

## Ridgewood Country Club Golf Course 2024 Rules & Policies

**February 19, 2024**

### Golf Professional 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	7:30 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 when the greens are uncovered, from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM on Tuesday – Friday and from 7:00 AM – 2:00 PM on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. No tee times are necessary or will be used after 2:00 PM or when the greens are covered. Prime-Time tee times are secured by making your request to the Golf 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, phone app or by contacting the Golf Shop with the request.

### **Practice Range**

The seasonal range ball plan is mandatory for Class 1, 2, 3, 15, 22, 23, 24, & 25. The range ball plan is included in the dues of the non-resident membership classes of 16, 17, 20 & 21. Other membership classifications may only use the practice facilities on the day they are playing golf as a guest of a golf member or if they have purchased a range plan as someone who has been 'grandfathered' access. Those members with range privileges may select the seasonal plan that best fits their needs. A single member plan (one person) is \$200 per year, a two member plan (two people) is \$250 per year or the family plan (entire family) is \$300 per year. Practice range hours on weekdays are 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM (except closed on Monday) and on weekends from 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM. The practice range evening hours will vary with the time of the season, so please check with the Golf Shop for any modifications to these hours of operation.

### **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: \$32 per player for 18-holes and \$16 per player for 9-holes (plus tax)
- Special golf cart driving privileges may be extended by the Professional Staff to those that are deemed 'in need' from a safety and mobility perspective

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

During Prime-Time, only one guest per foursome is allowed. Outside of Prime-Time, a member is allowed to host up to seven 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	\$150	N/A
In Season, Non-Prime Time	\$100	\$200
Off-Season, Non-Member	\$100	\$200
Off-Season, Recreational & Social Member	\$20	N/A
Family * (anytime)	\$68	\$100

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

### **Non-Full Golf Member Golf Accommodations**

Full Golf members are defined as class 1, 2, 22, 23, 24 & 25 members. These members have full, unrestricted access to the golf course, practice facilities & tournaments. Membership classes 3, 14, 15, 16, 17, 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 & 27 membership offerings more attractive, the Golf Committee and Board of Directors have approved the golf accommodation defined below for 2024. These accommodations are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the Golf Committee and/or Board of Directors.

#### Recreational, Social & Corporate Recreational Members (Class 5, 11 & 27)

These golf playing accommodations apply to the member and their spouse & children, if applicable.

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

These members may play one round 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, Corporate Recreational or Social member may play a second round during a calendar month as a guest of a golf member. Guest and cart fees apply. A round is 18-holes; a player may elect to play 9-holes twice, which would constitute one round. The practice facilities may be used by these membership classifications on days they are paying a green fee and playing golf or anytime for those that have paid an annual range fee and have been 'grandfathered' access. 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 and has been 'grandfathered' access, they are permitted to use the practice facilities at their discretion. The practice facilities may be used by these membership classifications 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.

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

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

#### Weekday Membership Classification (7)

Membership privileges for this classification are extended to one individual, allowing for unlimited access on weekdays, not during Prime Time. Playing on a weekend would be permitted once per calendar month, when hosted by a golf member and an accompanied guest

fee would apply. Weekday members are not allowed to participate in weekend/holiday golf events. Women may participate in Tuesday and Thursday Ladies Golf.

#### Miscellaneous

Class 5, 11 & 27 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**

#### **Tournament Registration Deadline**

The Tournament Registration Deadline for the Men's Member/Member, Men's Member/Guest, Ryder Cup, Women's Member/Member, Women's Member/Guest and Solheim Cup shall be 5:00pm on the date that is fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the first round of the applicable tournament. For illustrative purposes only, if the date of the first round of a tournament is June 15<sup>th</sup>, the Tournament Registration Deadline shall be June 1<sup>st</sup>. For all other club tournaments, the Tournament Registration Deadline shall be five (5) calendar days prior to the start of the applicable tournament.

#### **Full Golf Members**

*(Class 1 Family, Class 2 Single, Class 22 Suite 1 Corporate Full Family, Class 23 Suite 1 Corporate Single, Class 24 Suite 2 Corporate Full Family Primary, Class 25 Suite 2 Corporate Full Single Primary)* will receive priority over all other member classifications for all club tournaments. If the subscription level exceeds capacity, Full Golf Members will be sequenced in based on seniority. In the event of a tie, sign-up sequence will be the tie breaker.

As to the Men's and Women's Member-Member only, a Full Golf Member shall have the ability to have a Limited Golf Member, provided the Limited Golf Member is an immediate family member (i.e. son, daughter, brother, sister, etc.) as a partner and said team shall receive the same priority as if both members were Full Golf Members.

A Full Golf Member choosing to sign-up with either a Limited Golf Member or a Non-Golf Member for a partner event will have the status of the Limited Golf Member or Non-Golf Member in the priority sequencing described above.

### **Limited Golf Members**

*(Class 3 Limited Membership, Married, Class 14 Limited Membership, Special Senior, Class 15 Limited Membership, Single, Class 16 Non-Resident Single, Class 17 Non-Resident, Married, Class 20 Non-Resident, Business Transfer, Single and Class 21 Non-Resident, Business Transfer, Married).* Upon the expiration of the applicable Tournament Registration Deadline, Limited Golf Members (as defined below), may be sequenced in at the discretion of the Head Professional and Golf Chairman. Priority will be based on the following order: (1) annual dues paid, (2) seniority and (3) sign-up sequence. The rounds played during tournament participation for Limited Golf Members do count towards their defined golf round allowances.

### **Children of Full Golf Members (Unmarried Children Ages 18-24)**

With the exception of the Men's and Women's Member-Member, if a club tournament has not reached capacity, children of members will be sequenced in after the Tournament Registration Deadline behind Full and Limited Golf Members. For the Men's and Women's Member-Member only, a child (unmarried, age 18-24) of a Full Golf Member may play with their parent and shall be deemed have the same priority as if the child was Full Golf Member.

### **Club Championships and Ridgewood Cup**

Only class 1, 2, 3, 15, 22, 23, 24 & 25 members are eligible for the Club Championships and the Ridgewood Cup tournament. Priority access is determined by the annual dues paid by the membership classification.

### **Non-Golf Memberships**

Certain club 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.

In the event that the tournaments listed below have not reached their capacities by the Tournament Registration Deadline and additional players are necessary to complete the field, the Head Golf Professional and Golf Committee, reserve the right, at their sole discretion, to invite Non-Golf Members to participate in the following tournaments:

- Men's: Member-Member & Ryder Cup
- Ladies': Member-Member, Member-Guest & Solheim Cup.

Priority will be based on the following order: (1) annual dues paid, (2) seniority.

All tournament and cart fees will apply, but no green fees will be charged for the tournament participation for recreational, corporate recreational and social members invited to play. Additionally, the rounds played in these tournaments will not count towards the normal allowable round(s) for recreational, corporate recreational and social members defined within the preceding section of this document. All Non-Golf Members 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.

### **Opening and Closing Day Tournaments**

Members of all classifications are invited to play in the Opening and Closing tournaments for both men and women.

These tournament privileges are for 2024 and are subject to change at any time at the sole discretion of the Golf Committee and/or Board of Directors.

### **Ladies' Tournaments**

Please reference the published eligibility requirements for specific ladies' events when considering participating, as they can differ from event to event and year to year.

### **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. Multiple violations of this rule by the same individual may result in the suspension of playing privileges.
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 all Golf Committee sanctioned men’s tournaments. Walking may be permitted during ladies’ 9 and 18-hole weekly play.
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 moving your ball from behind a tree 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 a short distance (3 to 4 paces) 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.
11. The Professional Staff reserves the right to freeze handicaps up to 7 days in advance of a tournament for flighting, seeding or event preparation purposes. Current handicaps will be used in the actual event.
12. A member may elect to play from the Gold Tees during an event, providing that they are at least 70 years of age and their combined age and handicap meet or exceed 90. Any player electing to do so will play to their Gold Tee Handicap. Events Excluded: Club Championships, Ridgewood Cup and the Ladder.
13. Any player who wins their flight in the Men's Member-Member/Men's Member-Guest or wins their division in the Senior/Super-Senior Club Championship or Ridgewood Cup in two consecutive appearances will receive a 20% deduction from the tournament handicap used in the year of their most recent win.
14. Participants withdrawing from the Men's Member-Guest Invitational, Men's Member-Member or Ryder Cup inside of 14-days will be charged a \$100 cancelation fee, without exception. Participants withdrawing from one of those events inside of 7-days will be charged the full tournament entry fee, without exception.

15. During the season, it is customary for the Golf Course Maintenance Team to be on the golf course preparing and maintaining the turf with hand watering activities and other agronomic practices. Under no circumstance shall any golfer intentionally hit into any member of the Golf Course Maintenance Team. All players must wait until the activity is completed. If desired, the group or player may also elect to skip the hole. Any player intentionally hitting into a member of the Golf Course Maintenance Team shall receive a minimum 30-day suspension from the club and all its amenities. Additionally, If it is reported that a player harassed a Golf Course Maintenance Team Member with hostile or derogatory language, that player shall receive a minimum 30 day suspension from the club and all of its amenities. The Golf Committee and the Board of Directors will determine, given the circumstances of the offense, if a longer suspension is warranted. As Members are responsible for their guests, if a guest is in violation of the above the hosting member will receive the suspension.