



Golf Course and Driving Range Rules

The Groves Golf Course and Driving Range Rules have been developed under the direction of the Groves' Pro Shop Manager and approved by the Home Owners Association (HOA) Board of Directors. The Pro Shop Management may remove a golfer or golfers from the golf course for violation of these course rules without a refund of fees. Additionally, continuously violations of the rules may result in the elimination of playing privileges and a fine.

Golf Course Play

- All players, including all play memberships, must register in the Pro Shop before playing.
- All play will begin on the #1 tee unless otherwise directed by Pro Shop staff.
- Each player must have his or her own set of clubs.
- Hitting multiple golf balls on the course for the purpose of practice is not permitted.
- No groups of five or more are permitted without permission of the Pro Shop. The Pro Shop may ask groups of one, two, or three to pair-up in order to improve pace of play.
- A playing adult must accompany junior golfers under the age of 16.
- A non-playing person may accompany a paying player with approval of the Pro Shop.
- Golfers are to follow signs for cart driving throughout the course. Carts are not allowed on par threes, ground under repair areas, or conservation areas. Golf carts may not be driven through any part of the golf course to gain access to the Pro Shop or any other part of the community during hours of play.
- All golfers must follow any directions given by the Course Ranger. Failure to do so will be considered a violation of the course rules.
- Each group should play the Groves' course in less than 3½ hours, regardless of format (e.g., stroke play or scramble). The Groves' Course Ranger may request a group to speed up play, if necessary.
- All golfers are expected to put sand in divots, repair ball marks, and rake sand traps. Leave the golf course in better condition than you found it.

Conduct and Standards

- Soft-spiked golf shoes or athletic shoes only shall be worn on the golf course and practice areas. Bare feet are not permitted.
- Proper attire is required during use of all golf course facilities – slacks, shorts, traditional collared shirts, and wide blade collard golf shirts for men. Women's attire shall consist of slacks, shorts, skirts, traditional collared shirts, wide bladed collared shirts, or proper golf sportswear. Ladies shirts without collars must have sleeves. Denim, tank tops, swim wear, and short shorts are not permitted.
- T-shirts may be worn only on the driving range.

- If the Pro Shop Manager brings any unacceptable practices or behavior not covered in the course rules to the attention of a user of the golfing facilities, a repeat occurrence will be considered a violation of the rules.
- Golf staff members are available for assistance to golfers during the daily operation of the golf course. Any complaints about the staff should be taken to the Pro Shop Manager.
- Golfers are expected to conduct themselves according to normally accepted social standards. Unruly behavior or insulting comments made to employees, fellow residents or guests may result in a fine or the suspension of playing privileges by the HOA Board of Directors. Immediate action may be taken at the sole discretion of the Pro Shop Manager.
- Residents and guests are not permitted behind employee counters, desks, storerooms, etc. These are staff-only areas of operation.
- Except employees and contractors as approved by the HOA, no one is permitted to enter into any conservation area for any purpose, including but not limited to ball retrieval, ball hawking, or improving position.
- Any infractions of the golf rules will result in a violation in accordance with The Groves Golf and Country Club Golf Course Violations Program as adopted by the HOA Board of Directors.

Golf Course Operations

- Residents and members may make tee times 14 days in advance. Public without a membership may make tee times 7 days in advance.
- The Pro Shop Manager and the Golf Course Superintendent will determine golf cart driving conditions (i.e., cart path only or 90* rule). All par 3s are cart path only. The Groves strongly recommends all golfers play the 90* rule or drive in the rough on all par 4s and the par 5.
- Golf lessons for compensation may be available through the Pro Shop or specially approved professionals. Golf lessons are to be provided during business hours. All lessons are to be scheduled through the Pro Shop. The Pro Shop shall receive 30% of the compensation provided for lessons not given by the Groves golf professional. A contract is to be signed between the Pro Shop and the professional providing the lessons. A certificate of appropriate insurance is to be provided by the professional prior to the start of the lessons. Range balls must be purchased from the Pro Shop Manager when providing lessons at the range.
- A resident must accompany guests of residents in order to receive the guest discount.
- No person shall be on the golf course during tournament rounds unless authorized by the Pro Shop. Such persons will be considered spectators only. All authorized spectators shall stay 20 yards from all players in the said event and shall have no communication with any player during the event.
- Alcohol may be consumed on the golf course if it is purchased from an approved beverage cart or from Vesh's restaurant, which is covered under the license (4COP SCX w/Attachment) held by Vesh (Amelia Island Catering). If the alcohol is not purchased in this manner, a three-day permit is required except when the alcohol is being given out as refreshments, free of charge, and donations are not accepted for the alcohol. In this case, it is up to the owner of the property (The Groves Golf & Country Club Master Association, Inc.) to allow or disallow. Under any circumstances where the alcohol is for sale, donations are accepted for the alcohol, or the alcohol has been donated, a three (3) day permit is required and must be presented to the Golf Operations Manager prior to the day of the event.

- Domestic animals, with the exception of service animals, shall not be walked on the golf course, cart path or any portion of the golf course facilities AND are not allowed to ride in golf carts while resident, member or guest are playing golf.
- Fishing in lakes on any part of the golf course is not permitted during golf course operation.
- The Pro Shop is responsible for providing rain checks. Rain checks are not provided after 65% of the round has been completed.
- The number of golf carts to be used per tee time is as follows: one cart will be allowed for a group of two golfers; two carts will be allowed for a group of three or four golfers; and three carts will be allowed for a group of five golfers when approved by the Pro Shop Any exceptions to this rule must be approved by the Pro Shop Manager prior to playing.
- Each golfer is responsible for monitoring potential hazardous weather. Golfers are encouraged to seek shelter at the first sign of threatening conditions.

Golf Cart Operations

- Any person who rents (operates) a club-owned or leased golf cart from The Groves HOA or uses a privately-owned golf cart:
 - Must be at least 16 years of age.
 - Only 2 persons allowed in a club-owned or leased cart, regardless of age.
 - Does so at his/her own risk and hereby acknowledges that The Grove HOA assumes no responsibility or liability arising from the operation or use of golf cart.
 - Acknowledges that he/she is responsible for any personal liability or bodily injury or property damage, including, but not limited to, injury to him/her or third parties and any physical damage to the golf cart or any other property, caused by, relating to or arising out of the operation of the golf cart.
 - Agrees that he/she will hold The Groves HOA harmless and indemnify The Groves HOA against all liability, damage, loss, cost and/or expense caused by, relating to, or arising out of his/her operation of a club-owned golf cart.
 - Shall read and follow the “Operating Instructions” posted in a conspicuous area of the golf cart.
- Rental carts are restricted to the golf course and are not to leave the community.
- Residents may purchase their own electric golf carts for golf course use. These carts must have turf friendly tires. Management is to determine acceptability.
- Annual decals must be clearly posted on both sides of the golf cart.
- Under no circumstances may an unlicensed individual operate a golf cart on the golf course.
- Persons desiring a golf cart handicap flag must sign the Groves’ Handicapped Players Flag Guidelines agreement. The information on this agreement can be obtained at the Pro Shop. No one can use his or her own flag until the agreement has been signed and the player(s) must adhere to regulations so stated.

Hours of Operation

- The Pro Shop will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The Pro Shop will remain open until 7:00 p.m. during daylight savings time. The cart staff will remain on premises until the last rental cart is returned.

- The golf course is open from 7:30 a.m. until ½ hour before sunset each day. Access to the golf course by non-golfers is prohibited when the golf course is open (currently from 7:30 a.m. - 1/2 hour before sunset).
- Residents may only use the golf cart paths when the course is closed. Residents should travel in the same direction as golf play (i.e., from hole 1 through hole 18) to avoid any late-day playing golfers.
- Playing golf after the Pro Shop has closed is permissible only to those who have annual own-cart memberships and play-cardholders who are current with their payments. Approval must be obtained from the Pro Shop prior to play and play must be completed prior to course closing time. Those who are not paid-up annual own-cart members are not permitted to start golfing after the Pro Shop has closed for the day.

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