

# HALES LOCATION GOLF COURSE

## **Golf Rules and Regulations**

The rules of golf as adopted by the USGA, together with the rules of etiquette as adopted by the USGA, shall be the rules of HLGCC, except when in conflict with local rules or with any of the rules herein...

## **Course Hours, Closures and Permitted Uses**

- The hours of play and Golf Course hours shall be posted at the Golf Course. The Golf Course Superintendent or his assistant is authorized to determine when the Course is fit for play. His decision shall be final. In his absence, the Golf Course Manager on duty shall make this decision.
- The Course may be closed to general play during adverse weather conditions, maintenance or when tournaments are taking place. Dates will be posted at the Pro Shop, post office, Course billboard and/or written communication.
- The Golf Course Manager must schedule all tournament play in advance.
- There is no practicing on the Course except on the practice green.
- Jogging or recreational walking are not permitted on the Golf Course during the operating season hours. Bicycles, skateboards or recreational vehicles are not permitted on the Course at any time.
- No pets are allowed on the Course during the golf season.

## **Reservations and Tee Times**

- Tee times should be made in advance. Tee times may be arranged in advance through the Golf Course, either in person, on-line or by calling 603-356-2140. Walk-in tee times will be taken on a first come, space available basis.
- The Golf Course Manager will follow the guidelines of the HLOA covenants in regard to Hotel guests, lot owners and employee reservations.
- Golfers must indicate whether they are playing 9 or 18 holes of golf at the time the reservation is made.
- Changes to or cancellation of tee times should be made by 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the tee time. Cancellation due to inclement weather should also be made at the earliest convenience. Cancellations may be called in at 603-356-2140.

## **Check-in and Start of Play**

- All players must register at the Pro Shop prior to play. Check-in should take place ten minutes prior to tee time. Failure to do so may result in cancellation or set back.
- Players late for their starting time will lose their spot. They shall begin play only at the discretion of the Starter.
- Groups of five or more players shall only be permitted on the Golf Course with the permission of the Golf Course Manager.
- Play must start on the first hole (tournaments are the exception). Cutting-in is not permitted. Entering the Golf Course from your residence or any other point, other than the first tee, is not permitted.
- Dress code: Proper golf attire is required – no cutoffs, tee shirts, jeans etc. It is at the discretion of the Golf Course Manager whether the attire is suitable. Soft-spike golf shoes, only, are allowed on the Course. No metal spikes are permitted.
- Each player must have his or her own set of clubs.

## **Tee to Green**

- Obey all signs.
- Play "Ready Golf".
- Keep pace with the players ahead. Should an opening of one full hole between your group and the group in front of you occur, it may be required to skip through all open holes until your group has caught the flow of play. Allow faster players to play through. Maximum playing time for nine holes is two hours and fifteen minutes.
- No more than three minutes should be used to search for lost balls.
- Do not play golf balls from out of bounds. Use USGA Local rule E-5, "Alternative to Stroke and Distance". DO NOT RE-TEE. Drop a ball at the approximate distance where your ball crossed the out of bounds line and play from there. (You are allowed to bring your ball two club lengths into the fairway at this point) A TWO stroke penalty is incurred.
- All players shall repair all ball marks on the green.
- All players shall replace their divots and use divot mix where available.
- Enter and leave bunkers at the nearest low point. Smooth sand over with a rake upon leaving. Leave rakes in the bunker.
- When the play of a hole is completed, leave the green promptly and proceed to the next tee without delay. Do the scoring for the hole completed while others are playing the next tee.

- All players who stop after nine holes, for any reason, must occupy the next tee before the following players arrive at the tee or they shall lose their position on the Golf Course and must get permission from the Starter to resume play.

## **Golf Cart Rules**

- The operator (driver) of the golf cart shall hold a valid motor vehicle license for operation of motor vehicles or have attained the age of 18 years of age or have an OHRV Safety Education certificate.
- No one under the age of 12 may operate a golf cart.
- Always obey the daily cart path rules.
- Where cart paths do not exist, drive the carts in the rough and utilize the 90 degree rule when approaching the golf ball.
- Handicap flags will be issued to golf cart users upon presentation of a physician's certificate or to holders of a valid handicap motor vehicle license plate. Handicap flags will be issued to golfers, as required, in the following manner:
  - 1) To Members/ Owners by the Golf Course Superintendent.
  - 2) To Non-resident members/ guests by the Golf Course Manager.
- Only two persons and two golf bags are allowed per cart.
- Guests must use golf carts on weekends and holidays before 2 p.m.
- Obey all golf cart traffic signs.
- Never drive a golf cart through a hazard.
- Never drive a golf cart onto any properties or lots. Carts must stay on the Golf Course during play.

## **General**

- Address all problems related to the Golf Course, its employees or golfers, directly to the Golf Course Manager and/or Superintendent. Address problems concerning Course conditions or its operations to the Superintendent's office. Major problems and/or concerns should be put in writing and sent to the Superintendent's office at 86 Fairway Drive, to be properly handled.
- Just as owners and guests are to be treated with courtesy and respect, Hales Location Golf Course employees and the employees of all other entities involved with the operation of the Golf Course expect the same. Owner/members or guests who are disrespectful or abusive toward Hales Location Golf Course employees or other employees of the entities involved

with the operation of the Golf Course are subject to having their golf privileges suspended or revoked.

- Players acknowledge and expressly assume the risk/responsibility of injury/damages incidental to playing golf, including the risk of injury/damages due to errant or misdirected golf shots or use of golf carts.
- Final interpretation of all rules, regulations and standards of conduct is vested in the Hales Location Board of Directors, which has both the authority and discretion to enforce, waive or modify any rule, regulation or condition governing the use of the facilities at HLGC.
- Repeated violation of approved Golf Course rules may result in the suspension of all Golf Course privileges.

### **Owners**

- Owners who are not up to date with payments owed to HLOA, (not paid within the thirty (30) day grace period), will not be allowed to use Golf Course facilities until payment in full has been made.
- Every lot owner is subject to an easement permitting golfers to retrieve errant golf balls. Only one golfer is permitted to enter onto private lots for the purpose of searching for and retrieving errant golf balls. Out of Bounds (WHITE STAKES) rules apply.
- Owners at Hales Location may own a golf cart and avoid cart fees. An Owner is one whose name is on the deed. Guests, accompanied by a cart owner, may use Owner's cart without paying a cart fee. Only golf carts owned by the Hotel or owned and operated by Home Lot Owners, (including members of their immediate families), shall be permitted on the Golf Course property. Golf carts owned by the Home Lot Owners must be registered with the Association and may be operated only by Home Lot Users or members of their immediate families.
- Cart owners must provide proof of liability insurance.
- All carts must be in safe and good working order.