Oaks Country Club Golf Course Rules

The golf course is maintained for your recreation and enjoyment. All members and guests are requested to comply with the following rules in order to provide maximum pleasure and proper care of the golf course and equipment.

1. USGA Rules govern all play except where modified by Local Rules. Local Rules may be found in the golf shop and will be included on the rule sheet for all club events.
2. Open and Closed Days: The golf course will be open Tuesday through Sunday each week. The course will be closed on Mondays, except on Holidays and special occasions when the Board of Directors indicates otherwise. Holidays refer specifically to: Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. If a Holiday falls on a Monday, the golf course and Clubhouse will be closed on Tuesday.
3. Inclement Weather: The Greens and Grounds Superintendent has the responsibility to close the course to play:
    a. When the golf course is too wet for regular play, the Superintendent has the authority to allow play, and carts may be used provided the carts stay strictly on the cart paths.
    b. A sign will be posted on No. 1 Tee, specifying that, "All Carts Must Stay on Paths Today" If any cart operator leaves the path, the member will be reported to the Golf Committee and will be suspended from further use of carts for thirty days. Continued violations will be reported to the Board of Directors for further actions.
4. Registering: To maintain control of the golf course, prevent unauthorized persons from using the course, to insure the collection of greens fees and to provide knowledge of each players' whereabouts in case of emergencies, all golfers must register at the Pro Shop.
    a. Non-Resident members will be limited to twelve (12) rounds of golf per calendar year, or one (1) round per month for each fraction of a calendar year, without payment of greens fees but with payment of a cart fee for each round. Upon exceeding the allowed number of rounds, the member will be charged the applicable guest greens fee plus cart fee.
    b. Social Shareholding Members will be limited to twelve (12) rounds of golf per calendar year, or one (1) round per month for each fraction of a calendar year, without payment of greens fees but with payment of a cart fee for each round. Upon exceeding the allowed number of rounds, the member will be charged the applicable guest greens fee plus cart fee.
    c. Social Associate Members will be limited to play as a guest of Golf Members. See section 5 for guest restrictions.
5. Guests: Members may have as many as three guests in the foursome on Fridays, Weekends and Holidays, multiple guests are not allowed in a fivesome on these days. Four guests are allowed in a fivesome on Tuesday-Thursday. Additional guests are not allowed without the approval of the Golf Committee Chairman or Golf Professional. Golfing guests are either out of town or local.
    a. An out of town guest is one who resides more than 100 miles from the Club. An out of town guest shall not utilize the golf facilities more than twelve (12) times per calendar year.

b. A local guest shall be limited to six (6) rounds per year. Such limitations do not include participation in tournaments or special events. If out of town or local guests desire to play in excess of the respective round limitations, they may do so; however, a$225 green fee shall be charged.
c. All organized Groups or tournaments must be approved by the Board of Directors and with approval must pay charges to cover green fees and carts. Only foursomes will be allowed.

6. Playing schedule: The Head Golf Professional has the authority to permit deviations from the schedule of play when appropriate.
    a. Monday: Course Closed
    b. Tuesday – Thursday: No restrictions on guest play
    c. Friday – Multiple guests may only play in a threesome or foursome.
    d. Saturday, Sunday and Holidays – Multiple guests may only play in a threesome or foursome. Multiple guest groups may tee off after 11:00am
7. Starting times: Starting times will be taken in the Pro Shop or online three days in advance beginning at 7:30am. If the opening of the course is delayed for any reason, starting time reservations will be delayed accordingly.
    a. Starting times will begin at the following times:
        i. April 1 – September 30: 7:30am
        ii. October 1 – November 30: 8:00am
        iii. December 1 – March 30: 8:30am
8. Practice Regulations and Driving Range: Members practicing must at all times use the practice tees, practice greens and practice grounds. Under no circumstances will practice be permitted on the golf course.
    a. There shall be no chipping or pitching to the putting green.
    b. Please do not remove range balls from the practice facilities.
    c. The short game practice area is for short game shots only. Please do not hit full swing shots into neighboring areas of the golf course.
9. Number Ten (#10) Tee Rights
    a. Players coming from No. 9 green have the right of way on No. 10 Tee.
    b. No players may start on No. 10 without the approval of the Professional Staff.
10. Golf Cart Policy
    a. Members using electric carts are solely responsible for any damage to the cart or personal injuries to themselves or others.
    b. No one under sixteen (16) years of age is permitted to operate a golf cart.
    c. No more than two riders shall be permitted on a cart at any time nor shall more than two bags be attached to a cart.
    d. Carts are assigned through the golf staff only.
    e. Carts shall not be driven on tees, in or immediately around bunkers or within twenty (20) yards of any putting green. When approaching any directional signs, ropes, or stakes, carts are to immediately go to the cart path and remain there until past the next tee box.
    f. Remain seated and keep both feet entirely inside a moving golf cart.
    g. Do not step into or from a moving cart until it has completely stopped.

h. Engage the parking brake before leaving the golf cart.
i. Please report any cart defect or malfunction to the golf staff.

11. General Rules
    a. Handicap: All members are required to turn their scores into the golf shop or post their scores via the GHIN app. All rounds of golf with another golfer according to the Rules of Golf are to be recorded in accordance with the World Golf Handicap System. Rounds played with 7-9 holes completed must be posted as 9-hole scores. Rounds played with 14-18 holes must be posted as a 18-Hole Score. Any round, including on "Away" courses, that meets the hole requirement and is played with another golfer, must be posted to ensure accurate handicaps and fair competitions.
    b. Golf Dress Code: Males shall wear slacks or mid-length shorts, collared shirts that must be tucked in and appropriate golf footwear. Females shall wear slacks, golf skirts mid-thigh or longer length or mid-thigh length shorts and appropriate golf footwear. Golf shoes, excluding metals spikes, or tennis shoes shall be worn by all persons. Denim, short shorts, bathing suits, or other swimming attire, cut-offs, tank tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, etc. are not allowed at any time on the golf course or golf practice facilities. Hats must be worn facing forward. There is no dress code on the acorn, but shirts/cover-ups must be worn.
    c. Etiquette:
        i. In the interest of all, players should play without delay. Expected round times at Oaks Country Club is 4 hours.
        ii. Players must rake all affected areas after play in bunkers.
        iii. Players will fill/replace divots on the course and repair ball marks on the green.
        iv. Players will leave the putting green immediately after conclusion of a hole.
        v. Players will deposit trash and cups in the trash containers provided at the drinking stations or on the golf carts.
        vi. Complaints and suggestions will be considered by the Greens and Grounds Committee and the Golf Committee.
        vii. Violations of any rules may result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.
        viii. Golf Course Maintenance Staff have priority on the golf course. Please do not hit into fairways or greens while staff members are present.
    d. Each player is respectfully requested to observe the Rules of Etiquette and to treat other players with courtesy and respect.
12. Patronize and cooperate with your Golf Professional and his professional staff.