

**OPERATING RULES
Golf Facilities**



A. General

1. Dress Code

The dress code applies to all the golf facilities, including the 27-hole courses, the par 3 course and the driving range. Golf staff have the right to enforce the dress code.

- a. Country club golf attire shall be worn at all times, including a collared shirt, slacks or golf shorts and shoes with soft spikes.
- b. Women may wear other acceptable country club apparel that may or may not have a collar
- c. Shorts shorter than six inches above the knee are not permitted.
- d. Tank tops are not permitted
- e. Jeans are not permitted.
- f. Shoes must be worn at all times.

2. In Case of Emergency

- a. Call 9-1-1; then call the golf shop at the phone number on the score card (949-597-4336).
- b. All player assistants who patrol the course are equipped with a hand-held radio that has direct contact with the golf shop.

3. Course Conditions/Golf Cart Restrictions

- a. Call 949-597-4373 any time after 6:30 a.m. daily.

4. Miscellaneous

- a. Pedestrians, cyclists (including e-bikes), roller-skaters and rollerbladers are not permitted on the golf course. Nongolfers may use the perimeter path paralleling El Toro Road and Moulton Parkway only from Clubhouse 4 to Clubhouse 2.
- b. Pets are not permitted on the golf course, in the Village Greens building or on its patios and terraces. Only registered service dogs trained to perform a task directly related to a person's disability are permitted.
- c. The six golf cart parking spaces downstairs under the Village Greens patio are to be used by players making the turn only. Parking for recording scores or paying green fees is not permitted.
- d. Parking a personal or rented electric golf carts and/or standing in front of the starter window to fill ice or water is prohibited.

B. Guests

1. The maximum number of guests allowed per resident is one prior to 10 a.m. and up to three guests after 10 a.m., seven days a week. Guest names must be provided when a resident makes a tee-time reservation. All guests must be accompanied by, and play with, a resident. Residents must check-in first before guests can check-in; residents are to remain with their guests at all times.
 - a. Guests under the age of 11 are permitted; however, golf staff will ascertain if each junior player has knowledge of golf etiquette and correct golf course behavior prior to playing.
 - b. Each player must have his/her/their own clubs.
 - c. Gate clearance for guests is the responsibility of the resident.

C. 27-Hole Golf Course

1. The 27-hole golf course (consisting of three separate nine-hole courses) is located adjacent to Clubhouse 2 on Moulton Parkway and is accessed through the Village Greens at Gate 12. The course opens for play daily at 7 a.m. During daylight saving time, golf course closing hours are extended to 6 p.m. from 5 p.m.
 - a. Reservations are required for the 27-hole golf course (please see “I. Reserved Tee Times” for information).
 - b. The irrigation system, which uses reclaimed water, operates daily beginning at 7 p.m.; therefore, all golfers **must** be off of the course by that time.
 - c. A nine-hole round of golf may be played as follows:
 - I. Course one after noon
 - II. Course two prior to 8:24 a.m.
 - III. Course three from 7 a.m. to 8:28 a.m.; 10:44 a.m. until closing

D. 19 Restaurant & Lounge

1. Open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Check with the establishment for the most current hours.

E. Driving Range

1. Open daily at 7 a.m. (8:30 a.m. on Thursdays) to 3:30 p.m. (hours are extended to 5 p.m. during daylight saving time). A practice pitching green and bunker area are also available. Range balls may be purchased via your established golf account using your resident ID linked to the online reservation system account; removing range balls or bringing your own balls to the range is not allowed.
2. Maximum number of guests per resident is one during prime time and three during non-prime time.

F. Golf Shop

1. Open daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. (and until 6 p.m. during daylight saving time).

G. Golf Carts

1. The limit of persons permitted per golf cart, private or rented, is two.
2. Drivers must be at least 18 years of age.
3. Electric golf carts and hand-pull carts are available for rent at the starter window
4. Privately owned power carts require an annual trail use permit or daily use permit, which is available at the golf shop for a fee.
5. Borrowing an electric cart from another resident to use on the golf course requires the payment of a daily trail fee which will be assessed at check-in
6. Carts must remain on paved cart paths, including the use of the 90-degree rule, at all times when exiting the path to play a shot and returning to the path for access to the next shot or the next tee.
 - a. Laguna Woods Village golf professionals may assist in understanding how to best use this system.
 - b. Personal golf carts may be subject to a review by golf staff to ensure the cart tires are for usage on grass; personal carts may have “offroad” or “knobby” type tires installed, which are not allowed on the golf course.
7. Contact Resident Services (residentservices@vmsinc.org; 949-597-4600) in the Community Center for information regarding charging your personal electric cart and obtaining the correct stickers for charging and driving a personal golf cart within the Village.

8. Individual owners must maintain privately owned golf carts. The cart wash station is available for a minimal fee. No emergency charging facilities or gasoline is available. Golf staff are not permitted to push, tow or handle a personal cart.
 9. Golf cars or low-speed vehicles are not permitted on the golf course.
- H. Nine-Hole Par-3 Course
1. Power golf carts are not permitted; pull carts are available for rent.
 2. Course is open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. during daylight saving time (5 p.m. closing for the remainder of the year).
 3. Reservations are not taken for this course.
- I. Reserved Tee Times (for 27-hole course only)
1. Schedule reserved tee times up to one week in advance using the online reservation system.
 2. Times are open for online booking seven days in advance at 6 a.m. Reservations for two or more players can be made within the seven-day booking window.
 3. Residents may visit the golf shop to register for the reservation system. A valid resident ID and a form of payment to be charged monthly is required.
 4. Golfers are allowed one tee time per day only, for two to four players.
 5. The resident booking a reservation must include all residents playing in the group. All players named in the group must be the players who arrive on the day of play.
 - a. All cancelations or substitutions must occur prior to arriving for play.
 6. Single players may call the golf shop on the day they wish to play and will be paired with a group of less than four players.
 7. Groups wishing to add a fifth player (fivesome) must call the golf shop on the day of play and be approved by the starter. Denied requests may be due to past slow play and other factors.
 8. Misuse of a Resident ID card (presenting a card that belongs to someone else, checking in a guest as a resident or other misuse of Village identification) may be subject to disciplinary action.
 9. In the event a resident is misusing the online reservation system, the following disciplinary process will ensue:
 - a. Verbal warning;
 - b. Written notice;
 - c. Referral to Security and Compliance to initiate the disciplinary process.
- J. Club Days
1. Tuesday is Women's Club day; Wednesday is Men's Club day. Open play is available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays with approval by the golf operations manager or golf professional.
- K. Fees
1. Fees are in accordance with the GRF pricing policy and fee schedule.
- L. Lessons
1. Call 949-597-4336 to schedule private and group lessons. Group and clinic-based lessons can be arranged with the instructor of your choice.
- M. Course Guidelines/Etiquette
1. Check-in with the starter no earlier than 20 minutes prior to the reserved start time but no later than 10 minutes prior to the start time. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the reservation.
 2. Foursome play is the accepted playing format and has the right of way over all other groupings. Fivesomes are permitted when possible

3. Power carts are not permitted within 30 yards of the greens, in the fairway or in the rough, whether or not the area is marked, and never between a green side bunker and the green. Observe cart signs and proceed to the indicated path.
4. Course repair:
 - a. Leave the rake in the bunker with the handle sticking out of the lip of the bunker.
 - b. Repair all ball marks on the greens, whether yours or any others.
 - c. Fill all fairway divots with fairway sand provided on rental carts; obtain sand from the golf shop if playing with your personal cart.
5. Flag color indicates the cup location on the green: red is front, checkered is middle and blue is back.
6. Yardages are to the center of the green: blue is 200 yards, white is 150 yards and red is 100 yards.
7. Official golf course etiquette is covered in Section One of the USGA Rules of Golf.

N. Ready Golf

1. Play ready golf at all times from the tee through the green, not just on the tee. The player who is ready should hit whether “away” or not, with no interference with another golfer. After everyone in the group has finished putting, walk off the green briskly, thus clearing the way for the next group to hit up. Mark scorecards at the next tee, not while parked near the green just played. The group behind cannot hit until all are out of the way.
2. Consider club selection as approaching the ball between the tee and the green, not while standing over the ball.
3. Finish putting out after the first putt unless standing in the putting line of another player.
4. Three minutes is the maximum time to search for a lost ball (USGA 2019 rules change). See course rules sheet for the procedure on playing a hole if ball is lost or discovered out of bounds. Provisional balls are not required.
5. Keep pace of play with the group in front and behind; it is a player’s responsibility to ask the group behind if they wish to “play through.” A group is allowed to “play through” anywhere, tee through the green, not just the tee.
6. Starting times are set at every eight minutes beginning at 7 a.m. According to the USGA rating system, 18 holes on the golf course should take no more than four hours and 15 minutes to play, which is approximately 14.25 minutes per hole.
7. Players shall play holes in successive order and may not change from one course to another. Play must be in regular sequence as assigned by the starter.
8. Players may play only one ball unless the rules require to play another. Practicing on the course is not permitted.
9. Failure to pay greens fees is a misuse of Village amenities and may be subject to disciplinary action.
10. Player assistants are responsible for monitoring the pace of play and enforcing regulations, and are authorized to issue warnings, write citations or remove players from the course for violations or improper conduct. Citations will be forwarded to Security and Compliance for possible disciplinary action. Residents are required to show their Resident ID card if requested by golf staff.

O. Local Rules

1. Please refer to the golf course Local Rules Sheet.

P. Important Telephone Numbers

Effective December 2024

Golf Shop	949-597-4336
19 Restaurant & Lounge	949-206-1525
Starter	949-597-4276
Golf Course Weather Conditions	949-597-4373
Driving Range	949-268-2419
Par 3 Golf Course	949-597-4334
Golf Operations Manager/Pro	949-597-4350
Golf Maintenance Manager	949-597-4248
Recreation Department	949-597-4273

Note: The Recreation Department reserves the right to review and adjust the operating rules to accommodate the needs of the community. All GRF policies and procedures apply to the use of the amenities.