

## Ridgewood Country Club Golf Course 2018 Rules & Policies

### Golf Pro Shop Hours \*

Day	Golf Shop	Bag Room
Monday	Closed	3:00 PM to Dark
Tuesday – Friday	8:00 AM – 6:00 PM	8:00 AM to Dark
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays	7:00 AM – 6:00 PM	7:00 AM to Dark

\* stated hours may vary at times at the discretion of the Professional staff.

### Seasonal Definitions

Term	Definition
In-Season	The period of time from April 15 <sup>th</sup> – October 15 <sup>th</sup>
Prime Time	11:30 AM – 2:00 PM on Friday and 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays during the “In-Season” period
Off-Season	The period of time in the Spring when the green covers are removed and the course is opened for play until April 15 <sup>th</sup> and in the Fall from October 16 <sup>th</sup> until the greens are covered
Winter	The period of time that the greens are covered and temporary greens are available for play

### Tee Times

Tee times will be used during the In-Season period from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM on Tuesday – Friday and from 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays. No tee times are necessary or will be used for other Seasonal periods. Prime-Time tee times are secured by making your request to the Pro Shop by 3:00 PM on Wednesday for the upcoming weekend. The Golf Shop will look at the entirety of the requests and assign tee times for the upcoming weekend by noon on Thursday, which will trigger email notifications to players. Additionally, pairings will be posted to the website. After Noon on Thursday, all Prime-Time tee times not occupied will be unblocked and available for booking on the website or by contacting the Golf Shop. While the Golf Shop will make every attempt to accommodate requests for multiple groups in succession, these requests do NOT have priority over other tee time requests. Every effort will be made by the Golf Shop to equally satisfy the requests of all members.

Tee times outside of Prime Time can be secured 1 week in advance of the requested time by using the website or by contacting the Golf Shop with the request.

### **Dress Code for Golf Course and Practice Facilities**

Proper attire is required for members and their guests to play golf or utilize the golf practice facilities. The Golf Committee has requested that the Professional staff strictly enforce dress code for all members and their guests. Some specific guidance on proper golf attire:

- No blue jeans or blue jean shorts \*
- Golf shirts must be tucked into shorts/pants
- No cargo shorts/pants
- No bathing suits
- No tank top shirts for men
- Hats must be worn with the brim forward
- Proper footwear that will not damage green surfaces is required for all players
- Shorts for men must be within 2 inches of the knee

\* Jeans are allowed on the golf course in the Winter season during the period of time when the clubhouse and restaurant are closed for the Winter season.

### **Golf Carts**

- The use of golf carts on the course will be determined by the Greens Superintendent and the Head Golf Professional
- You must have a valid & current driver's license to operate a golf cart – no exceptions
- Maximum of two adults may occupy a golf cart
- Do not drive golf cart near greens, tees or sand traps
- Observe directional signs and stay on the cart paths whenever possible
- Fees: \$27 per player for 18-holes and \$13.50 per player for 9-holes (plus tax)

### **Non-Member Guest Rules, Policies & Fees**

During Prime-Time, only 1 guest per foursome is allowed. Outside of Prime-Time, a member is allowed to host up to 3 accompanied guests. Any exception to this policy requires the approval of the Golf Committee.

#### **In-Season**

A non-member may play as a guest of a member once per calendar month. Once a person has played as a guest during a calendar month, that person may not play as a guest of the same member or a different member during that calendar month. Immediate family members (father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandfather or grandmother) may play as a guest of a member twice per calendar month. Out of town houseguests may play more frequently in a given calendar month, provided the houseguest has been submitted in writing and approved by the General Manager. The duration of the houseguest privilege shall not exceed 10 days. Additionally, an individual shall not be allowed to be a registered houseguest more than two times per calendar year. Such houseguests may not play as a guest again for a minimum of 30 days following the conclusion of their houseguest accommodation.

### Off-Season & Winter

Non-member guests and family member guests may play as a guest of a member an unlimited number of times during the Off-Season and Winter periods. Guest and cart fees apply during the Off-Season periods. No fees apply during the Winter.

Guest Green Fees (golf cart fees are additional)

<b>Time</b>	<b>Accompanied</b>	<b>Unaccompanied</b>
In-Season, Prime Time	\$85	N/A
In Season, Non-Prime Time	\$65	\$110
Off-Season, Non-Member	\$65	\$110
Off-Season, Recreational & Social Member	\$20	N/A
Family * (anytime)	\$55	\$75

\* Father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, grandfather or grandmother

### Non-Full Golf Member Golf Accommodations

Full Golf members are defined as class 1 & 2 members. These members have full, unrestricted access to the golf course, practice facilities & tournaments. Membership classes 3, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21 are limited golf memberships. The golf privileges of these classes of membership are defined in the RCC membership materials. All other membership classifications do not have golf privileges as part of their membership and are referred to within this document as non-golf members. On a temporary basis to make the class 5 & 11 membership offerings more attractive, the Golf Committee and Board of Directors have approved the golf accommodation defined below for 2018. These accommodations are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the Golf Committee and/or Board of Directors.

#### Recreational & Social Members (Class 5 & 11)

These golf playing accommodations apply to the member and their spouse, if applicable. These accommodations do not apply to the members children, which are only allowed to use the golf facilities in the organized RCC Junior Golf program or as a guest of a golf member.

#### **1. In-Season**

These members may play once per calendar month, with or without a golf member. They may host non-member guests consistent with our guest policies when they play. Applicable guest and cart fee will be charged for themselves and any guests that they bring. In addition to the accommodation outlined above, a Recreational or Social member may play a second time during a calendar month as a guest of a golf member. Guest and cart fees apply. If the member has paid the annual range ball fee, they are permitted to use the practice facilities at their discretion. If they have not paid the annual range ball fee, they are only allowed to use the practice facilities on days they are paying a green fee and playing golf. They are allowed to participate in the instructional programs offered by the professional staff.

## **2. Off-Season**

These members have unlimited playing privileges in the Off-Season. A \$20 guest fee and applicable cart fee will be charged. If the member has paid the annual range ball fee, they are permitted to use the practice facilities at their discretion. If they have not paid the annual range ball fee, they are only allowed to use the practice facilities on days they are paying a green fee and playing golf.

## **3. Winter**

These members have unlimited playing privileges during the winter. No green fee will be charged.

### All Other Membership Classifications (4, 8, 9, 10 & 13)

These members have no golf accommodation and may only play golf as a guest of a golf member consistent with our guest policies during the In-Season and Off-Season periods. These non-golf members have unlimited playing privileges during the Winter season, where no green fees will apply.

### Miscellaneous

Class 5 & 11 non-golf members may play as a guest of a golf member in all Golf Committee sanctioned Member-Guest tournament and in any Charity Outing tournaments without impacting the other playing provisions outlined above.

### **RCC Tournament Participation for Non-Golf Members for 2018**

For tournament participation, class 1, 2, 3, 14 & 15 members are considered golf members with equal access to tournament participation.

Certain RCC golf tournaments require a specific number of players to accommodate the tournament format. For example, the Men's Ryder Cup requires a field that is a multiple of 16. The typical field for the Ryder Cup is 80, 96 or 112.

In the event that the tournaments listed below have not reached their capacities and additional players are necessary to complete the field, non-resident, recreational and social members are invited to participate in the following tournaments:

- Men's Opening Shotgun, Member-Member & Ryder Cup
- Ladies' Member-Member, Member-Guest & Solheim Cup

Non-resident, recreational & social members become eligible to be added to the field of the applicable tournament at the close of business of the golf shop two weeks prior to the first round of the applicable tournament, known as the Tournament Entry Deadline or deadline.

To be added to the field of a given tournament, non-resident, recreational and social members should indicate their interest in playing in the applicable tournament by signing-up with the Golf Shop at any time prior to the Tournament Entry Deadline. On the day following the deadline, all non-resident, recreational and social member entries will be sequenced directly below the last golf member to sign-up prior to the Tournament Entry Deadline. The order of sequence will be as follows:

- Non-Resident members
- Recreational members
- Social members
- The order of sequence within classifications will be determined by club seniority

All entries received after the deadline will be added to the bottom of the field in the following sequence:

- Golf Members
- Non-Resident members
- Recreational members
- Social members
- The order of sequence within classifications will be determined by club seniority

All tournament and cart fees will apply, but no green fees will be charged for the tournament participation. Additionally, the rounds played in these tournaments will not count towards the normal allowable round(s) for each respective membership classification defined within the preceding section of this document. Any golf member choosing to sign-up with a non-golf member for a partner event will only have the status of the non-golf member in the sequencing process described.

All non-golf member may play as a guest of a golf member in all Golf Committee sanctioned Member-Guest tournaments. They may not play as a member in these events.

These tournament privileges are for 2018 and are subject to change at any time at the sole discretion of the Golf Committee and/or Board of Directors.

### **Junior Golf**

1. Juniors under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult to be on the golf course unless otherwise approved by the Golf Shop.
2. Juniors aged 12 and above may be on the golf course without an adult.
3. Juniors aged 16 and above may rent a golf cart, providing they have a valid driver's license.
4. Juniors that are the grandchildren of Class 1, 2, 3 & 15 members are permitted to participate in the Junior Golf program conducted at RCC. These grandchildren are not permitted to participate in the competitive events at the club or on behalf of the club.

5. Juniors under the age of 18 are not permitted to host a guest on the golf course unless accompanied by an adult unless approved to do so by the Golf Shop.
6. Juniors under the age of 16 are not permitted in the locker rooms.
7. Juniors under the age of 18 may not play in adult golf tournaments with the exception of the Men's & Ladies' Club Championships.
8. Juniors under the age of 16 are not permitted to rent or operate a golf cart – no exceptions. Violations of this rule will be reported to the Golf Committee and may result in a suspension of playing privileges.
9. It is the responsibility of the parents to enforce these rules with their juniors and to cooperate with the Professional staff in the enforcement of these rules.

### **Rules Governing the Play of Golf**

1. All play must start from the first tee and play the golf course holes in proper sequence, unless permission is received from the Professional staff to do otherwise. Inappropriate "cutting in" that impacts the pace of play of another group is strictly prohibited and will be reported to the Golf Committee for appropriate action. Be courteous and respectful of your fellow members.
2. During the In-Season, groups may not contain more than four players without permission from the golf shop. Larger groups are allowed during the Off-Season and Winter. Regardless of the season, groups larger than four must let all other groups play through without delay.
3. It is every player's duty to rake sand traps, place rakes outside of the bunkers, replace divots or sand divots and repair ball marks on the greens. If someone in your group is not adhering to these obligations, please be assertive and ask them to do so.
4. It is core to the Ridgewood experience to play golf in 4 hours or less. Every group has the responsibility to complete their round in 4 hours or less. Failure to complete in 4 hours will be reported to the Golf Committee for review and appropriate action. Multiple violations of this rule by the same individual and/or groups could result in a suspension of playing privileges.
5. During busy times on the course, groups with three or four players have the pace of play priority. Singles and twosome do not have priority or an entitlement regarding their pace of play. If a threesome or foursome is behind the pace of a 4-hour round and has an entire hole open in front of them, it is mandatory for the slow group to allow others to play through. If threesome or foursome is on a 4-hour pace, they have the priority and others do not have an entitlement to play through.
6. Walking is allowed on the golf course at all times with the exception of tournaments, which includes the weekly ladies' 9 & 18 hole events and all Golf Committee sanctioned men's tournaments.
7. All players are required to post their scores in the handicap system consistent with USGA rules to do so. The staff will be tracking rounds played versus rounds posted and

those not consistently complying with this rule will be reported to the Golf Committee for appropriate action.

8. Players who complete play, turn in their scorecards and qualify for match play competition in the Men's Club Championship or the Ridgewood Cup are compelled to either immediately withdraw or play in the respective match play competition. Failure to do so will prevent another member from having that match play spot and will result in a suspension from both tournaments the following year. Players may petition the Golf Committee for a waiver of the suspension.
9. Players who withdraw from a tournament within 24 hours of the first scheduled tee time or discontinue play at any time during a tournament will not be allowed to play in that tournament the following year. Players may petition the Golf Committee for a waiver of the suspension.
10. USGA rule 14-3 states that listening to music or a broadcast while making a stroke or for a prolonged period of time during a round is a violation of the rules of golf, just like improving your lie is a violation of the rules. The majority of play at Ridgewood is focused on recreation and enjoying golf and friends. That means loud music and a carnival atmosphere for some, while for others it means peace and tranquility. To try to strike a balance that recognizes each perspective, and in recognition that it is a USGA rules violation, the following local rule has been established by the Golf Committee:
  - A player may play music at any time, providing the music cannot be heard outside of their cart and their cart mate does not object.
  - A player wishing to play music that can be heard outside of the cart must gain agreement from his entire group in order to do so.
  - The music volume should be such that it can only be heard from 10 feet or less from the cart.
  - The music volume should be adjusted as you near adjacent groups such that the neighboring groups do not hear the music.
  - This local rule applies to tournament and non-tournament golf, with the exception of the Club Championship, Senior Club Championship and Ridgewood Cup (including qualifying rounds), where the play of music during these tournaments is strictly prohibited.