

Golf Course Rules and Procedures:

This message comes as a refresher to enhance the golf experience here at Laurel Springs. We are very proud to serve you and want to provide the best golf experience that we can. As requested, we want to share an updated policy and procedures list for the golf course and ask that everyone follow these guidelines for our club.

Pace of Play:

We ask that everyone completes their round in 4 hours and 10 minutes under normal conditions. An extra 15 minutes will be added to the total pace of play on cart path only days. It is important to us that everyone enjoys their round here whether they play the course every day, once a month, or for the very first time and pace of play can be a big factor in the overall experience on the course. Players who fall outside this pace of play time will be asked to close that window. The process for groups outside the pace of play policy is as follows below.

1st conversation – Warning

2nd conversation – The marshal will stay with the group to manage the pace of play to help get caught up

3rd conversation – The playing group will be asked to move to the position they should be in on the course

Cart Path Only Days:

It is crucial that golf carts stay off the course on days that are cart path only because the course can be cart path only for several reasons. For example, recent rains, application of granular fertilizers or other grass-growing products, frost, or other abnormal conditions. At times, we may require just a hole or two to be cart path only for various reasons. This cart rule is implied to maintain the best conditions we can throughout the year, and we are asking everyone to please follow these rules. The process for groups not following the course rules goes as follows:

1st conversation – Warning

2nd conversation – Manager conversation to continue play

3rd conversation – Removal from course and must have meeting with Board of Advisors before future play.

Handicap Flags:

It is very important to us that we can accommodate all players when the course conditions allow us to. Handicap flags are available upon request from the Pro Shop Only! No outside service attendant will have the ability to provide these flags. Handicap flags will **NOT** be available on cart path only days. When the course conditions do not allow carts off the path, that is the rule for all cart usage. Handicap flags will allow players to get within 30 feet of the green on every hole except Par 3's. At no time should a cart leave the cart path on any Par 3. The process for groups not following the course rules goes as follows:

1st conversation – Warning

2nd conversation – Manager conversation to continue play

3rd conversation – Removal from course and must have meeting with Board of Advisors before future play.

Cart Usage policies:

Anyone using a golf cart is responsible for maintaining the quality of the golf carts. We ask all players to respect our carts and return them in good running condition. Our staff will note any damages on carts before they leave the cart barn for a round. The following list are the requirements everyone must follow to use a golf cart:

- Must be at least 16 years of age with a valid driver’s license (no temporary license will be accepted)
- Drivers must not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- A golf cart can only have a maximum of 2 players total in a single cart
- Carts must never go closer than 100 feet to any green (unless the cart obtains a handicap flag)
- Carts are never to be used in any area outside the course property, and must follow all signage throughout the course

Players will be held responsible for any damages caused by them to any cart. Cart usage will be revoked for any person(s) not following these policies and procedures.

Driving Range Safety:

Laurel Springs Golf Club is proud to be a family fun golf club. Our staff is always happy to see parents bringing their juniors to the range and the course to teach them the game we all love. Our goal is to always keep everyone safe while on the range, and juniors can sometimes forget that golf has its dangers. If you bring your junior player to hit balls, please be sure to always keep an eye on them. A great technique is to always keep the junior hitting in the bay of which you are facing. Also, if at any time you have equipment that ends up in the target area of the driving range, please do not go out to get it. Find a staff member and inform them as they will be happy to retrieve anything from the range for you, but at no time should anyone walk out in the line of flight of any golf ball.



Driving range hours:

Below you will see the listed driving range hours. These hours are subject to change due to weather and other factors that can affect the usage of the range.

Monday – Closed (unless course is open)

Tuesday-Saturday Open 7:00am – Closes one hour before sunset

Sunday Open 7:00am – closes two hours before sunset

Taking care of bunkers:

We ask that everyone adheres to the following procedures for bunker care throughout their round. The following will allow us to keep better conditions in the bunkers throughout each day and enhance the experience of everyone's round:

- Enter the bunkers at the lowest point in relation to the grass, never climbing the face of a bunker
- Use the rake to flatten the surface of feet and divots made from hitting a shot
- Be sure to smooth out the used area as much as possible
- Leave a bunker from the same place you entered it
- Leave all rakes on the outside edges of the bunkers

Players not following the rules and procedures for bunker play will go as follows:

1st conversation – Warning

2nd conversation – Manager conversation to continue play

3rd conversation – Removal from course and must have meeting with Board of Advisors before future play.



Repairing Ball Marks:

We ask that every player **ALWAYS** repair their ball mark as they approach the green. If everyone fixed their ball mark every time, it would allow for smooth healthy greens that everyone likes to play. Each player is responsible for their ball marks and is expected to repair them. Please read the description below for the proper way to repair a mark that is healthy for the roots:

How To Repair a Ball Mark
A few extra seconds is all it takes to keep the putting greens looking and playing their best. **USGA**

CHOOSE WISELY
A ball mark repair tool is recommended, but other pointed devices can be used.

PUSH DON'T PRY
Starting from the back and sides, gently push & stretch the turf to the center of the mark.

WORK AROUND
Work around the ball mark until it's filled in. Avoid lifting & twisting the turf harshly.

FINAL TOUCH
Use your putter to lightly tap down the mark. Fix other marks in addition to yours.

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Filling Divots:

Filling divots is a critical maintenance practice that allows Laurel Springs to have the best playing conditions possible. Not only does filling your divot promote the growth of new grasses, but it smooths out the indentation

for the players behind you. Each cart is equipped with bottles of sand that is used to fix divots. We have put sand stations on every tee box throughout the course and ask everyone to continue to fill up their bottles as they become empty. A good practice is you should need to reload sand on average about every 3-5 holes if you are properly filling your divots throughout the round.

Twilight times:

Laurel Springs Golf Club offers discounts for guest play as the time gets later throughout the year. During the listed twilight times, guests will receive a 50% discount on their green's fees. Cart fees do not qualify for any discounts. Also, Wednesday is our formal guest day, and we offer the 50% green fee discount all day.

Daylight Savings: 5:00pm

Non-Daylight Savings: 2:00pm

Cart Key Changes:

Starting on September 1st, 2021, all players must report to the golf shop to receive a key for a cart before their rounds. The number of rounds that we have being played has required us to control the cart usage better. This system will also allow us to monitor who uses our carts and where they are always as many have gone missing and come back damaged. We hate that such a drastic change will affect all our members, however we feel that we can better maintain the quality of the product for a longer period.

For any further questions or concerns regarding these policies and procedures please feel free to speak with Carl Casmere. Our goal is to produce the best experience we can, and we ask everyone to help us get to that goal. Laurel Springs Golf Club is a great place to call home and we are proud to serve this community.