

**LINCOLN COUNTRY CLUB**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**I. FEES**

**A. Cart Rates**

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|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. 18 holes       | <b>\$18.00 per person</b> |
| 2. 9 holes        | <b>\$9.00 per person</b>  |
| 3. Additional bag | <b>\$4.00</b>             |

**B. Guest Fees**

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|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. Weekdays before 4 PM          | <b>\$35.00 - 18 holes</b><br><b>\$20.00 - 9 holes</b> |
| 2. Weekends/Holidays before 4 PM | <b>\$40.00 - 18 holes</b><br><b>\$25.00 - 9 holes</b> |
| 3. Weekdays after 4 PM           | <b>\$20.00</b>  |
| 4. Weekends after 4 PM           | <b>\$25.00</b>  |

**II. PLAY AND RESTRICTIONS**

**A. Guests**

1. The number of guests is limited to one (1) prior to 3:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays unless special authorization is granted by the Board of Governors. On weekdays and weekends after 3:00 p.m., the number of guests is limited to three (3) per member.
2. All guests must register at the Pro Shop and be verified by a sponsoring member.
3. The sponsoring member must accompany the guest at all times and is responsible for the conduct of his/her guest(s).
4. Former members who owe money to the club are not permitted to play as a guest. Upon payment of the outstanding debt in its entirety, the former member will be precluded from playing as a guest for a period equal to the number of days the debt was past due in excess of thirty (30) days. This penalty will be assessed during the period from April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. (For example: A person resigns effective 9/1/05 and owes dues for August. The payment is due by 10/1/05, but no payment is made until 2/1/06. The penalty period is the number of days from 11/1/05 to 2/1/06. The former member cannot play as a guest from 4/1/06 through 6/30/06.)

5. Guests are limited to playing five (5) times in any given month; except that a guest who lives more than 150 miles from the club may play in excess of five (5) times in one (1) month. In any given month, guests may play 3 times on weekdays and 2 times on a weekend or holiday. Tournaments where guests are allowed are not included as a round.
6. No guests are allowed between DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> and APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> unless the Pro Shop is open to collect guest fees.
7. A Social Member is eligible to play as a guest under the guest policy
8. Members of Lincoln Country Club can bring unlimited guests on any Non Outing Monday or Non Holiday Monday. The member would be charged for their cart and their guest greens fees with the guest getting a free cart for 18 holes. All charges will be billed to the member's LCC account, no cash or credit cards accepted, the member can collect fees from their guests.

Example: Member with 7 guest would be billed \$18 for their cart and \$245 for their guest (7 x \$35) for a total of \$263, a savings of \$126(7 x \$18).

This unlimited Guest Rate applies to 18-hole rounds on Mondays only!  
Monday Special Guest doesn't count towards the 5 rounds referenced in section 5.  
All members are responsible for informing their guest of our dress code beforehand, please make sure guest adhere to this policy.

## **B. Restricted Play Rules**

1. The course will be closed until the end of play for certain tournaments as permitted by the Board of Governors. Notice of these occasions will be provided in the tournament schedule and in the Pro Shop.
2. The course will be closed for the Holiday Mixed Scotch tournaments at 12:30 PM so long as at least thirty-six (36) people are playing in the tournament.
3. "B" members may not begin play on Saturdays prior to 12:30 and Sundays and holidays prior to 12:00 PM with the exception of the Ladies' Member/Guest, and such other tournaments as permitted by the Board of Governors. Senior members may not begin play on weekends and holidays prior to 3:00 PM. Junior members and children under the age of sixteen (16) who are part of a family membership may not begin play on weekends and holidays prior to 4:00. During the period from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> these restrictions on play shall be suspended.
4. All employees of Lincoln Country Club and kitchen personnel shall be allowed to play the course at any time on weekdays and after 4:00 PM on weekends and holidays at

the discretion of the Pro. Employees and kitchen personnel must check in with the Pro prior to teeing off. Any abuse of these privileges will result in a suspension of the privilege for a period determined by the Board of Governors. Employees and kitchen personnel are not permitted to bring guests on the course.

5. Any male player 65 or older can tee off from the red and/or gold tees if they wish to. These are the ladies tees but are also rated by the RIGA as senior tees. If playing these tees, post scores as men's red and/or gold.

### **C. Conduct and Attire of Members and Guests**

1. Children under the age of twelve (12) years are not allowed on the course unless under the direct supervision of a parent and at the discretion of the Pro and Rules Committee.
2. Lincoln Country Club depends on all of its members to dress in an appropriate fashion. Members are responsible for informing their guests of the dress code prior to play. For male members and guests, shirts with a collar or mock neck are required and **MUST** be tucked into their shorts/pants, unless the style is shorter and is specifically designed to be worn outside of the individuals' pants/shorts. Undershirts, "T" shirts, tank tops, muscle shirts, "blue" jeans, CARGO pants/shorts, sweatpants, cut-off shorts, gym shorts or tennis shorts are **NOT** allowed on the course. Hats or visors **MUST** be properly worn (not sideways or backwards). The Pro will be required to monitor this rule. Anyone in violations of this rule may be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Governors.

During the period from November 1<sup>st</sup> though March 31<sup>st</sup>, members will be permitted to wear jeans on the golf course; however, all other restrictions as to attire shall remain in effect. Appropriate attire is also required in the clubhouse.

3. No bare feet or street shoes are allowed on the course or the putting green or other practice areas. Golf shoes with soft spikes, sneakers or spikeless golf shoes are required on the course.
4. Members and guests must observe all parking regulations and restrictions.
5. Any form of threatening, abusive, harassing, or profane language or gesture, or physical assault directed toward any member, guest, club employee, personnel of the Pro Shop or kitchen or other vendor personnel or employees of outside contractors hired by the club, is a heinous breach of etiquette and will not be tolerated. The offending party is subject to discipline by the Board of Governors pursuant to the procedures set forth in Article I, Section 6 of the By-Laws.

6. All parties must be pre-approved by the Board or the Board's designee. Under no circumstances and at no time shall a member or guest bring alcoholic beverages on club property. All food and alcoholic beverages must be purchased from our vendor. Any member found leaving the property of Lincoln Country Club with an alcoholic beverage, other than as permitted by the Rhode Island General Laws, shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board of Governors, up to and including expulsion.

#### **D. Playing the Course**

1. Only practice areas designated by the Board may be utilized for practicing; players cannot practice on the course. The putting green is for putting only
2. On weekends and holidays play is limited to threesomes and foursomes. Twosomes may begin play during these hours only upon specified instructions from the Pro or his representative
3. On weekends and holidays from April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>, the earliest tee off shall be 6:45 AM. There will be no alternating when making the turn before 8:30 AM.
4. On weekends and holidays, order of tee-off will be governed by numbered score cards issued by the Pro Shop. Cards will only be issued when at least three (3) members of your group have personally registered in the Pro Shop. If your number comes up and you are waiting for the fourth player, you must either tee off or relinquish your number and be placed at the end of the list. If you choose to tee off with three (3) players, the Pro has the right to put a single player with your group if there is one waiting to play. Switching of cards is not permitted. The Pro will maintain a list with one (1) name from your group next to the number that coincides with the number on your card.
5. If the Pro Shop is open, all members and guests are required to sign in before play. If the Pro Shop is closed at the time of tee-off, they must sign in before leaving the course.
6. The Pro has COMPLETE AUTHORITY to regulate and control play on the course. Play MUST start on the first tee unless specific permission is given by the Pro or his representative. Under supervision of the Pro or his representative, players coming from the 9<sup>th</sup> green will alternate at the 1<sup>st</sup> tee with players just starting play. Any disputes shall be reported to the Pro Committee.
7. All players must use their own clubs. Playing from someone else's bag is not allowed.
8. All completed rounds must be attested and turned in at the Pro Shop.

#### **III. CARTS**

1. Carts cannot be reserved. All carts will be distributed by the Pro Shop on a first come/first served basis.
2. Two (2) carts will not be allowed in a group with only one (1) rider per cart.
3. A child of any age who is playing the course is permitted to ride in a motorized cart only if a member of the club over the age of 21 is the driver of the cart. The member shall be responsible for the conduct of the child on the course.

#### **IV. CADDIES**

1. Caddies must be familiar with club rules and golf etiquette before being assigned to the golf course at the discretion of the Pro. A member or guest may not employ their own caddy without prior approval from the Pro.

#### **V. COURSE ETIQUETTE**

It is important for each golfer to learn and follow the basic code of golf etiquette. This will make your round and that of others more enjoyable. It is suggested before going on the course that you read and follow these simple rules.

1. Be at your ball with club in hand, ready to play when it is your honor. On the tee, the honor belongs to the team or player with the lowest score on the most recent hole, which was not halved or tied. The other players follow in order. After the tee shots, the honor belongs to the player whose ball lies farthest from the hole.
2. If your group falls behind the group ahead, or is delayed while looking for a ball, signal the group behind to play through.
3. The time allowed for searching for a ball is FIVE MINUTES. After this time, the ball is deemed lost and the shot must be replayed.
4. Do not talk or move about while others are preparing to swing or are in the process of swinging.
5. Do not stand in a spot where you or your shadow may distract a player who is preparing to swing or putt.
6. Replace and step down on any turf you may dislodge in making a shot. Remember, for the benefit of all players, to REPLACE YOUR DIVOTS!
7. Always carefully smooth out any marks you make in a sand bunker. You will find a rake at each bunker.

8. Repair any marks your ball makes in landing on a green. For the benefit of all players, REPAIR YOUR MARK AND ONE OTHER!
9. Never walk on a part of the green that is between another player's ball and the hole.
10. Avoid any unnecessary delays be always setting your bag, or parking your cart, on the side of the green nearest the next tee. To preserve the course, observe all cart signs.
11. Never drive or pull your golf cart into a sand bunker or onto a green, tee or fringe area.
12. Place any trash you may have (cans, papers, etc.) in the trash receptacles, which are positioned at the various tees. Do not throw your trash in the woods or on the course.

## **VI. ENFORCING THE RULES**

1. The rules that govern play on the course are designed for the benefit of all members and to assure everyone of an enjoyable round of golf on a well-conditioned course. Any rule violation noticed by a member should be brought to the attention of the Pro or a member of the Rules Committee.
2. In the event of a violation by a guest, the member responsible for the guest should be informed of the violation, as well as the Pro and a member of the Rules Committee.
3. Any violation of the rules regarding play on the golf course, playing restrictions, the dress code, and course etiquette by a member may result in a verbal or written warning by the Rules Committee which will also be reported to the Board. If the member is dissatisfied with the action of the Rules Committee, he/she may petition the Board for review of the action in accordance with Article I, Section 6 of the By-Laws. Repeat infractions will be brought to the Board of Governors for disciplinary action.

## **VII. LOCAL COURSE RULES**

U.S.G.A. rules govern all play on the course. A rules book should be available in the Pro Shop.

U.S.G.A. Rule 24-2b provides how a player obtains relief from an immovable obstruction (i.e., a cart path with an artificial surface). A player is allowed a one (1) club length free drop from the nearest (not necessarily the best) point of relief. Do not drop onto a green or into a hazard.

Most of the following local rules are printed on the back of the scorecard.

1. All cart paths will be a free drop whether they are paved or not. If a paved cart path has a gravel area at the end of it, this will be considered a continuation of the cart path and will be a free drop.
2. The gravel road between holes #4 and #5 will be a free drop (i.e., cart path relief).
3. Free drop from all rocks in your own fairway only.
4. Hole #8/17  
Yellow Stakes behind green - If your ball enters the hazard between yellow stakes you have 4 options:
  1. You can play from the Hazard as it lies.
  2. You can go back to the original place where you hit your last shot and drop as close as possible to the same spot with a 1 stroke penalty. If you had hit from the tee you have the option to re tee the ball.
  3. You can go to the opposite side of the hazard toward the 9th tee and keep the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard in line with the pin and drop with a 1 stroke penalty.
  4. You can drop in the Drop Circle to the right side of the green with a 1 stroke penalty.

Red Stakes left of green - If your ball enters the hazard to the left side of the green where the red stakes are you have 5 options (of which 2 are impossible). The 3 options you have are:

1. Play the ball as it lies in the hazard.
2. Go back to the place where you hit your last shot from and drop as close as possible with a 1 stroke penalty. If you hit from the tee you have the option to re tee it again.
3. Drop the ball within 2 club lengths from the point of entry no nearer the hole with a 1 stroke penalty.

If your ball enters the Hazard beyond the last yellow stake to the right near the cart path you have the option to either take the Lateral Hazard rule or go to the drop area to the right of the green. If you choose the drop circle to the right of the green (please note the following).

Make sure when you drop the ball it hits the ground within the circle. Your ball does not have to come to rest within the circle. Your ball is allowed to roll no more than 2 club lengths from the point where it hits the ground. If your ball rolls in any

direction, even if it is closer to the hole or rolls out of the circle it is in play as long as it is within the 2 club lengths. If it rolls more than the 2 club lengths you will have to drop it again. If it rolls more than 2 club lengths on the 2nd drop you will be allowed to place the ball on the spot where it hit the ground on the 2nd drop.

5. A ball hit against the wall to the left of the cart path behind the green on hole #6 must be played as it lies or the player may proceed under the unplayable lie rule, unless the ball lies within the perimeter of the white stakes. Additionally, any ball lying within the flower bed area behind the green is entitled to a free drop at the nearest point of relief on either side of the bed. The player will be allowed a free drop no nearer the hole without penalty.
6. Stones in bunkers cannot be moved or touched. **The ball must be played as it lies.**
7. A ball hit into the club parking lot is out of bounds. If the logs that line the boundary of the parking interfere with your play on the course side, you may take a free drop (one club length).
8. If any garden areas that have been created around the course interfere with your play, you may take a free drop (one club length, no closer to the hole).
9. The stone wall on the left side of the 6<sup>th</sup> fairway will define out of bounds. Any ball hit over the wall is out of bounds. If a player's ball is on the wall or against it, that player can either play the ball as it lies or proceed under the unplayable lie rule.
10. **The ball will be played down (i.e., cannot lift, clean and place) from the date the GHIN system begins accepting scores until it stops accepting scores, unless otherwise noted by the Rules Committee.** Damaged areas and areas under repair will be marked as necessary.
11. **REMEMBER: A "free" drop is within one (1) club length, no closer to the hole. All other drops, involving the assessment of a penalty stroke, are within two (2) club lengths, no closer to the hole.**

#### VIII. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

(See Membership Application for full details of each membership)

Individual "A"

Individual "B"

Family (Limited to 75 including 12 Senior Family)

**Junior Executive**

**Senior Family (Limited to 5 included in Family total of 75)**

**Junior (Limited to 25)**

**Social (Limited to 20)**

**Senior Individual (Limited to 20)**

## **H. OTHER PROVISIONS REGARDING MEMBERSHIP**

1. Assessments – Family memberships shall be assessed at a rate of 1.4 times the individual assessment for all assessments except the standard kitchen and bar assessment.
2. A child of a member of Lincoln Country Club cannot purchase a Junior Membership. The member must purchase a Family Membership to include the child.
3. The adult members of a family membership which terminates in divorce may both apply for immediate membership within sixty (60) days of the entry of the final decree of divorce.
4. If a member in good standing is called to active duty during a military conflict, the Board, in its discretion, may waive the dues of the member for such period as the Board deems appropriate. The member shall remain responsible for payment of the monthly kitchen and bar assessment and assessments which may come due during the waiver period. If the member has a family membership, the other family members may retain their playing privileges during the waiver period.

## **IX. CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP**

1. A fully vested member in good standing who takes a leave of absence, or becomes a social member for (1) year, will be placed at the top of the waiting list upon approval by the Board of his or her written request for reinstatement to full membership. A member who is not fully vested will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list. Those members requesting return to full membership who are placed

on the waiting list shall be offered limited playing privileges at a reduced dues in accordance with the following provisions:

Annual dues shall be billed at the rate of 85% of the annual dues for the type of voting membership requested. Members on the waiting list will be responsible for all assessments and the payment of the minimum monthly food and beverage assessment for the type of voting membership requested.

Playing privileges shall be equivalent to those of the type of voting membership requested, with the following exceptions and restrictions:

1. A returning member on the waiting list is not permitted to tee off until 1:30 PM on Saturdays and holidays.
2. A returning member on the waiting list is not permitted to tee off after 12:00 PM on Fridays.
3. A returning member on the waiting list is not permitted to play as a guest in a club tournament.
4. Participation in club twilight leagues is permitted subject to availability of openings. Voting members have priority for available slots over those on the waiting list.
5. Participation in tournaments is permitted subject to availability of openings and subject to the playing restrictions noted above. Voting members have priority for tournament play openings over those on the waiting list.

Members on the waiting list are not eligible for a locker or for bag storage.

Members on the waiting list have not voting rights and no right to hold office.

A returning member on the waiting list who accepts the limited playing privileges must accept full membership when it is offered or the limited playing privileges will be terminated and his/her name removed from the waiting list.

The returning member must indicate in his/her request for reinstatement to full membership that he/she accepts the offer of limited playing privileges at reduced dues while he/she is on the waiting list

1. Any request for a change in membership shall be in writing and can only be acted upon at the next Board meeting following receipt of the request. Any action taken by the Board shall take effect on the first day of the next month.
2. A family member who is a current vested member in good standing and reaches the age of eighteen (18), or is over eighteen (18) years of age but no longer in school, may apply for an individual membership and will be placed at the top of the waiting list. Said member will be allowed a grace period of sixty (60) days from his/her eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) birthday, or sixty (60) days from the date the member is no longer in school, to apply for an individual membership while retaining the playing privileges of a family member. Until there is an

opening, the family membership must remain current and in good standing and the family member can continue to play under that membership. When there is an opening, the member will be offered an individual membership and the initiation fee will be waived.

3. A junior member who has been a member for five (5) years or more and reaches the age of 18, or is over eighteen (18) but no longer in school may apply for an individual membership so long as he or she is a member in good standing. The member will be placed second on the waiting list and upon admission, will be permitted to pay the initiation fee over the course of two (2) years. If there is more than one (1) junior member in this situation, the next member will be placed fourth on the waiting list and so on, alternating based upon date of birth. While on the waiting list, the member must continue to maintain his or her junior membership and the dues will be pro rated upon admission.
4. A junior member who has been a member for less than five (5) years and reaches the age of 18, or is over eighteen (18) but no longer in school may apply for an individual membership and will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list.
5. A person on the waiting list who has not accepted the limited playing privileges and is offered full membership may decline the offer once and will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list without incurring any additional fee. If the person is offered membership a second time and declines, his or her name will be removed from the waiting list.
7. Any member who is granted a leave of absence after September 1, 2003 shall still be responsible for the payment of any assessments which may come due during the leave of absence.