

# Schalar Creek Golf Club

## GOLF RULES & REGULATIONS POLICIES & PROCEDURES

**2017**

*All Policies Are Subject to Change*

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The following are the rules and regulations governing use of Schalar Creek Golf Club. These rules and regulations replace and supersede all prior rules and regulations and all other Membership agreements that may have been implemented in the past. Such prior agreements are no longer valid and are not binding on Management.

These Rules and Regulations have been established by the Schalar Creek Golf Club to protect the Club's golf course and other facilities and amenities and to promote the enjoyment of the Members, their families and guests, Daily fee guests and all other persons using the Club Facilities. The Club may amend the Rules and Regulations from time to time at its discretions.

### **GENERAL:**

As the Operator of the Club, Management retains the right to decide all issues regarding the operation and Management of the Golf Club including but not limited to the booking of tee times and reservation of the golf course by groups and tournaments. Management reserves the right to manage and monitor all play at the Golf Club.

### **DRESS CODE**

Proper golf attire is required at all times. This policy is an effort to maintain the high standards of our golf club.

It is expected that members will dress in a fashion befitting the surroundings and atmosphere provided in the setting of our Club. It is also expected that members will advise their guests of our dress requirements. All members are responsible for ensuring their guests' and family members' golf attire conforms to are standards outlined below.

Golf Attire for Gentlemen: Shirts with collars and sleeves, mock turtlenecks, mock tee shirts, golf warm-ups, rain gear and golf shorts up to four inches above the knee are considered appropriate attire. Tank tops, fishnet tops, cutoffs, sweat pants, bathing suits, tennis shorts or other athletic shorts more than four inches above the knee are not permitted.

Golf Attire for Ladies: Dresses, skirts, skorts, slacks, capris, golf warm-ups, rain gear, golf shorts and shirts are considered appropriate attire. Halter tops, tank tops, fishnet tops, cut-offs, bathing suits, sweat pants or athletic shorts are not permitted.

Denim is allowed if presentable. Cut off jeans, torn, patched denim is not acceptable.

Improperly dressed golfers will be asked to change before playing. If you are in doubt concerning your attire, please check with the Golf Shop before starting play. Proper golf attire is required on the practice ranges.

### **ETIQUETTE**

Persons using the golf facilities should do their part to make a round of golf at Schalar Creek Golf Club a pleasant experience for everyone. Here are some suggestions:

Do not waste time. Anticipate the golf club or clubs you may need and go directly to your ball. Always be near your ball to play promptly when it is your turn. If a player is delayed in making a Shot, it would be courteous for such player to indicate to another player to play.

When approaching a green, park your golf cart on the cart path. Never leave the golf cart in front of the green where you will have to go back to get it, while the following players wait for you to get out of the way.

When play of a hole is completed, leave the green promptly and proceed to the next tee without delay. Do the scoring for the completed hole while the others in your group are playing from the next tee.

Repair your ball marks on the greens. If you see un-repaired ball marks please repair them as well, remind your playing partner's to do the same. Every golfer should be repairing ball marks thought out your round of golf.

Although it is the Club's responsibility to oversee course rules and player etiquette, it is each member's obligation to assist the Club in monitoring course rules and reporting violations to the Golf Shop. (i.e. use of range balls on the golf course, slow play, not repairing ball marks or sanding divots) Golf Members need to report all issues to the golf shop, starter or ranger. DO NOT take matters into your own hands. DO NOT approach other golfers that are not in your group out on the golf course.

### **GOLF POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

The Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association ("U.S.G.A.") together with the Rules of Etiquette as adopted by the U.S.G.A. shall be the rules of the Club, except when in conflict with local rules.

All members and guests must register in the Golf Shop before beginning play.

All players must check in with the starter. Under no circumstances are players permitted to start play from residences.

Practice is not allowed on the golf course. The practice facilities must be used for all practice.

If a foursome or other group of players fails to keep their place on the course and loses more than one clear hole on the players ahead, they must either quickly resume their position on the golf course or will be asked to move ahead to keep up with the golfers ahead.

All players who stop after playing nine holes for any reason must occupy the next tee before the following players arrive at the tee or they will lose their position on the golf course and must get permission from the starter to resume play.

Enter and leave bunkers at the nearest level to the green. Rack upon leaving and leave rake in the bunker close to edge.

Ball hawking is not allowed on the courses at any time.

A Player Assistant may be on duty to help regulate play and enforce golf cart regulations. The Player Assistant has full authority on the golf course to enforce all rules and speed of play. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Each player must have his or her own set of golf clubs.

All tournament play must be approved in advance by the Director of Golf.

The golf course may not be used for any purpose except golf without approval of the Club. Biking, recreational walking, walking of pets, fishing and similar activities are not permitted on the golf course.

Dogs and other pets are not permitted on the golf course or practice areas at any time.

Unless otherwise permitted by the Club, children under the age of sixteen must be accompanied by an adult unless playing in a Club-sponsored tournament.

If lightning is in the area, all play shall cease immediately and all players should seek appropriate shelter. Schalamar Creek does not have a lightening detection system and no horn will be blown.

Club management may close the golf courses to play due to weather conditions or for maintenance or special events.

"Discontinued Play" policy - It is the sole responsibility of the players to apply for a rain check from the Golf Shop. If the golf course does not close due to rain, rainchecks may not be granted. Slow play does not grant a rain check.

Twosomes should not expect to play through foursomes and should not exert any pressure on the groups ahead. Foursomes shall have the right of way.

Twosomes and singles will be paired up at the discretion of the golf starter.

Five some's must have approval from the Director of Golf to go out on the golf course.

## **GENERAL GOLF RULES**

Hours of Play - The hours of play and Golf Shop hours will be posted in the Golf Shop. The Director of Golf is authorized to determine when the golf course is fit for play.

All players must have a starting tee time reserved through the Golf Shop. The staff will assign the starting time depending on availability. Starting tee times may be made in person, by phone or online. Starting time changes must be approved by the Golf Shop.

Group captains must give their name and the names of the players in their group at time of reservation. Schalamar Creek reserves the right to assign advanced tee times to approved leagues, outside groups and tournament fund raising events.

Cancellations must be made 24 hours in advance. ALL NO SHOWS on the day of play will be charged the applicable fees or play point

Failure to check in and register fifteen minutes prior to a reserved starting time may cause cancellation or set back on your tee time.

Players late for their starting time lose their right to the starting time and shall begin play only at the discretion of the starter.

The practice range is open during normal operating hours unless otherwise posted in the Golf Shop. At times the practice range may be closed for general maintenance.

Range balls are the property of the Club and for use on the practice range only. Range balls are not to be used on the golf course or removed from the driving range for any reason. Range balls are not to be taken home

Range balls must be hit from designated areas only. No hitting is permitted from the rough or sides of the practice range.

Each operator of a golf cart must be sixteen years of age and have a valid automobile driver's license.

Golf carts provided by the Club cannot be used off the golf course.

Only two persons and two sets of golf clubs are permitted per golf cart. Obey all golf cart traffic signs.

Always use golf cart paths where provided, especially near tees and greens. When in effect use the ninety degree rule and cross fairways only at right angles. Golf carts are required to remain on golf cart paths, without exception, around tees, greens and on all Par 3 holes.

DO NOT drive a golf cart within **forty-five feet** of a green, a tee box or a bunker.

Designated Handicap Flags are available for golfers needing this courtesy due to physical disabilities. A physician's or official handicap sticker approved by the State of Florida is required and it is to be on file in the golf shop for authorization for use of a Handicap Flag. Handicap flag does not allow you to drive with **15 feet** of all greens, tee box's & tee box's.

Operation of a golf cart is at the risk of the operator. Cost of repair to a golf cart which is damaged by a member or any family member will be charged to the member or, in the case of damage by a guest, to the sponsoring member.

Members using a golf cart will be held fully responsible for any and all damages, including damages to the golf cart, that are caused by the misuse of the golf cart by the member, any family member or their guests, and the member shall reimburse the Club for any and all damages sustained to the cart by reason of misuse.

When the "cart path only" sign is posted, they must be strictly followed. Cart Path ONLY days are for ALL golfers

"Course Closed" or "Hole Closed" signs are to be adhered to without exception.

All golf carts must stay off of protected areas noted by ropes or signage.

Golf cart owners, when playing together, or with a non-cart owner, must abide by the rules of one golf cart for every two players. Three carts in a group must have the approval of the Director of Golf

Any person who is not a golf cart owner and who is riding as the second person in a privately owned golf cart must pay the regular golf fee's in the Golf Shop before beginning play.

Privately-owned golf carts must be annually approved by the Club as complying with the appearance and safety as established by the Club.

All owners of privately-owned golf carts agree to hold Schalamar Creek Golf Club, and its employees, harmless as a result of any loss or damage relating to the ownership or operation of the golf cart.

Members with a privately-owned golf cart must check in at the Golf Shop prior to beginning play.

A maximum of two riders and two golf bags per golf cart is allowed.

Violations of these rules and regulations may result in the revocation of privately owned golf cart privilege's, playing privileges and/or a suspension or termination of membership privileges.

Schalamar Creek Golf Club rules of play are listed on the back of scorecards and posted signs. Players are expected to abide by appropriate etiquette spelled out in the rules of golf and all policies required by the club

When the golf shop is closed, no one (including members) is allowed to start play. If you are not playing golf or with someone who is playing golf, you are not allowed to be on the course. The property is not open for hunting, fishing, exercise, ball hawking, etc. This is a business property.

## **HANDICAPS**

Handicaps are computed under the supervision of the Head Golf Professional in accordance with the current U.S.G.A. Handicap System. (GHIN)

All members with a U.S.G.A. approved handicap may participate in Club tournaments.

Handicaps will be required for all Club events.

To establish a handicap, a member must have turned in a minimum of five scores.

ALL golfers have the ability to establish a USGA Handicap.

## **RANGERS & STARTERS**

Schalamar Creek Golf Club has starters and rangers in place to regulate and control play as well as for safety and medical reasons. Rangers and starters will make every effort to inform the players of their pace of play and of any

violations that may have occurred. The rangers and starters have the authority to request groups to speed up play, allow faster groups to play through slower groups or escort players off the course.

For the purpose of keeping the pace of play moving at an enjoyable pace for all golfers we must honor their requests and obey this play enforcement program. Rangers & starters have the authorization to give written warnings. Players violating course policies will be issued a warning. After 2 warnings on the same day, the player may be escorted off the course by the Director of Golf.

### **MENS ASSOCIATION**

Play days are Monday. Sign-up sheets are posted in the clubhouse hallway.

### **LADIES ASSOCIATION**

Play days are Tuesday; sign-up sheets are posted in the clubhouse hallway.

### **MIXED LEAGUE ASSOCIATION**

Play day are Wednesday, sign-up sheets are posted in the clubhouse hallway

### **GOLF BALL DAMAGE**

Damage done to homes, property, or equipment at Schalamar Creek caused by golf balls, equipment, carts, and etc. are the sole responsibility of the golfer who must inform the homeowner. Damages not reported by the responsible party that are brought to the attention of the golf shop staff may result in a suspension or revocation of membership or future play.

### **CREDIT BOOK POLICY**

All men's, ladies and couples league winnings will be paid out in the form of golf shop merchandise. All credit won between Jan. 1 through December 31<sup>st</sup> must be redeemed by April 15<sup>th</sup> of the upcoming year. NO Credit book monies will be carried over.

### **CART PATHS**

Carts may be driven on the golf course at 90 degree angle from the cart path to their golf ball. We ask that carts remain on the cart paths as much as possible. Controlling cart traffic is one of the ways that help keep the golf course in good shape and increase the speed of play. If play for the day is "Cart Path Only", all carts must remain on cart paths at all times.

### **NO HUNT RULE**

In an effort to speed play and protect our wildlife areas, balls hit in the NO HUNT areas may not be retrieved or searched for. Beware of the Ranger!!! Golfers causing delays that occur as a result of ball hawking will be told to leave the golf course. No rake type retrievers or large type roller retrievers are permitted on the golf course. Violators are subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of management.

### **GOLF SHOP SERVICES**

The golf shop offers many services along with quality golf supplies and clothing. Please feel free to ask any questions concerning play, equipment, rules, golf lessons, etc. The information is free and gladly given. Before buying any equipment elsewhere, please check with the golf shop for our best deals and free advice concerning the best equipment for you.

### **CARTS**

To keep Schalamar Creek Golf Club uniform all privately owned golf carts must be approved by the Director of Golf for use on the golf course only. Any and all residents of Schalamar Creek may own a golf cart. Those of you who join the golf club and are looking for a golf cart, please see the Director of Golf to get the proper information about purchasing a golf

cart. Newly acquired golf carts must be approved by the Director of Golf in order to be used on the golf course. The golf cart must also be registered with the Club. Golf carts must be kept in good condition both mechanically and aesthetically. The Director of Golf may exclude golf Carts, which do not meet these criteria, from use on the golf course.

### **ALCOHOL POLICY**

The State of Florida alcohol, beer and wine license for the golf course prohibits alcoholic beverages not purchased from the course managing agent to be brought on the golf course, clubhouse, and any common or recreational areas. Off-site purchases of alcohol are prohibited on any of the above-mentioned premises. (Off-site includes but is not limited to alcoholic beverages purchased by a member or non-member at a local grocery or convenience store, see below.)

In order to control this policy, coolers may not be brought in by non-members. Members may have coolers but, are subject to inspection at any time. Any Member who violates this policy could cause the revocation of our club license. Members violating this policy will be subject to suspension or revocation of their membership privileges.

Offsite alcohol is defined as any alcoholic beverage not purchased directly from Schalamar Creek Golf Club

### **COURSE MAINTENANCE**

From time to time the golf course will be closed for routine maintenance.

**Golf Rules & Regulations are subject to change at any time.**

**Changes and updates will be posted as soon as possible**

**By signing this Application, Member(s) have reviewed and agree to abide by the Schalamar Creek Golf Club Rules and Regulations**

**I have read the 2017 Golf Rules & Regulations & I have received a copy.**

**MEMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PRINT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

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