

# Hillview Country Club

## Membership Handbook



## Hillview Country Club, Established 1926

### Rules of Play

- During the regular season (March 1st thru November 1st) play should be limited to foursomes or less. (Some exceptions can be made by the professional staff)
- Foursomes should have the right of way on the golf course over any other combination at all times, within the exception of tournament rounds and matches.
- Players searching for a lost ball should allow players following close behind to play through.
- On par three holes, no player shall play from the tee until the players in front have cleared the green.
- If a foursome falls more than one clear hole behind the proceeding players, right of way shall always be given to the group behind. Posted pace of play is expected to be 2 hours per nine holes or less.
- Practicing on or to greens on the course is prohibited. Please use the short game area and putting green for all short game practicing.
- Practicing is only permitted on the golf course practice facility from the designated tee area or at the short game area located adjacent to seven tee box with practice range balls only.
- Handicaps are a necessary part of tournament play. It is essential to post all scores to establish a true and proper handicap. All attested scores from any golf course in the IGA must be posted, including out of state scores that are signed and attested. To be eligible for tournament play, you must have turned in a minimum of 3 scores in the past calendar year.
- Hillview Country Club will signal with an air-horn blast when inclement weather is approaching. Players must discontinue play on the golf course or practice area and return to the clubhouse or proceed to the lightning shelters until the professional staff clears the course for play.
- The professional staff is in control of re-opening the golf course. For the safety of

members and guests, players may not return to any part of the golf course or practice area until it has been re-opened.

- Please respect all maintenance workers and their safety while they are working on the golf course.

## **Golf Course Conditions**

- At any time if the Golf Course Superintendent states course conditions are non-playable or restricted to walking only, the decision will stand. The Head Professional may respectfully challenge the GCS, however the Superintendent has the last say. It goes without saying that the Head Professional and Golf Shop employees will support the decision as this will provide a foundation for our members and strict adherence to Hillview Country Club Rules and Regulations.
- During the course of the day when conditions have or are expected to change, the pair (Head Professional and Golf Course Superintendent) will communicate and update the status of the course conditions. Hillview Country Club realizes the decision may not always be in the members' favor, however it is in the best interest of the Club to preserve the immaculate course that our GCS, employees and members take great pride in.

## **Starting Times**

- Starting times are available by calling the golf shop, online reservation, or in person ten (10) days in advance of the tee time. Starting times will not be accepted through email. One (1) individual can make up to five (5) tee times. Please try to furnish all player's names when making multiple tee times.

## **Guests**

- Members must accompany their guests or prearrange an unaccompanied tee time with the golf shop.

- All guests are limited to playing the golf course ten (10) times a year. Not included in the ten (10) guest rounds are participation in any Member-Guest Tournaments, or other approved club sponsored outings.
- All guests must be registered by the member in the golf shop before play begins. The appropriate guest fee will be charged at that time.

## **Guest Registration**

- Members are encouraged to pre-register their guest(s) by calling the golf shop prior to arriving at the club.

## **Juniors & Student Members**

- Members' dependents are allowed Membership privileges until reaching the age of 25 or if they are still attending school full time at an undergraduate level. Student members 12 – 22 are eligible to buy the Student Membership.
- Student Members do not have charging privileges. If you ride, you must come into the golf shop and pay cash for your cart. You may not jump on a cart with another member without paying the golf shop in advance. Playing privileges may be suspended if this is abused.

### **Allowed playing time(s) for ages seventeen (17) and under**

#### **Weekdays**

- Junior and student members may play anytime unaccompanied based on availability of tee times. Both types of members must schedule a tee time with the golf shop and must check in with the golf shop before proceeding to the first tee or practice area.

#### **Weekends (Ages 12 – 16)**

- Before 1:00 p.m. – Junior members must be accompanied by an adult. Student members are not allowed on the golf course until after 1:00 p.m. unless accompanied

by an adult member.

- After 1:00 p.m. – Junior and student members may play unaccompanied.

#### **Tournament Restrictions (Junior & Student Members)**

- Juniors shall not be permitted to play in any club tournaments other than sanctioned junior tournaments, parent child events, and junior or student. Members ages 18 & older may play the club championship.
- The parent/grandparent child will be open to all Hillview parents/grandparents who have golfing privileges. Sons or daughters do not need to have golfing privileges to enter the tournament. All are eligible to participate.

#### **Practice Range (Junior & Student Members)**

- Because of limited space/balls on the practice range, restrictions may apply. Please respect the request by staff to limit your hitting time.

### **Member and Guest Dress Code**

- Proper golf attire is required from March 1st through December 1st (the active golf season) at all times on the golf course, practice range, and short game area. No jeans, running shorts, short shorts, tank tops, muscle shirts, halter tops, bathing suits, tennis dresses, fishnet tops, or similar non-golfing attire will be permitted at any time. Men are required to wear collared shirts.
- All golf attire must be free of holes, tears, and frays.
- Capri pants are appropriate for ladies only.
- All hats must be worn with the bill facing forward.
- The golf professional staff has been instructed to deny access to the golf areas (golf course, practice range, and short game area) to anyone not conforming to the dress code. Please contact the golf shop if you are in doubt about the dress code.
- Members are asked to advise their guests regarding the dress code. It will be strictly enforced at all times.

## **“Soft Spike” Policy**

- All players choosing to wear spikes must wear non-penetrating, non-metal “soft spikes” when playing golf, using the practice range, the short game area, or the putting green.

## **Electric Golf Cart Rules**

It is our goal at Hillview Country Club to give you the member and your guests the best quality golf course to play on every day. There are days when cart restrictions may apply. Please adhere to golf shop staff directives.

### **Everyday golf cart traffic**

- Obey cart signage, such as restricting carts to path on holes, such as par threes or turf stressed holes.
- Avoid the weak turf areas blocked off by ropes or areas that appear to be worn, wilting or water soaked.
- Drive slowly on slopes, especially if going downhill. It is safer to drive directly up or down hills versus across at an angle.
- You must have a valid driver’s license in order to operate a golf cart.

### **Personal Electric Golf Carts**

Hillview Country Club Members will have the option to own and use their own personal golf carts on the course. Personal golf carts must be approved by the Professional Golf Staff and Golf Course Superintendent and it is highly advised to be in communication with the staff of Hillview Country Club prior to purchasing your golf cart.

Additionally the golf cart must meet all of the following requirements:

- All personal golf carts must be electrically powered
- Wheels must be 10”, 12”, or 14” with standard tires
- Custom bodies are not allowed (cannot look like Cadillac, Hummer etc...)
- No engine modifications
- Must be golf cart company
- Carts must be covered with personal liability coverage at all times

Members that utilize an approved personal golf cart will pay a yearly golf cart trail fee; the rate for trail fees will be available in the golf shop. The club will “own” the extra seat in your cart unless occupied by a qualifying family member under the Family Cart Plan. Other members, in addition to accompanied guests, will be allowed to ride in your cart and will be charged the standard Cart Fee.

Non-members, such as grandchildren or family friends, or any non-licensed drivers, may not drive personal electric carts around the Hillview premises.

**Golf Carts cannot drive through the long grass to get to the golf course. It is mandatory to call the golf shop to check in on course conditions and the daily cart rule before driving onto the premises.**

**Operators must have a valid driver’s license to drive a personal golf cart on Hillview’s premises. All personal electric carts must be registered with the Golf Shop.**

## **General Standards of Conduct**

All individuals shall:

- Treat others with courtesy, dignity, and respect.
- Conduct themselves in a manner that upholds the reputation and values of the Club.
- Comply with all Club rules, policies, and applicable laws.
- Follow the instructions of Club management and staff.

## **Behavior and Courtesy**

The following conduct is prohibited:

- Harassment, discrimination, or abusive behavior of any kind.
- Use of profanity or threatening language.
- Physical altercations or intimidation.
- Excessive intoxication or illegal substance use.
- Damage, misuse, or theft of Club property.

## **Respect for Staff**

Club employees are to be always treated with professionalism and respect. Members and guests may not interfere with staff duties or engage in abusive or inappropriate conduct toward employees.

## **Guests**

Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests and for ensuring guests understand and comply with all Club rules and policies.

## **Facilities and Property**

- Club facilities are for authorized use only.
- Personal property and Club property must be respected.
- Any damage to Club property may result in financial responsibility and disciplinary action.

## **Safety**

Unsafe behavior, including reckless cart operation or failure to follow posted safety rules, is strictly prohibited. Individuals must immediately report hazardous conditions or injuries to Club staff.

## **Alcohol and Substances**

Alcohol consumption must comply with Club policies and applicable law. The Club reserves the right to refuse service or require departure if conduct becomes inappropriate or unsafe. No outside alcohol will be allowed at any time.

## **Enforcement and Discipline**

Violations of this Code may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to:

- Verbal or written warnings
- Temporary suspension of privileges
- Financial penalties or restitution
- Suspension or termination of membership

The Club's Ownership group or designated committee shall have sole discretion in determining appropriate disciplinary measures.

## **Reporting Concerns**

Members and employees are encouraged to report violations or concerns to Club management promptly. Reports will be handled in a professional and confidential manner to the extent practicable.

## **Acknowledgement**

By entering Club property or participating in Club activities, all individuals acknowledge and agree to comply with this Code of Conduct.

## **Member in Good Standing**

Member in good standing is defined by a member's account balance being current and no disciplinary notices in the last 6 months.

## **Handicap Manipulation**

Handicap manipulation will not be tolerated at Hillview. It will be brought to the ownership and golf committee and disciplinary actions may be taken.

## **Misc. Guidelines**

- Help keep Hillview Country Club and the golf course looking its best at all times.  
Please place trash in receptacles provided.
- Please replace all divots or fill with divot mix. The use of divot mix is preferred if divot is in pieces or during dry conditions. Please do not use divot mix in any cut of the rough.
- Repair all ball marks on greens. Proper repair is just as important. Please make sure to push in towards the middle and resist pulling up or twisting as this tears the roots.  
Please repair your ball mark plus others that you see.
- Ice skating or swimming in the water hazards is prohibited at all times. Sledding or tubing is prohibited during the winter months.
- Strolling or jogging the course and or the cart paths is not permitted at any time.
- Fishing the lakes at Hillview Country Club is permitted only before 9am and after 7pm.
- The Club is not responsible for any loss or damage (by fire, theft, or otherwise) to any golf clubs, bags, money or other personal property of any kind belonging to Members or Guests.

## **Pool Rules**

Hillview reserves the right, if necessary, to suspend the membership privileges of persons willfully violating the rules or engaging in conduct that is unbecoming or dangerous. For purposes of the following rules, the pool enclosure is defined as the area within the fence. It includes the walkway, picnic area, main pool and locker rooms.

- If there is thunder or lightning, all patrons must exit the pool immediately; go into the locker rooms or Lou's Den; or vacate the premises. In EMERGENCY call 911. (A phone is available in Lou's Den.)

## **POOL HOURS OF OPERATION**

- The hours of normal operation will be posted.
- The pool may be reserved only for authorized special events.

## **POOL REGISTRATION**

- Upon entering the pool area, each member will sign in with a pool or Lou's Den representative.
- Members will be charged \$10 for each guest over the age of 14 years, \$5 for anyone ages 3-13, and complimentary for anyone under 2 years of age. Enter your guest names and ages in the register and your account will be charged appropriately.

## **POOL GENERAL RULES**

- Bathing suits must be worn by all swimmers – no street clothes may be worn in the pool.  
Swim shirts are permitted.
- Items left at the pool will be stored in the Lost and Found. Unclaimed items will be discarded after two weeks.
- No swimming alone.
- Children 14 years old and under must be accompanied by an adult.
- Glass containers are not allowed on pool property. No outside food or beverage allowed.

## **POOL HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- Warning–No Lifeguard on Duty.
- No diving.
- Anyone who has or has had diarrhea in the past 2 weeks may not use the pool.
- Anyone who has an area of exposed sub-epidermal tissue, open blisters, cuts, etc., may not to use the pool.
- All persons shall take a cleansing shower before using the pool. A bather leaving the pool to use the toilet shall take another cleansing shower before returning to the pool enclosure.

- Spitting, spouting of water, blowing the nose, and similar behavior in the pool is prohibited.
- No running or rough play is permitted in the pool, runways, picnic area, platforms, dressing rooms, or showers.
- All diaper aged children must use plastic pants with tight fitting elastic at the legs and waist or swim diapers.
- Do not change diapers at poolside.
- Any injuries that occur must be reported immediately to staff at Lou's Den.
- **In EMERGENCY call 911.** (A phone is available in Lou's Den.)

## **Other**

Violations of these rules of conduct and use of club facilities by members and guests may be considered by the owners as cause for suspension or termination of membership. All questions not covered in the Rules, or any interpretation of these Rules shall be decided by the owners or designated representative.

**Thank you very much for your continued support of Hillview Country Club!**