in its sole discretion.

Section 19.3 The escalation steps are:

- 1) 1st Offense - Verbal warning from the Golf Shop or Board.
- 2) 2nd Offense - Written warning for individuals who are repeat offenders.
- 3) 3rd Offense - Hearing before the Rules Committee for repeat offenders.

Section 19.4 The escalation steps for serious matters are:

- 1) First Time Offense - Suspension of playing privileges for a period of time to be determined by the Committee after a hearing.
- 2) Repeat Offense - May be subject to longer suspensions including expulsion from the Club.