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Busy Days Ahead at the Golf Course

The Laguna Woods Village golf course is a very busy amenity, with almost 3,800 registered golfers competing for tee times. In the past two years alone, almost 700 new golfers have registered with the pro shop.

On a typical winter day, approximately 480 tee times are available for residents and their guests. With the onset of daylight saving time, available tee times and players increase. Most days, more than 300 golfers are playing before noon! With this high demand, the tee sheet is often fully booked and cannot accommodate additional players. On some recent days, of the 480 available tee times, we've sold as many as 475 tee times.

Due to this high player volume, pro shop and course staff request your cooperation:

- Arrive 15 to 20 minutes before your tee time.
- Populate the tee sheet in advance with players' names (see "Populating Names on a Tee Time" below). Arriving at the golf course without



knowing prior player information or bringing extra players will delay the check-in process and may result in the inability to play.

- Request the addition of a fifth player in advance; allowing a fifth player is at the starter's discretion. There is no guarantee a fifth person will be able to play. Arriving at the window with a fifth player is not allowed.
- Call ahead if you are a single player, as the tee-time wait is often one hour or more.

POPULATING NAMES ON A TEE TIME

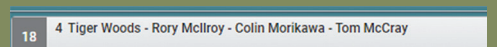
When reserving a tee time via ForeUp, the booker has five minutes to complete the reservation process. If you are booking for other residents as well, please use resident ID numbers to populate the other players, as we have many golfers with similar names.

See the examples below:

Booking for four players but without names requires follow-up calls to the pro shop:



Enter all resident names if you know them when booking to help save a call to or from the pro shop:





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RULES CORNER

Winter Rules/Preferred Lies

As we have recently seen, weather can create conditions that make playing the ball as it lies difficult at best. During these times, it is appropriate to play “winter rules,” also known as “preferred lies.”

When playing winter rules/preferred lies, you may pick up your ball, clean it and place it on the ground within one club length of its original position. If that one club length leaves your ball in causal water, you may move the ball to the nearest point not in water and place it without penalty. Typically, this includes all areas considered to be in the “general area,” which



would mean anywhere on the course other than a penalty area, bunker or the green of the hole you are playing. This means your one club length can take you from the rough to the fairway, but not from the rough to the green. A good rule of thumb is that any area designated as cart path only should be played as winter rules.

A Note From Tom McCray

Why does the course have days designated as cart path only, and why is the course closed for periods of time after heavy rain?

Golf course staff aim to keep the courses open and available for residents and their guests as much as possible. However, due to recent heavy rains, staff has had to restrict golf carts to the paths and, on some occasions, even close the course—a decision not taken lightly. However, course damage and safety are integral considerations when assessing course status on any given day.

When the course is designated as “cart path only,” it is imperative to keep all four wheels on the path whenever possible. There are times when cross traffic makes doing so impossible, but casual passing and other unnecessary traffic off of the path damages the course. If we, as golfers, cannot follow these guidelines, then the only viable option during wet conditions is to close the course. These challenges arise just a few months each year, so we kindly ask that everyone to do their part in preserving our beloved course.



Golf carts driven on wet turf cause damage.