

ELIZABETHTON
G O L F  C L U B
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Rules, Policies and General Information
For Members, Patrons and Guests

Dear Elizabethton Golf Club Patrons and Guests:

Welcome to Elizabethton Golf Club (herein referred to as the Golf Club), where we strive to provide all of our Customers with an experience that surpasses expectations. The Golf Club offers a variety of amenities, including an 18-hole Golf Course, two large Practice Putting Greens, a Driving Range, rental clubs, pull carts, motorized golf car rental, locker rental, The Cookhouse Grill, and a Golf Shop offering an array of golf equipment and accessories. In order to maintain the highest standards of golf and to assure all patrons and their Guest(s) have the most pleasant experience at the Golf Club, please follow the rules and policies, listed below, while using any of the amenities at our Facility.

On behalf of myself and all of the Staff, we thank you for your patronage and hope you enjoy your visit at the Golf Club.

Respectfully,

Rey Padilla, PGA

Elizabethton Golf Club

General Manager

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Use of the Golf Club and its facilities is a privilege extended to all patrons. It is the responsibility of every patron to abide by all the rules, policies, signs, and verbal instructions that govern play and use of the facilities. Failure to comply with the rules and policies, or follow instructions of the Staff, can lead to an interference with the enjoyment of others or damage to the facilities. It is also the responsibility of each patron to report those who fail to adhere to the rules and policies. Those who do not comply with the rules, policies and proper etiquette will be subject to disciplinary action as follows:
 - a. First offense: Minimum of verbal warning. (Note: If infraction includes failure to pay green and/or cart fees, appropriate payment will be made immediately.)
 - b. Second offense within 1 year: Minimum of written reprimand and possible suspension of golfing privileges.
 - c. Third offense within 1 year: Minimum of 30-day suspension and up to permanent expulsion from Golf Club.
2. **All players (Members or daily-fee patrons) must sign-in at the Golf Shop prior to their round.** Upon request, players must show proof of Membership or Guest registration to the Staff, the Starter, or the Course Ranger. Any player refusing to show proof of Membership or registration will be asked to leave the premises and the incident may be reported to the Elizabethton Police Department.
3. The privileges of any individual to utilize the Golf Club may be suspended, terminated, or denied if it is determined to be in the best interest of the Facility. Any individual or party whose conduct disrupts the operation of the Facility or creates a disturbance to the detriment of the operation, Staff, or enjoyment of other patrons of the Facility, will be asked to leave the Facility immediately and, as determined by the General Manager, may be subject to additional administrative or legal action.

GOLF CART OPERATION

1. A valid driver's license is required to rent or operate a golf cart. This rule also applies to privately owned golf carts being utilized at the Golf Club.
2. When a patron with an accompanied non-playing passenger/spectator results in the use of an additional golf cart, the passenger/spectator is required to pay the appropriate cart fee.
3. Golf cart rentals are for 9 or 18 holes. Golf carts rented for 9 or 18 holes must be returned after the 9 or 18 holes are played or rental must be paid before any additional holes that are played.
4. Unless golf carts are restricted to cart paths, the 90-degree rule is always in effect. Golfers are required to keep golf carts on the cart path until they are even with a golf ball in the fairway. Only then should the golf cart leave the path, turning sharply (90 degrees) to drive straight across to the golf ball.

5. When golf carts are restricted to paths due to inclement weather, such restrictions apply to all players, including those with special handicap access.
6. At no time will a golf cart transport more than two people and/or two bags.
7. All players, in a group are required to share a golf cart, whether playing 9 or 18 holes regardless if the player is a smoker or non-smoker. A shared golf cart is defined as 2 persons occupying a single cart.
8. Any player preferring not to share a cart will be required to pay a full 2-person rental fee.
9. All golf cart rental fees are based on a shared golf cart. The shared golf cart policy applies to gatherings and tournaments as well.
10. Patrons who have been granted the use of a handicap flag will be allowed greater access to teeing areas and greens. However, golf carts must be parked at least 25 yards from the greens. Handicap flag users must be authorized and individually briefed by the General Manager.

PULL CARTS AND MOTORIZED CADDIES.

Pull carts and motorized caddies must be kept off the greens at all times.

GOLF BAGS

All players must have their own golf bag and clubs. If needed, clubs may be rented in the Golf Shop. Golf bags must not be laid or stood on the greens.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES

Only food and beverages purchased at the golf club are permitted on the premises. Privately-owned coolers are not permitted on the premises.

COURSE RANGER

Course Rangers will monitor the Course to preserve it and to make sure all patrons have an enjoyable golfing experience at the Golf Club. Course Rangers will check on payment of Course fees and enforce all rules and policies. The Course Ranger has full authority to enforce all the policies of the Golf Club.

ETIQUETTE

1. Etiquette is the observance of the code for correct behaviors with respect to the Staff, other players, equipment, and the Golf Course. The use of the golf facilities is a privilege for everyone to enjoy. All patrons have an equal responsibility to be courteous and obey the rules and policies. Violations may result in suspension of privileges.
2. Safety is a primary concern. Be certain that players ahead of you on the Course are out of range, prior to striking your ball whether hitting to the fairway or the green. Also, move directly to the next tee when the last person in your group has finished a hole for safety purposes and to avoid delay of play. Scores should be recorded at the next tee.
3. There are four sets of tee markers: red, gold, white and blue. Players will tee off between and behind their respective tee markers.

4. To expedite pace of play, you may allow faster golfers to play through. Do not hit again until those players are out of range.
5. The target speed of play is **4 hours and 15 minutes**. No more than 5 minutes should be spent looking for a lost ball. Players who do not maintain their speed of play may be asked to pick up their ball and move to a drop area, or the next tee. If a player or group have to be warned more than once, they may be asked to leave the Course if it is deemed to be affecting the enjoyment of other paying patrons' experience.
6. No one shall move directly behind, talk to, or stand close to a player or in harm's way when the player is addressing the ball or swinging the club.
7. Playing more than one ball at any time is not permitted.
8. Play ready golf. Hit when safe.
9. On par 3s, golf carts are allowed to use the 90-degree rule to expedite play.
10. At the first sign of lightning, players are expected to exit the Course and return to play only when instructed by the Golf Club Staff.
11. Caution should be used while walking on all surfaces.
12. Any violations of the rules should be reported to the Golf Club Staff.

FIVESOMES

1. A fivesome is a privilege – **not a right**. Effective immediately, patrons wanting to play in a group of five must:
 - a. Obtain General Manager or manager on duty's approval prior to playing.
 - b. Must not exceed the use of any combination of 3 golf carts (rented or personal).
 - c. Must adhere to the target playing time of 4 hours and 15 minutes. Failure to maintain pace of play will result in group splitting up in to two groups.
2. Fivesomes will not be allowed during times of high Course utilization.
3. Failure to obtain approval prior to playing will:
 - a. First time -verbal warning
 - b. Second time – lose fivesome request privileges
 - c. Third time – lose golfing privileges

DRESS CODE

1. Proper golf attire is required.
2. Shirts, pants/skirts/shorts, and shoes must be worn at all times.
3. Articles of clothing that are not permitted include:
 - a. undergarment type t-shirts
 - b. tank tops
 - c. tube tops
 - d. cut off shorts
 - e. shoes deemed harmful to the Course
4. Metal spikes are prohibited.

CARE OF THE GOLF COURSE

Proper care of the Golf Course is the personal responsibility of each patron and Guest. All players are reminded to carefully observe the following:

1. Press down all divots and fill in with sand provided.
2. Carefully repair all ball marks on the greens.
3. Do not walk through the bunkers unless making a shot.
4. Rake and smooth the bunkers before leaving.
5. Avoid carelessly dropping flagsticks.
6. Practice on the Golf Course by playing multiple balls is prohibited.
7. Help keep the Course clean. Trash cans are available at every tee. Avoid littering.
8. Obey all instructions given by Staff, and signs. These signs are used to keep carts away from damaged areas and to keep other areas from being damaged.
9. Yardage markers:
 - a. Course measurements are in accordance with the U.S. Golf Association standards.
 - b. All yardage markers on the Course are measured from the center of the green to the yardage marker.
 - c. Red stakes are 100 yards from the center of the green
 - d. White stakes are 150 yards from the center of the green
 - e. Blue stakes are 200 yards from the center of the green
10. The Golf Course is off limits to everyone except Golfers. Joggers, bicyclists, walkers, fishermen, bird watchers, baby strollers are prohibited.

USGA RULES

United States Golf Association rules govern all play except when modified by local rules.

PRACTICE RANGE

1. Range balls will be hit from the marked surfaces only.
2. Range balls and baskets may not be removed from the Driving Range.
3. Range balls may not be for play on the Golf Course.
4. **Hitting personal ball at the Practice Range is not allowed.**