



**Wilmington Country Club  
By-laws,  
Rules and Regulations  
Handbook**

**2019**

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## WILMINGTON COUNTRY CLUB

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of The Wilmington Country Club is to continue to be one of the finest private country clubs in the United States, with a primary emphasis on meeting the desires of its members, their families and their personal guests.

It is the commitment of its Board of Directors that this will be accomplished by having a membership which exhibits the highest standards of personal conduct, by maintaining our facilities at the highest of standards, by continuously providing our members with programs and services that yield the highest level of satisfaction and by embracing our history and traditions through the thoughtful consideration of conventional and current values.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF MEMBER CONDUCT

In support of the Mission of the Club, the Board of Directors has adopted the following "Guiding Principles of Member Conduct":

1. **Courtesy** in its broadest, most inclusive form . . . toward our Club, our fellow members and guests, and our staff.
2. **Respect** for our Club's traditions, governance and the formal and implicit Rules of our Club.
3. **Appropriate** attire and conduct in all venues and activities at our Club.
4. **Care** for our Club's facilities, respecting them as we would our own home.
5. **Treat** fellow Club members as we would a guest in our home.
6. **Ensure** that our family and guests fulfill our Club's expectations.
7. **Manage** unusual circumstances and situations in keeping with the Spirit of our Club.

## PAST PRESIDENTS

James H. Wilson .....	1901 to 1903
Benjamin Niels .....	1904 to 1906
George Gray.....	1907 to 1919
Henry P. Scott.....	1920 to 1926
Irenee duPont.....	1927 to 1931
Walter S. Carpenter, Jr.....	1932 to 1933
Sidney Scott.....	1934 to 1937
Charles A. Higgins.....	1938 to 1940
Willis F. Harrington.....	1941 to 1944
William duPont, Jr.....	1944 to 1946
James S. Denham.....	1946 to 1950
Isaac Fogg.....	1950 to 1953
William B. Denham .....	1953 to 1957
Martin Fenton .....	1957 to 1962
A. Willis Browning.....	1962 to 1965
J. H. Tyler McConnell .....	1965 to 1969
Endsley P. Fairman.....	1969 to 1972
Wallace E. Gordon.....	1972 to 1974
John F. Porter, III.....	1974 to 1976
Millard G. Gamble, III.....	1976 to 1978
Dr. Charles F. Richards .....	1979 to 1981
Eugene D. DiSabatino .....	1982 to 1984
Allen M. Terrell, Jr. ....	1985 to 1986
Russell S. Davis, Jr. ....	1987 to 1988
Pierre duPont Hayward.....	1989 to 1991
William B. Harman.....	1992 to 1994
Jay R. Brinsfield .....	1995 to 1997
Calvert A. Morgan, Jr. ....	1998 to 1999
David T. Blake.....	2000 to 2002
Dr. William A. Friz.....	2003 to 2005
Robert G. Hackett, Jr. ....	2006 to 2008
William H. Daiger, Jr.....	2009 to 2011
Richard H. Keller.....	2012 to 2014
Dr. Joseph F. Hacker, III.....	2015 to 2017
Gary W. Ferguson.....	2018

**OFFICERS**

**2019**

Mr. Gary W. Ferguson  
President

Mrs. Melissa Riegel  
Vice President

Mr. John S. Wellons  
Treasurer

Mr. Thomas C. Humphrey  
Secretary



## BRIEF CLUB HISTORY

On May 15, 1901, a select group of Wilmingtonians received a letter (see following document) announcing the formation of the Wilmington Country Club, a charter and the securing of a long-term lease for a suitable tract of land having been obtained. The Club had been incorporated under the laws of Delaware on April 22, 1901. The beginnings, however, trace back to 1882 when, on the front porch of the old Tatnall mansion at Delaware Avenue and Jefferson Street, the Delaware Cricket Club was organized by a group including Henry L. Tatnall, Jr. and his brother-in-law, Joshua Ernest Smith. In 1883 the club purchased a playing field at 23rd and West Streets from Joseph Tatnall, and in 1885 it became the Delaware Field Club. A new club house was built in Elsmere in 1889 and activities were expanded to include baseball, football, and tennis. A nine-hole golf course was added about 1895. The Delaware Field Club became the true progenitor of the Wilmington Country Club when many of its members merged to form the new Club in 1901. Stock in the newly organized club was offered at \$25.00 a share with no specific amount required, and the annual dues were to be \$25.00.

The land for the new club, 129 acres, most of which was leased from William duPont, Sr., was situated on the south side of what was then known as the Kennett Turnpike and within a four-minute walk from the Rising Sun terminus of the Wilmington City Railway. The site today includes Wilcastle Center, a public golf course, and the athletic fields of nearby Tower Hill School.

Subsequently, a meeting was scheduled for subscribers on May 27, 1901, at the New Century Club in Wilmington "to effect the permanent organization of the Club, and to adopt By-laws and regulations for its government." According to the certificate of incorporation of the Wilmington Country Club, "the object to be promoted is the maintenance of an association for social, intellectual and recreative purposes."

The formation of the Wilmington Country Club coincided with that of a number of other country clubs around the turn of the century, following the establishment in 1860 of the first country club in the United States -- The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts and in 1888 the first golf club, The St. Andrews Club of Yonkers, New York. For the founding fathers of the Wilmington Country Club and its original membership, the Club was truly a Country Club. Most of them lived within a small, well-defined area -- Delaware Avenue from West Street to Clayton Street -- of what was then a much smaller Wilmington. Benjamin Niels, J. Ernest Smith, and Andrew C. Gray were the original subscribers to the capital stock; among the Club's early directors were Henry B. Thompson, Henry L. Tatnall, Jr., E. Tatnall Warner, Alfred duPont and Joseph Bancroft, prominent civic leaders and presumably sports-minded individuals.

The earliest minutes of the quarterly meetings of the Board of Directors of the Wilmington Country Club are dated July 2, 1902, at which time the House

Rules - not significantly different from those in effect today - were presented to the House Committee and approved.

At a cost of \$2,000, twenty-five workers and eight horses raked the land several times and produced the Club's first golf course by August 1901. The golf course was initially only nine holes, because some acres were reserved for income-producing wheat. After the wheat was harvested, the Board decided to expand the golf course to 18 holes. At a cost of only \$850, nine additional holes were created in three weeks.

The Clubhouse, designed by architect E. J. Dallet, was completed on July 1, 1902. Adding to its construction cost, the caddie house, horse sheds and furniture brought the figure to almost \$27,000.

In the first years of the Club it was thought that "golf should have first place," but a Tennis Committee was soon formed. Golf team matches were played with other clubs, and an open tournament was held in November 1902. A fall tennis tournament that year had entry list of 70.

Trap shooting was another sport offered at the new Wilmington Country Club, and clock golf, croquet and quoits were added attractions. In less than a year plans were being discussed for enlarging the Club, and in 1903 the Grounds Committee was authorized to provide a shed for automobiles "and if possible another entrance way for automobiles."

Membership classifications were essentially similar in the early days of the Club to those today, although in 1913 non-resident members could "be persons not residing within 10 miles of the Clubhouse." By that year house rules had not changed noticeably since the inception of the Club.

In 1918, the Wilmington Country Club played a dramatic role when it served as a temporary hospital for local victims of the Spanish influenza that struck Wilmington and the world. Since Wilmington's hospitals could not accommodate the large number of seriously ill flu patients, the Clubhouse was pressed into service and tents were erected on the Golf Course to allow for extra beds.

In 1924, a carelessly tossed cigarette, which ignited confetti following a masked ball is generally thought to have been the cause of a fire that completely destroyed the Clubhouse. A completely new building opened the following year.

In 1937, with the knowledge that the lease on the Golf Course was due to expire in 1961, the Club purchased 807 acres on Churchman's Road near Stanton, Delaware. The Club actually owned about 21 acres of the Pennsylvania Avenue property on which were located the Clubhouse, parking lot, squash building and tennis courts. The remaining 108 acres were leased from William duPont, Jr.

The Stanton property was later sold when the Wilmington Country Club in 1945 purchased the 221-acre Concord Country Club in nearby Concordville,

Pennsylvania. All members of the Wilmington Country Club automatically became members of the Concord Country Club in the same class of membership held by them in Wilmington. Limited membership in the Concord Country Club was restricted to those proposed for membership in the Wilmington Country Club but not yet admitted because of lack of vacancies. When elected to membership in the Wilmington Country Club, one's status as a limited member of the Concord Country Club was discontinued.

The purchase of the Concordville property had been proposed by Club President William duPont, Jr., who felt that developing the Stanton property for golf courses would be a long drawn out process, and that those on the lengthy waiting list would be denied the use of club facilities for too long a time. He foresaw that in time the Wilmington Country Club might want to acquire property west of Wilmington, which would provide two golf courses and additional facilities. The lease on the land on which the Pennsylvania Avenue golf course was located was, of course, due to expire in December, 1961, and Mr. duPont had indicated he did not desire to renew it, except possibly from year to year.

By the end of 1951, when the Wilmington Country Club membership had risen to the 2,000 mark (including 200 Concord members), the need for expansion became obvious. The Board of Directors approved a plan involving the purchase from Henry Francis duPont of about 335 acres of his Winterthur property.

In September 1959, the Pennsylvania Avenue property was sold for \$600,000; in December 1961 the Concord Country Club was sold for \$1,300,000. In November 1960 the Board of Directors authorized construction of a new Clubhouse and facilities at what became known as the Kirk Road location at a cost of \$3,150,000. William duPont, Jr. graciously offered to donate the cost of construction of the same number and type of tennis courts at the new site as the Club had on Pennsylvania Avenue, plus the cost of drainage for two additional courts. The official opening of the new Clubhouse was marked by a gala buffet dinner on Thursday, November 8, 1962.

Thus, the new Club, with a Clubhouse designed by Whiteside, Moeckel and Carbonell and built by Ernest DiSabatino & Sons, Inc., was able to provide two 18-hole championship golf courses, a driving range, 13 tennis courts (now 21, including three indoor and four grass courts) four singles and two doubles squash courts - plus an Olympic-length swimming pool. Two paddle tennis courts have since been added. Most of the old Pennsylvania Avenue course was donated by William duPont Jr. to the city of Wilmington and became public in 1958. It is now known as the Porky Oliver Golf Course, named for the great professional golfer who at one time was a caddy at the old Wilmington Country Club.

Over the years, the old Club and the new have been the sites of some exciting championships and exhibitions. Such tennis greats as Bill Tilden, Don Budge, Alice Marble and Margaret Osborne duPont played on the Pennsylvania Avenue courts.

As far back as 1913 the Club hosted the Women's National Golf Championship and later boasted of a Davis Cup Competition between the United States and Canada being held on the courts. The National Junior Girls' Grass Tournament was held at the Club for a number of years as well as the Men's National Invitational. More recent annual events have been the National Women's 55 and 65 Grass Tournament and the Delaware State Men's Singles, Delaware Women's Amateur Golf Championship, and the U.S. Golf Association's Junior Championship.

Squash has long been an important Wilmington Country Club sport at both the old and new locations. The Club at one time could boast that its Squash Professional, Dan Martella, was ranked among the game's top ten players nationally. The National Men's Doubles and the National Women's Singles have been held at the new club location.

In 1965, two new indoor tennis courts costing about \$200,000 were opened with an exhibition that included Vic Seixas, Bill Talbert, Dick Savitt, and Mike Green. A third court was later added to the William duPont, Jr. Tennis House.

In July 1966, two exhibitions were played with Carol Mann and Gary Player on the South Course. Two months later Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus played an exhibition match. In September 1971, many of the nation's outstanding amateur golfers competed in the 71st U.S. Amateur Championship at the Wilmington Country Club. In 1978, the National Boys and Girls Junior Golf Tournament was held.

Recognizing that the "new" Club wasn't so new anymore, in 1995, Club leadership began preparing for what would become a twenty-year program of continuous improvements to the facilities. The initial phase of three years of Clubhouse interior renovations began in 1997. When complete, every interior space had received a facelift and new facilities like the fitness room were added. For the next two decades, hardly a year went by where the Club's infrastructure wasn't being improved. Included was a new swimming pool, family area and Pool Café which spanned two years; renovations were made to the indoor and outdoor tennis courts; the Paddle Facility was relocated and expanded; two new reservoirs for additional water storage were developed, each the focus of other years. In 2008, Golf Course Architect, Keith Foster was engaged to "regain the scope and scale of the South Course". This also included expanding the Club's golf practice facilities and constructing a golf learning center.

During this period, it wasn't all about construction. The Club continued its rich tradition of supporting amateur athletics by hosting the USGA Mid-Amateur Championship in 2003 and the Palmer Cup in 2013. Additionally, our Racquets venues played host to many USTA Championships, Squash National Championships and Paddle Nationals. The Club was the recipient of many distinctions and honors including Golf Digest's "Top 100" Golf Course (South), a USTA Premier Facility; East Coast Croquet Club of the Year and perennially recognized as a Platinum Club of America.

An event of even greater significance occurred in 2001 when the Club recognized its 100 year anniversary with a year-long Centennial Celebration. Dedications included the Centennial Clock, the Centennial Garden and the establishment of the Wilmington Country Club Centennial Scholarship Program to benefit employees, children of employees and caddies.

While it would have been easy to rest on their accomplishments, Club leadership recognized a changing demographic within the membership and began a series of strategic focus group meetings in 2009 with the intent of identifying the most critical factors necessary to keep the Club relevant for the next 25 years. Based on their findings, Atlanta architects, Chapman Coyle and Chapman was engaged to design an expansion of the Clubhouse to address those needs. The 20,000 square foot addition was constructed by SCA Construction. The grand opening was conducted on November 1, 2014 and showcased a new Tavern/Grille, Casual Dining Café, Pub, Golf Shop and Fitness Facility.

Members can be proud of the Club's history and can look forward to a future that continues the Club's finest traditions.

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The Board of Directors expresses its appreciation to Jack Horthy and Bob Donaghy who researched and wrote the Club's history.

Wilmington, Delaware, May 15, 1901

Mr. Felix duPont

Dear Sir:

For some time past there has been a demand in this community for a modern country club; consequently, when the opportunity was offered a few weeks ago to a number of gentlemen interested in out-of-door games, to secure a long term lease of a tract of land suitable for such a club, the proposition was promptly accepted. In furtherance of the idea, a charter has been obtained for the "Wilmington Country Club" and the lease turned over to this new organization. The capital stock of the Club is to be used in building and furnishing a club house and in putting the grounds in order. The preliminary work of clearing up the grounds is already in progress, and about \$12,000 of stock was quickly subscribed by the originators of the scheme.

It is impossible to state specifically the details of the project at this time, as the extent of its development will depend on the response and support of our people, but it is intended to build a comfortable club house with the usual equipment for social enjoyment, to lay out an eighteen hole course, to provide for tennis and other out-of door games, etc. The land secured is situated on the south side of the Kennett Turnpike just beyond the city limits, and within three or four minutes walk of the Rising Sun terminus of the Wilmington City Railway. Its advantages on the score of accessibility are immediately apparent, while experts who have gone over the ground carefully say that it is almost admirably adapted for golf links. It is confidently believed that an up-to-date Country Club can be established here which will enlist the hearty support of our citizens and which will be a credit to our city.

The amount of the annual charges will depend upon the extent of the undertaking and the size of the club membership, but it is calculated that they will not exceed \$25 for gentlemen and \$10 for ladies. It is probable that the By-Laws will provide for smaller dues for members who do not desire the privilege of the golf course, and for a family membership rate.

Mr. Felix duPont

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May 15th, 1901

You are cordially invited to join the Wilmington Country Club and to lend it your personal co-operation, and financial support. Should you be willing to subscribe, please sign the enclosed slip and return it to any of the undersigned, who will give you any further information desired. You will receive a certificate of the capital stock of the Club to the amount of your subscription. A meeting of the subscribers will be held on Monday evening, May 27th at 8 o'clock P.M. at the New Century Club building, to effect the permanent organization of the Club, and to adopt By-Laws and regulations for its government. The undersigned earnestly desire that you send in your subscription before the 24th, inst., and be present at the meeting.

Yours very respectfully,

Henry B. Thompson

Edward T. Canby

Andrew C. Gray

Benjamin Niels

Caleb M. Sheward

Alfred S. Elliott

Harlan G. Scott

Alfred I duPont

Willard C. Jackson

J. Ernest Smith

Frank H. Thomas

George H. Hoffecker

# By-laws

**BY-LAWS**  
**WILMINGTON COUNTRY CLUB**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

The Club shall operate under the name of the Wilmington Country Club, a Delaware non-profit corporation, with its principal place of business in New Castle County, Delaware. All property, real and personal, acquired and owned by the Club shall be taken and held in the name of the said non-profit corporation. The Club shall be operated on a calendar year basis, January 1 to December 31.

**ARTICLE II**

**MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION I - CLASSES OF MEMBERS**

There shall be the following Classification of Members:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Stock Requirement</b>
<u>Senior</u> A member age 35 or older who owns, rents or resides for more than 21 days in a calendar year, in a residence or has a place of business within 90 miles of the Clubhouse.	2 shares by age 35, 4 shares by age 40
<u>Family Age 30 through 34</u> A member age 30 through 34, who is the child of a member and who owns, rents or resides for more than 21 days, in a calendar year, in a residence or has a place of business within 90 miles of the Clubhouse.	1 share by 30
<u>Family Age 25 through 29</u> A member age 25 through 29, who is the child of a member and who owns, rents or resides for more than 21 days, in a calendar year, in a residence or has a place of business within 90 miles of the Clubhouse.	None
<u>Non-Family Age 25 through 34</u> A member age 25 through 34, who is not the child of a member and who owns, rents or resides for more than 21 days, in a calendar year, in a residence or has a place of business within 90 miles of the Clubhouse. Non-Family members are not eligible to participate in the legacy stock discount program.	½ share on admission, 1 share by age 30, 2 shares by age 35, 4 shares by age 40
<u>Age 10 through 24</u> A member age 10 through 24, who is the child of a member and who owns, rents or resides for more than 21 days, in a calendar year, in a residence or has a place of business within 90 miles of the Clubhouse.	None
<u>Child under Age 10</u> Children under age 10 who are children of a Club member without the necessity of election, payment of dues or requirement of stock purchase. Presence at the Club must be under the supervision of a member parent or an	None

adult member. Parents of such children are required to advise the Club when their children reach 10 years of age.

Non-Resident Senior

2 shares by age 35

A member age 35 or older, who does not own, rent or reside in for more than 21 days, in a calendar year, in a residence or have a place of business within 90 miles of the Clubhouse. Use of the Club is limited to 21 days annually. Such member shall have priority for Resident membership upon written notification if he or she ceases to be a Non-Resident.

Family Non-Resident Age 30 through 34

1 share by age 30

A member age 30 through 34, who is the child of a member and who does not own, rent or reside in for more than 21 days, in a calendar year, in a residence or have a place of business within 90 miles of the Clubhouse. Use of the Club is limited to 21 days annually. Such member shall have priority for Resident membership upon written notification if he or she ceases to be a Non-Resident.

Family Non-Resident Age 25 through 29

None

A member age 25 through 29, who is the child of a member and who does not own, rent or reside in for more than 21 days, in a calendar year, in a residence or have a place of business within 90 miles of the Clubhouse. Use of the Club is limited to 21 days annually. Such member shall have priority for Resident membership upon written notification if he or she ceases to be a Non-Resident.

Non-Family Non-Resident Age 25 through 34

½ share on admission,

1 share by age 30, 2 shares by age 35

A member age 25 through 34, who is not the child of a member and who does not own, rent or reside in for more than 21 days, in a calendar year, in a residence or have a place of business within 90 miles of the Clubhouse. Use of the Club is limited to 21 days annually. Such member shall have priority for Resident membership upon written notification if he or she ceases to be a Non-Resident. Non-Family members are not eligible to participate in the legacy stock discount program.

Non-Resident Age 10 through 24

None

A member age 10 through 24, who is the child of a member and who does not own, rent or reside in for more than 21 days, in a calendar year, in a residence or have a place of business within 90 miles of the Clubhouse. Use of the Club is limited to 21 days annually. Such member shall have priority for Resident membership upon written notification if he or she ceases to be a Non-Resident.

Non-Resident Child under Age 10

None

Children under age 10 who are children of a non-resident Club member without the necessity of election, payment of dues or requirement of stock purchase. Use of the Club is limited to 21 days annually. Presence at the Club must be under the supervision of a member parent or an adult member. Parents of such children are required to advise the Club when their children reach 10 years of age.

Senior Social

4 Shares

A member who has reached 65 years of age with 20 years of continuous membership. Such members shall have all privileges except such member may

not use the golf or racquets facilities including practice areas more than 6 times for each facility during any calendar year.

Senior Special

None

The divorced spouse, over age 35, of a Senior member. A Senior Special member is not required to purchase stock unless he or she remarries. If he or she remarries, he or she is required to transfer to the Senior member classification and purchase the necessary shares of stock. His or her new spouse, if not a member and wishes to be, must make application to and be interviewed by the Membership Committee. Also classification for previous Associate member, whose spouse has physical limitations and is over 65 years of age with 20 years of continuous membership and who wishes to be transferred to new Associate Senior Social category.

Senior Social Special

None

The divorced spouse, who has reached 65 years of age with 20 years of continuous membership, of a Senior member. Such members shall have all privileges except such member may not use the golf or racquets facilities including practice areas more than 6 times for each facility during any calendar year. If remarries, must transfer to Senior Social category and purchase the necessary shares of stock.

Associate

None

The spouse of a member, age 35, or older, who owns, rents or resides for more than 21 days in a calendar year, in a residence or has a place of business within 90 miles of the Clubhouse.

Associate Age 25 through 34

None

The spouse of a member, age 25 through 34, who owns, rents or resides for more than 21 days in a calendar year, in a residence or has a place of business within 90 miles of the Clubhouse.

Associate Senior Social

None

A spouse, 65 years of age or older with 20 years of continuous membership, of a Senior Social member. Such members shall have all privileges except such member may not use the golf or racquets facilities including practice areas more than 6 times for each facility during any calendar year. Also classification for previous Senior member, who has physical limitations, and is over 65 years of age with 20 years of continuous membership, and whose spouse was an Associate member and has transferred to the Senior Special category.

Associate Widow/Widower

None

The spouse age 35 or older who was an Associate member of a Senior member at the time of the Senior member's death. Such member owns, rents or resides for more than 21 days in a calendar year, in a residence or has a place of business within 90 miles of the Clubhouse.

Assoc. Sen. Soc. Widow/Widower

None

The spouse 65 years of age or older with 20 years continuous membership who was an Associate Senior Social member of a Senior Social member at the time of a Senior Social member's death. Such member owns, rents or resides for more than 21 days in a calendar year, in a residence or has a place of business within 90 miles of the Clubhouse. Such members shall have all privileges

except such member may not use the golf or racquets facilities including practice areas more than 6 times for each facility during any calendar year.

Non-Resident Associate

None

The spouse, age 35 or older, of a member who does not own, rent or reside in for more than 21 days, in a calendar year, in a residence or have a place of business within 90 miles of the Clubhouse. Use of the Club limited to 21 days annually. Such member shall have priority for Resident membership upon written notification if he or she ceases to be a Non-Resident.

Non-Resident Assoc. 25 through 34

None

The spouse of a member age 25 through 34, who does not own, rent or reside in for more than 21 days, in a calendar year, in a residence or have a place of business within 90 miles of the Clubhouse. Use of the Club limited to 21 days annually. Such member shall have priority for Resident membership upon written notification if he or she ceases to be a Non-Resident.

Non-Resident Senior Social Assoc.

None

The spouse, 65 years of age or older with 20 years of continuous membership, of a Senior Social member, who does not own, rent or reside in for more than 21 days, in a calendar year, in a residence or have a place of business within 90 miles of the Clubhouse. Such members shall have all privileges except such member may not use the golf or racquets facilities including practice areas more than 6 times for each facility during any calendar year. Use of the Club limited to 21 days annually. Such member shall have priority for Resident membership upon written notification if he or she ceases to be a Non-Resident.

Clerical

None

A member of the Clergy, who owns, rents or resides for more than 21 days in a calendar year, in a residence or has a place of business within 90 miles of the Clubhouse.

Non-Resident Clerical

None

A Non-Resident member of the Clergy, who does not own, rent or reside in for more than 21 days, in a calendar year, in a residence or have a place of business within 90 miles of the Clubhouse. Use of the Club limited to 21 days annually. Such member shall have priority for Resident membership upon written notification if he or she ceases to be a Non-Resident.

Associate Clerical

None

The spouse of a member of the Clergy, who owns, rents or resides for more than 21 days in a calendar year, in a residence or has a place of business within 90 miles of the Clubhouse.

Non-Resident Associate Clerical

None

The spouse of a member of the Clergy, who does not own, rent or reside in for more than 21 days, in a calendar year, in a residence or have a place of business within 90 miles of the Clubhouse. Use of the Club limited to 21 days annually. Such member shall have priority for Resident membership upon written notification if he or she ceases to be a Non-Resident.

Returning Dining

None

A resigned former member who is over the age of sixty-five and has a tenure that would achieve twenty years of Club membership had they not previously

resigned. Such member may be introduced as a guest of another member, subject to all applicable guest rules.

Returning Associate Dining

None

The spouse of a Returning Dining member. Such member may be introduced as a guest of another member, subject to all applicable guest rules.

**SECTION II - NUMBER OF MEMBERSHIPS**

The number of memberships in any category may be fixed from time to time by resolution of a majority of the whole Board of Directors in its sole discretion.

**SECTION III – SUSPENSION/EXPULSION**

(a) any member may be suspended as a member for cause for not more than six months by a majority vote of the members of the Past Presidents Committee, provided that notice in writing shall be delivered to the member or placed in the mail addressed to the member at the member's billing address in the Club's records stating the alleged conduct of the member which may constitute cause and provided that the member is afforded an opportunity to appear before the Past Presidents Committee and present to it any information which the member wishes the Past Presidents Committee to consider in deciding whether or not the member engaged in such conduct and whether or not the member should be suspended for such conduct. The Past Presidents Committee may, but need not, receive other information which it deems pertinent in its sole discretion to the member's alleged misconduct or to the issue of whether or not such member should be suspended.

(b) Any member may be suspended or expelled for cause, at any regular or special meeting of the Board provided that (i) not less than 20 days before such meeting, notice in writing shall be delivered to the member at the member's billing address in the Club's records stating the alleged conduct of the member which may constitute cause; (ii) at the meeting the member is permitted to appear in person or by authorized counsel or other agent and present to the Board any information which the member wishes the Board to consider in deciding whether or not the member engaged in such conduct and whether or not the member should be suspended or expelled for such conduct; and (iii) a motion duly seconded either to suspend or expel receives a favorable vote by a show of hands of three-fourths of the members of the Board entitled to vote who are present at the time of the vote. The Board may, but need not, receive other information which it deems pertinent in its sole discretion to the member's alleged misconduct or to the issue of whether or not such member should be suspended or expelled. After receiving such information, if any, as may be presented, the Board's deliberation and decision shall take place in the presence only of Board members, the Club's legal counsel, if any, and Advisory Directors attending the meeting. The member shall be notified in writing of the Board's decision.

(c) Cause means any conduct occurring on or off Club premises whether or not it involves the Club or other club members which violates a rule of the Club or which in the sole opinion of the Board or the Past Presidents Committee, is disorderly or injurious to the Club's interests or reputation,

including the maintenance of the Club's purposes of the promotion of fellowship, sportsmanship and the preservation of the highest standards of personal conduct.

(d) So long as the Board or the Past Presidents Committee follows the procedures set forth in this SECTION, determination to suspend or expel a member shall be final and binding upon all members, and may not be challenged by court action. Any member bringing such court action challenging such a determination shall forthwith cease to be a member of the club without further action by the Club. Such determination to suspend or expel may include the limitation or denial of guest privileges for an expelled or suspended member.

#### **SECTION IV - DUES**

(a) The dues shall be determined by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at a duly called meeting.

(b) All dues and other Club charges shall be billed on dates selected by the Board of Directors.

(c) Upon non-payment of any bill of the Club for a period of two months after the billing date, the Treasurer shall notify the member so in default by mail. Unless payment in full is received by the Club before the tenth day from the date of such mailing then effective on such 10th day, the member's privileges shall be suspended without further action of the Club and such suspended member may not use the Club facilities even as a guest of another member. Further, a delinquency penalty of ten percent of the past due balance shall be posted to the member's account due and payable on that tenth day, and the Treasurer may post the name of said member on the bulletin boards of the Clubhouse which may include the total amount by which such member is in default. If payment in full of the delinquent account including penalty is not received within 30 days of such tenth day then the delinquent member shall immediately cease to be a member of the Club without any further action of the Club. Any member suspended twice under this section within a twelve-month period shall immediately cease to be a member of the Club without further action of the Club. In addition to the foregoing, the names of members who are frequently delinquent in payment of bills of the Club shall be referred to the Past Presidents Committee for such action as the Committee shall deem appropriate as set forth under this Section.

(d) Any person elected to membership shall pay prorated dues from the beginning of the month following election.

(e) When the membership classification of any member changes for any reason, it shall be his or her duty to immediately notify the Club in writing of such change, and in any event he or she shall be liable forthwith for any resulting change in dues (or stock holding requirement). Any increase or decrease in dues or other annualized Club charges shall be prorated in the month in which the change in classification occurs.

## **SECTION V - STOCK**

(a) In addition to the annual membership dues, Club stock ownership is required for all members as set forth in Article II, Section I of these By-Laws or as fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board.

(b) The stock of a deceased stockholding member is automatically canceled, unless such member is survived by a spouse who is in an Associate member category at the time of death, in which event, the Associate member becomes the owner of the deceased member's stock. The surviving spouse may remain in the Associate member category. Should the surviving Associate member remarry, he or she may become a member in the same category as the deceased spouse.

(c) Both resident and non-resident members shall be required to own shares of the Club stock, as set forth in ARTICLE II, SECTION I.

(d) No member is permitted to sell or assign any of his or her shares of stock in the Club, except shares may be voluntarily transferred once between spouses to qualify either one for a different membership classification subject to the approval of the Membership Committee. Shares so transferred may not again be reassigned other than by an automatic transfer under sub-paragraph (b) of this SECTION. Any member ceasing to be a member by death, or otherwise, shall forfeit his or her shares of stock to the Club, except as provided in sub-paragraphs (b), or (f) of this SECTION. This provision shall be printed on the stock certificates.

(e) No stock shall be transferred to or issued to any member of the Club if the transfer or issuance of said stock will result in said member owning more stock than is necessary for his or her qualification as a member under the By-laws of the Club. This provision shall be printed on all stock certificates.

(f) Within five years after purchase of Club stock, the Club shall repurchase Club stock in the case of any member dying, or resigning because of change of residence to a location more than 90 miles away from the Club. The price paid by the Club shall be the amount paid by the stockholder for his shares less 20% of the amount for each full year and partial years will be prorated each month the stockholder shall have been a member of the Club. Otherwise, except as set forth sub-paragraphs (b) or (f) of this SECTION, any stockholder ceasing to be a member of the Club by death or otherwise, thereby forfeits his or her shares of stock to the Club and shall receive no compensation therefor.

## **SECTION VI - CHILDREN OF DECEASED OR EXPELLED MEMBERS**

In the event of the death or expulsion of the parent of a child who is in a membership classification other than Senior or Non-Resident Senior and whose membership classification is based upon the membership classification of such parent, the child may remain a member of the Club if within 90 days of the death or expulsion of the parent, a member of the Club acceptable to the Membership Committee (the Responsible Member) agrees to be responsible for the conduct and Club related financial obligations of such child. If for any reason the Responsible Member shall cease to be a member of the Club or otherwise cease to be the Responsible Member, such child shall immediately

cease to be a member of the Club but may be reinstated upon the agreement of another approved Responsible Member for such child.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **SECTION I - NUMBER**

(a) The Board of Directors shall consist of (i) 18 members elected by the stockholders or under SECTION II of this ARTICLE, divided into two classes of directors each Director shall be elected to serve a term of two years, or until his or her successor is elected and qualified and (ii) the two immediate Past Presidents of the Club, titled Honorary Directors, who shall have all the rights and duties of the other Directors. Any ten members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(b) All other Past Presidents shall have the title Advisory Director provided, however, that those persons elected President after 1997 shall cease to be Advisory Directors when they have reached their 72nd Birthday. While not members of the Board of Directors, Advisory Directors may attend and participate fully in any meeting of the Board of Directors, except that they shall have no vote on any matter.

(c) No person shall be elected by the stockholders to the office of Director for more than three consecutive terms, and no person who has held the office of Director for more than one year of a term to which some other person was elected Director shall be elected to the office of Director for more than two consecutive terms thereafter; provided, however that a person may be elected to the office of Director after a lapse of service as a Director of one year. The President and Vice President may extend beyond three consecutive terms in order to serve as Director while serving as President or Vice President.

#### **II - VACANCIES**

All vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by the Board, and the members so elected shall hold office until the next Annual Election or until their successors are elected and qualified.

#### **SECTION III - MEETINGS**

The Board of Directors shall hold a regular meeting in the months of March, June, September and November. A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President or upon the request in writing of a majority of the Directors.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **OFFICERS**

#### **SECTION I – OFFICERS**

(a) The Board of Directors shall elect from among its own members a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as shall be deemed necessary.

## **SECTION II – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS**

(a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the members, the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside. In the event neither the President nor Vice President are available, those present at any meeting may elect the presiding officer from the members of the Board of Directors present. Except as otherwise set forth in a resolution of the Board of Directors or in these By-laws, and the President shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may assign. The President shall be ex-officio; an additional member of all committees created under these By-laws. No person shall serve as President for more than three consecutive years.

(b) The Vice President shall assist the President and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors may assign. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President may perform the duties of the President.

(c) The Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Directors and of the members and shall cause minutes of such meetings to be kept. The Secretary shall keep the records of the Club and the Seal of the Club.

(d) The Treasurer shall collect all fees and dues, and shall keep the accounts of the Club and report thereon at the regular meetings of the Board. The Club's accounts shall be reviewed by an independent auditing firm appointed by the Board annually. The Treasurer shall keep safe all funds or investments of the Club.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **COMMITTEES**

#### **SECTION I - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

(a) Except as otherwise provided in these By-laws:

(i) Each Standing Committee of the Club shall be headed by a chairman appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, and each such Committee shall have power to make rules for their area of responsibility subject to approval by the Executive Committee. No person shall serve as the Chairman of a Standing Committee for more than three (3) consecutive years; provided, however, that a person may be reappointed as the Chairman of that Standing Committee, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, after a lapse of service of one (1) year as Chairman of that Standing Committee.

(ii) Each Standing Committee shall consist of such number of members as shall be selected by its Chairman and of that number a majority shall constitute a quorum.

(iii) Each Standing Committee shall have the power to establish, with the approval of the President, sub-committees and to delegate to those sub-committees such part of its duties and responsibilities as it may desire to delegate.

(iv) Any complaint of the membership about Club practices or procedures should be submitted to the appropriate Committee Chairman in writing.

(b) Other Committees may be appointed from time to time by the President subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

(c) The Board of Directors may modify or reverse any decision of any Standing or other Committee at any time.

## **SECTION II - STANDING COMMITTEES**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** - This Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer and the Secretary, and such other Directors not in excess of seven, (7) as shall be appointed by the President. This Committee shall have and may exercise all the powers of the Board of Directors, including the management of the business affairs of the Club, but shall not have the power to amend the By-laws of the Club, to expel or suspend members under ARTICLE II, SECTION III, or to exceed the capital expenditure limits in ARTICLE X, SECTION II. This Committee shall also serve as the Audit Committee of the Club. The President shall be Chairman, and shall preside when present and, in his absence, the Vice President shall preside.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** - This Committee shall consist of the three (3) most immediate Past Presidents of the Club willing and able to serve and four (4) Directors as nominated by the incumbent President from among the members of the Board of Directors and approved by the Board of Directors. No current officer eligible for nomination for another term shall serve on the Nominating Committee. The most immediate Past President shall be the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee must meet at least twice to determine the nominees. The Nominating Committee shall make nominations for the following: President; Vice President; Secretary; Treasurer; other officers as may be needed from time to time; and members of the Board of Directors. A copy of the Nominating Committee's report shall be delivered to each Director at least five (5) days prior to the meeting at which such report is to be presented.

**PAST PRESIDENTS' COMMITTEE** – Subject to the control of the Board of Directors, this Committee shall consist of three past Presidents of the Club willing and able to serve. The Committee's primary responsibility will be to deal with serious or repeated violations of the Club's rules. Should such Committee determine that a member's conduct may warrant suspension or expulsion, then the Committee shall take such action as deemed appropriate under ARTICLE II, SECTION III. This Committee, including a chair thereof, will be appointed by the current President for a yearly term.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** – Subject to the control of the Board of Directors, this Committee shall have initial supervision of the finances of the Club, and shall periodically report to the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.

**GROUNDS COMMITTEE** – Subject to the control of the Board of Directors, this Committee shall advise the management of all the Club property

outside of the Clubhouse, including both property used for golf and property used for any other sport or activity, and make rules for the use of the golf courses.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE** – Subject to the control of the Board of Directors, this Committee shall advise the management of the Clubhouse and make rules for its use by the members in conjunction with the General Manager.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** – Subject to the control of the Board of Directors, this Committee shall receive the applications of any persons proposed for membership in the Club, which together with the required letters of recommendation, shall be kept on file in the Club Office. Names of applicants, together with the names of the proposers and seconders and date of application, shall be posted on a special bulletin board provided for that purpose at the Clubhouse, for at least four (4) weeks before any further action may be taken by the Committee. The four-week waiting period may be waived by the Membership Committee in the case of spouses and/or children of members under 30. At any meeting of the Committee after the name of any person has been posted for the period hereinabove required, the Committee may take final action upon that application. All candidates, including a spouse or adult turning 30, shall be subject to Membership Committee review and approval. Two (2) negative votes constitute a rejection of the candidate. It shall be the duty of the Committee, after careful consideration and examination, to vote upon each candidate separately. The proceedings of the Committee shall be secret. No member of the Committee may propose or second any candidate for membership in the Club. The Committee shall notify the Club Office of new members, and of all transfers or changes affecting the membership, and it shall notify persons entitled to membership of their election.

**RACQUETS, SWIM AND FITNESS COMMITTEE** – Subject to the control of the Board of Directors, this Committee shall advise management over all matters relating to the swimming pool, tennis, squash, platform tennis, fitness and special junior activities for the younger members of the Club, including member's children under ten (10) years of age. This Committee shall cooperate closely with the Grounds Committee on the use of its facilities.

**GOLF COMMITTEE** – Subject to the control of the Board of Directors, this Committee shall advise management over all matters relating to golfing activities.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** – Subject to the control of the Board of Directors, this Committee shall have responsibility for establishing and administering, subject to Board approval, regulations, procedures and policies to govern working conditions of personnel. These regulations, procedures and policies will include, but not be limited to:

- Job descriptions
- Performance evaluations
- Compensation policies
- Benefit policy and administration
- Staffing - levels and organization
- Communication of all personnel policies

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE – This Committee shall consist of the President, Treasurer and a Director appointed by the President, subject to the Board’s approval, to make recommendations to the Executive Committee relating to the total compensation of the Club’s key employees, including but not limited to the General Manager. The Committee shall report annually to the Board of Directors.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE – Subject to the control of the Board of Directors, this Committee shall help define the strategic issues of the Club and formulate proposals for dealing with those issues. The Committee will work with the other Standing Committees, as necessary, to help implement such proposals.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **GENERAL MANAGER**

The General Manager shall be employed by the Club. The General Manager will have overall supervision and will be the operating head of all Departments, indoor and out, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and the Standing Committees of the Club. He or she will have such additional duties as may be specifically delegated to him or her from time to time by the President or the Board of Directors. He or she will report to the President and, if requested, to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **ELECTIONS**

The Annual Election shall be held each year on the third Thursday in November, at which time Directors shall be elected as provided above in ARTICLE III, SECTION I to take office on the succeeding January 1. Each member who is a stockholder of the Club shall be entitled to one vote per share. Voting shall be by secret ballot by members present, or by proxy for members present or absent. The Secretary shall post the report of the Nominating Committee relating to the Annual Election on the bulletin board of the Club and mail notice thereof of the date, hour and place of the meeting, to each member entitled to vote, at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Election. The Board shall elect all Officers and approve Committee Chairmen at an organizational meeting immediately after the Annual Election. Such Officers and Committee Chairmen will take office on the succeeding January 1.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **GUESTS**

#### **SECTION I – WHEN ALLOWED**

(a) The Board in its sole discretion may establish the terms and conditions upon which a person may be a guest of a member and use the facilities of the Club including determining that a person may not be a guest at the Club. Any member who brings a guest to the Club in violation of such terms and conditions shall be subject to suspension or expulsion under ARTICLE II, SECTION III hereof;

(b) The Membership Committee, upon request of a member of the Club may grant a temporary membership to non-members of the Club of the age of 10 or over who reside 90 or more miles from the Club, for a period not to exceed three (3) weeks in a calendar year; each such temporary member shall be duly registered in a register, which at all times shall be open to the inspection of the Delaware Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission and the Internal Revenue Service and which shall also describe the facilities of the Club which are open to such temporary member and the time period for which any such temporary member is to be a guest of the Club or of a member of the Club and;

(c) Members of the Club shall be responsible for the conduct of and all indebtedness to the Club incurred by a temporary member as herein above defined or any other guest, invited or introduced by them.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

#### **SECTION I – RIGHT TO INDEMNIFICATION**

The Directors, Officers, Committee Members, employees and agents of the Club shall be indemnified to the fullest extent allowed by the law.

#### **SECTION II – RIGHT TO ADVANCEMENT OF EXPENSE**

The right to indemnification conferred in SECTION I of this ARTICLE IX shall include the right to be paid by the Club the expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in defending any proceeding in advance of its final disposition (hereinafter an "advancement of expenses"); provided, however, that if the Delaware General Corporation Law requires, an advancement of expenses incurred by an indemnitee in his or her capacity as a director, officer, committee member, employee or agent (and not in any other capacity in which service was or is rendered by such indemnitee, including without limitation, service to an employee benefit plan) shall be made only upon delivery to the Corporation of an undertaking (hereinafter an "undertaking"), by or on behalf of such indemnitee, to repay all amounts so advanced if it shall ultimately be determined by final judicial decision from which there is no further right to appeal (hereinafter a "final adjudication") that such indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified for such expenses under this SECTION or otherwise.

#### **SECTION III – CONTINUATION OF RIGHTS**

The rights to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses conferred in SECTION I and II of this ARTICLE IX shall be contract rights and such rights shall continue as to an indemnitee who has ceased to be a director, officer, committee member, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the indemnitee's heirs, executors and administrators.

#### **SECTION IV – NON-EXCLUSIVITY**

The rights to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses conferred in this ARTICLE IX shall not be exclusive of any other right which any person may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, the Club's

Certificate of Incorporation, agreement, vote of stockholders or directors or otherwise.

## **SECTION V – INSURANCE**

The Corporation may maintain insurance, at its expense, to protect itself and any director, officer, committee member, employee or agent of the Corporation or another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any expense, liability or loss, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such expense, liability or loss under the Delaware General Corporation Law.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **SECTION I - COLLECTION OF INDEBTEDNESS**

The Board of Directors is authorized to take such legal action for the collection of any indebtedness to the Club as it may deem advisable.

#### **SECTION II - CAPITAL EXPENDITURES**

Capital expenditures not in excess of \$3,000 may be made with the approval of the General Manager, expenditures not in excess of \$5,000 may be made with the approval of the President or, in his absence by the Vice President, and capital expenditures not in excess of \$10,000 may be made by three of the following: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Chairman of the Grounds Committee or Chairman of the House Committee. Capital expenditures not in excess of \$50,000 may be approved by a majority vote of the Executive Committee with capital expenditures over \$50,000 requiring the approval of the majority of the Board at a duly called meeting.

#### **SECTION III – RELIANCE**

Members of the Board, the officers and committee members designated by the Board shall in the performance of their duties be fully protected in relying in good faith upon the records of the Club and upon such information, opinions, reports or statements presented to the Club by any of its officers, employees or Board committees, or by any other person as to matters which such Board member, officer or committee member reasonably believes are within such person's professional or expert competence and who has been selected with reasonable care by or on behalf of the Club.

#### **SECTION IV – INTERPRETATION**

The judgment of the Board of Directors shall be final and conclusive in determining all questions of the construction or interpretation of these By-laws.

#### **SECTION V - PRONOUN**

Wherever in these By-laws the masculine pronoun is used, it shall include the feminine pronoun.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**AMENDMENTS**

These By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed at any regular or special meeting of the Board by the affirmative vote of a majority of all members of a Board; provided that (a) such amendments shall have been offered at the previous meeting of the Board; or (b) information thereof shall have been given in the notice of the meeting at which such amendments are to be considered. In addition, these By-laws may be amended, altered or repealed at any regular meeting of the Board at which there is a majority of all members of the Board present; provided that (a) such amendment, alteration or repeal shall be approved by the affirmative vote of all members of the Board present; and (b) prior to the adjournment of said meeting no member of the Board shall ask for a reconsideration of the vote. If a reconsideration of the vote is requested, the amendment may be considered at a subsequent regular meeting of the Board or at a special meeting of the Board called for that purpose.

General Rules,  
Membership Process,  
Food Minimum and  
Guest Rules

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The next section of this booklet contains the rules and regulations of our Club. Please take your time to familiarize yourself with these rules to avoid confusion or a potentially embarrassing situation.

In a Club of our size, rules set by our Board of Directors must be observed, so that all may enjoy our facility safely. Members who are entertaining at the Club are directly responsible for their guests' adherence to the Club's rules and policies. When a rule is not heeded, or safety is jeopardized, it is the staff's job to politely remind or alert members. Please treat our employees with the same politeness and respect you would like them to show you. Enforcing rules that continue to be disregarded is the job of committee chairmen, under the aegis of the Board of Directors. Any special requests or questions concerning a rule should be directed to the chairman of the appropriate committee or to our General Manager.

As a family-oriented Club, children are a welcome constituency. Please be sure before you bring your child to a Club event or activity that you are aware of any age or area restrictions, and at its conclusion you pick up your child promptly. Children under the age of 10 may not be left at the Club unsupervised at any time. At 10 years of age a Legacy member may enjoy unsupervised use of the facilities but only after having attended a Junior Orientation session. Please be aware of age restrictions in our Locker Rooms and assist your children in understanding them. Children in dining areas should remain seated and quiet during the meal so that servers can freely and safely do their job and other members' enjoyment is not compromised.

Violations of the Club's rules will initiate a reprimand usually written from the appropriate committee. Repeated violations may result in suspension of privileges or termination of membership.

Members are expected to abide by and in all cases support, the "Spirit of the Rules". The General Manager and chairpersons of standing committees have been directed by the Board of Directors to enforce these rules.

Emailed monthly is the *Bulletin*, a newsletter containing the most current and up-to-date information and rules for the membership. Hard copies are available at the reception desk.

Your cooperation is appreciated and essential to maintaining our rich traditions.

## GENERAL RULES

1. Members jogging and/or walking on the golf courses, but not playing, must be off the courses by 7:00 a.m. so that the golf courses can be utilized by players only.
2. Hunting is not allowed anywhere on the Wilmington Country Club grounds.
3. Fishing is allowed for members and family guests during daylight hours in the upper reservoir along the service road between the pump house and the barn. Individuals under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult member. All fishing is catch and release using round (not barbed) hooks.

Individuals may not take carts to the fishing area. This activity is at the individual's own risk.

### **PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY**

Other than in your vehicle in the parking lot, the voice use of personal electronic devices is not permitted at the Wilmington Country Club.

Personal electronic devices may be used for non-verbal communications (texting, email, instant messaging, etc.) using discretion and sensitivity to your surroundings and your fellow members. Their use is not permitted in any formal areas of the Club.

Your device should always be kept in the silent/vibrate mode while at the Club.

### **MISSING ITEMS POLICY**

The Wilmington Country Club is not responsible for missing personal items belonging to members or their guests.

### **TREATMENT OF EMPLOYEES**

No member or guest is permitted to reprimand or censure the conduct of an employee. Any complaints about the behavior or attitude of an employee shall be directed to the General Manager, preferably in writing, as soon after the incident as possible.

### **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES / SAFETY**

The Club maintains a staff of trained first responders prepared to address a variety of emergency situations that may occur. In the event you require emergency assistance please pick up any "Club Phone" and dial "0". If there is no answer then dial 911.

Emergency phones are located on the golf courses adjacent to the water fountains. Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with their location. Following the instructions at each phone will connect you with the Club's main switchboard.

The Club has lightning detection devices that it uses to assist in the identification of dangerous conditions. It is the Club's practice to sound the alarm when lightning is detected within a ten mile radius of the Club. When the alarm is sounded, warning the presence of lightning, all outdoor facilities will be closed, forcing the mandatory suspension of outdoor activity until the "all clear" has been sounded. Although the Club does monitor climatic conditions, members must always take responsibility for their own safety and keep "an eye to the sky".

The Club endeavors to maintain a safe environment for its members, their guests and all employees. If you should encounter an unsafe condition or have a suggestion to improve the overall safety of the facility, please provide this information to the Club's General Manager.

## **MEMBERSHIP PROCESS**

To assist you in the proposal and introduction of candidates for membership, the Membership Committee suggests the following guidelines. If they do not answer your questions, please consult the membership section of the By-laws in the front of this book. If you have any questions, please contact the Membership Development Manager at the Club or speak to someone on the Membership Committee.

### **PROPOSING A NEW MEMBER**

Any member 25 years of age or over may propose a person for membership by using the proposal form that may be requested through the Club Office. You will be asked when you request the proposal, the name of the person that you will be proposing. For new members, 25 years of age and older, four letters, including the Proposer and Seconder, must accompany the proposal, all from members over age 25.

Dues-paying memberships start at age 10 for children of members. For Legacy members under 30 years of age, the proposal form alone, signed, by the Proposer will suffice. Parents may propose and second members of their own families.

Proposals and correspondence on membership matters should go directly to the Membership Committee, *c/o* Wilmington County Club, 4825 Kennett Pike, Wilmington, Delaware 19807 or via email.

Prior to election, candidate's names are broadcasted to the membership, requesting comments to be shared with the Committee.

The Committee Chair may approve Associate and Legacy memberships under age 30. All others are referred to the Committee.

Membership Committee members shall not propose, second, write letters or complete support questionnaires on behalf of candidates for membership unless they are members of their immediate families.

### **PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL**

All Wilmington Country Club members participating in the proposal of a candidate are reminded that they are directly responsible for perpetuating the outstanding quality of our membership. It is extremely important that a candidate's nomination be given careful consideration and forethought before submitting it to the Membership Committee. Letters and documents may be processed or submitted via email.

### **Responsibilities of Proposer, Seconder and Supporters**

A Proposer is responsible for identifying a member who will second a candidate and two other members who will write support letters or complete a support questionnaire. Additionally, the Proposer must identify four other Wilmington Country Club members that know the candidate. It is considered inappropriate for a candidate to contact members or solicit support.

All letters or support questionnaires should state specifically the extent and the nature of the writer's acquaintance with the candidate as well as the basis for the writer's recommendation. In proposing a candidate for membership, the Proposer, Secunder and two Supporters must meet the Membership Committee's qualifications for proposing candidates (see Qualifications below).

The Proposer must forward to the Membership Committee Chair, in care of the Club Office or via email, the following documents necessary for a completed proposal:

1. A \$500.00 refundable deposit from the candidate being proposed for Senior membership.
2. A Candidate Fact Sheet filled out and signed by the candidate.
3. The Proposer's, Secunder's and two other member support letters or questionnaires.
4. The Candidate Worksheet.

### **Candidate Consideration Process**

The decision to place the candidate in the Candidate Pool is made by the Membership Committee. All contact with the Club concerning the candidate's status should be made by the Proposer or Secunder, not the candidate.

After the Membership Committee has reviewed the candidate's proposal, an email broadcasting the candidate will be sent to the membership. Acceptance or rejection for election to membership is made by the Membership Committee. Once a candidate has been placed in the Candidate Pool, the Membership Committee must wait a minimum of one month before it can vote on a candidate. Once it has done so, the Proposer will be notified of the Committee's decision. A newly elected member must then meet with the General Manager for a Club orientation. The new member and Associate member, when applicable, are then listed under Newly Elected Members in the Club *Bulletin*.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

1. Members of the Wilmington Country Club Membership Committee may not propose, second, write support letters or complete support questionnaires, unless they are members of their immediate families.
2. A Proposer, Secunder, and Support Letter Writer must be twenty-five years of age or older.
3. For a member to serve as a proposer, they must be a member in good standing.

### **NOTIFICATION OF COMMITTEE ACTION**

If the Committee votes upon a candidate unfavorably, the Proposer, and Secunder are so notified, in writing. The proposal is removed from the Club files.

## **USE OF CLUB BY CANDIDATES**

Candidates for all classes of membership may use the Club only as guests of members, according to the rules applying to guests.

## **LEGACY**

A Legacy is the son or daughter of a Senior or Associate member, who is a member in any Non-Senior or Non-Associate classification.

## **LEGACY STOCK DISCOUNT**

A Legacy member is entitled to a 2% discount on their stock purchase price for every year they have been a dues paying member. Maximum 60% discount is allowed.

## **LEGACY STOCK PAYMENT PLAN**

A stock payment plan for the purchase of stock is available for Legacy members turning ages 30, 35 and 40. Legacies choosing this payment plan must pay the increase in stock price that occurs between their 30th, 35th and 40th birthdays.

## **RESIGNATIONS**

Members who resign from the Club and reapply at a later date must realize that once they leave the Club their shares have no value and cannot be credited toward their reentry to the Club.

## **REAPPLICATION**

A previous member (age 40 or younger at the time of application submission) who requests reapplication is entitled to a discount of 2% for each year that dues were paid from the age of 10 to resignation. This discount is applicable only to a first time purchase of said shares at the current price at the time the applicant is approved for membership and during the period of time that stock payments are made.

## **REINSTATEMENT**

A previous member who requests reinstatement will be asked to complete a reinstatement request form that will be reviewed by the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee may request support letters and/or an interview. If approved for reinstatement, the previous member will be required to pay back dues from the date of resignation based on the membership classification at the time of resignation. If the necessary stock was not fulfilled at the time of resignation, then stock will be billed at the current price. If the previous member is currently 40 years of age or younger, a discount of 2% for each year that dues were paid from the age of 10 to resignation will be applied to the necessary stock purchase. This discount is applicable only to a first time purchase of said shares at the current price. If the previous member is over 40 years of age, all discounts will no longer be valid.

If the previous member's requirement of paying back dues and purchasing stock exceed the purchase of current stock price (4 shares) then the previous member may:

1. Complete a reinstatement request form.
2. Be approved by the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee may request support letters and/or an interview.
3. Purchase 4 shares of stock at current price.

### **FOOD MINIMUM**

All Resident members who are between 30 and 80 years of age are required to fulfill a food minimum. Married members (whether your spouse is a member or not) will be required to spend \$600.00 per year on food. Single members will be required to spend \$300.00 per year on food.

The period for the food minimum begins April 1st and ends March 31st. Members may select one of three options to fulfill their minimum spending responsibility: Annually, Semi-annually or Quarterly. The Annual option is billed in advance and allows a member the flexibility to complete their spending over the entire twelve month period. Semi-Annual and Quarterly options are "pay-as-you-go" but require that the pro-rated portion of minimum spending be fulfilled in each period regardless of the total food purchased during any one period. Each year, you will receive a form to be completed, indicating your preference to fulfill this responsibility. Once your selection for the year has been made, it may not be altered until the next annual food minimum cycle.

Generally, all foods that are purchased at the Club are applied to your food minimum. These include ala carte dining, private entertainment, snack bar, pool concession, and take out. Beverages and service charges do not count toward the minimum. Certain events geared around sporting activities that have a flat fee of which only a portion is attributed to food are not applied toward the food minimum. Also, some special events like the annual fireworks event whose major cost is directed toward entertainment, and not food, do not count.

**PLEASE DO NOT ASK FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IN THE EVENT THAT YOU FAIL TO MEET YOUR MINIMUM. NONE WILL BE GIVEN.**

## **GUEST RULES**

### **GUESTS**

Guests are not permitted to use any of the Club facilities except when accompanied by a member or (a) they are holders of a guest card as provided in our By-laws, (b) they are participating as invitees in a Club-sponsored activity for which special advance arrangements have been made, or (c) they are guests at a party or activity sponsored by a member and for which special advance arrangements have been made. A person may not have a membership affiliation with Wilmington Country Club and be considered a guest at an activity or event. Members are at all times responsible for the conduct of their guests. They are also responsible for all charges incurred and liable for any damage to the Club property, which may be caused by the guest. When using a venue where a guest fee is required, that fee must be charged to the member's account. An expelled member and any member who is at the time suspended by the Club may not be introduced as a guest and may not make use of any of the Club's facilities.

### **GUEST LIMITATIONS**

In rules pertaining to utilization of the various aspects of the facility, guests may be restricted as to the number of times they may be entertained. It will be the responsibility of the member hosting the guest to be aware of the individuals' frequency of visit.

### **FAMILY GUEST**

A family guest is defined as the following: spouse, mother, father, brother, sister, daughter, son, grandchildren, grandmother, grandfather, and in-laws of those listed. For example, mother-in-law, etc. Nieces, nephews and cousins are not considered family guests and are subject to guest restrictions.

### **TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIPS**

Pursuant to Article VIII Section B, Temporary Memberships can be granted to non-members of the Club who reside 90 or more miles from the Club, for a period not to exceed three (3) weeks.

The non-member is able to use the Club without the requirement of being accompanied by a member. All guest fees apply for each usage of a Club facility during the period of Temporary Membership.

Specific rules governing guest usage for Racquets, Golf, and Swimming are detailed in this publication. Questions should be referred back to the appropriate committee for consideration. Rules restricting guest usage are in place so that the general membership is not unduly inconvenienced by the additional activity.

# Clubhouse and Food Service Rules

# THE WILMINGTON COUNTRY CLUB CLUBHOUSE RULES

## ATTIRE

### GENERAL

Members and their guests are required to observe good taste and dress appropriately when using the Clubhouse facilities. Please keep the following in mind when determining your choice of attire:

- It is the responsibility of members to inform their guests prior to their arrival of our policies regarding appropriate attire. This will alleviate the possibility of any embarrassment.
- Blue jeans are *never* considered appropriate for the more formal side of the Clubhouse (the Main Lobby, Formal Dining, Living Room and Galleries).
- The disabled and those accompanying them may use any entrance, which suits their needs regardless of attire.
- Caps and visors are not to be worn (including children) at any time inside the Clubhouse except in the Golf Shop or Locker Room.
- Children should dress in keeping with the standards for adults.
- Restrictions of the dress code may be relaxed to suit the need of a Club or private function with the approval of the General Manager or House Committee Chairperson.

Individuals who are inappropriately attired will be notified. Disciplinary action will be taken against repeat offenders.

### DINING ROOM

*“Traditional Formal Dining”*

**Lunch:** Thursday through Friday

**Dinner:** Thursday through Saturday

**Reservation:** Accepted for all size tables

**Age:** No restriction

**Attire:** Gentlemen and young men, 10 years of age and older, are required to wear coats and ties on Friday and Saturday. Collared shirts with coats are required at all other times. Jeans are never considered appropriate. Women and young ladies, 10 years of age and older, are required to wear dresses, blouses or sweaters with skirts or appropriate dress slacks.

**Electronics/Cell Phones:** Not seen or heard . . .

### GRILLE

*“Casual Family Dining”*

**Lunch:** Tuesday through Sunday

**Dinner:** Tuesday through Sunday

**Reservations:** Parties of 5 or more only.

**Age:** No restriction

**Attire:** Clean, tailored, proper fitting sportswear is always appropriate. Collared shirts are required for men and young men 10 years of age and older. Appropriate golf and tennis attire is welcome at all times. This includes appropriate tennis shorts and collared shirts for men. Ladies may wear tennis

skirts and tops specifically designed for tennis including sleeveless shirts, but not halter tops, tank tops or racer-back styles. Warm-ups and blue jeans are permitted. Items never considered appropriate include: “short” shorts, mini-skirts, cutoffs, running shorts, bare feet, rubber flip flops, tee shirts, bare midriffs, excessively baggy or ripped clothing, swimwear, sweatshirts and fitness attire. Caps and visors are not to be worn at any time.

**Electronics/Cell Phones:** Silent Communications permitted (Text or email)

## **TAVERN**

*“Casual Adult Dining”*

**Lunch:** Tuesday through Sunday

**Dinner:** Tuesday through Sunday

**Reservations:** Parties of 5 or more only.

**Age:** Must be over 16. Children between 16 and 21 must be in the company of an adult. Must be over 21 to sit at the bar.

**Attire:** Clean, tailored, proper fitting sportswear is always appropriate. Collared shirts are required for men and young men 10 years of age and older. Appropriate golf and tennis attire is welcome at all times. This includes appropriate tennis shorts and collared shirts for men. Ladies may wear tennis skirts and tops specifically designed for tennis including sleeveless shirts, but not halter tops, tank tops or racer-back styles. Warm-ups and blue jeans are permitted. Items never considered appropriate include: “short” shorts, mini-skirts, cutoffs, running shorts, bare feet, rubber flip flops, tee shirts, bare midriffs, excessively baggy or ripped clothing, swimwear, sweatshirts and fitness attire. Caps and visors are not to be worn at any time.

**Electronics/Cell Phones:** Silent Communications permitted (Text or email)

## **CAFÉ 1901**

*“Quick, Relaxed Dining”*

**Lunch:** Tuesday through Sunday

**Dinner:** Tuesday through Sunday

**Reservations:** Not accepted at any time

**Age:** No restriction

**Attire:** Neat, clean and appropriate. No swim attire or bare feet. Caps and visors are not to be worn at any time.

**Electronics/Cell Phones:** Silent Communications permitted (Text or email)

## **PUB37**

*“The before and after activity watering hole”*

**Lunch Buffet:** Tuesday through Sunday

**Drinks and Bar Menu:** Tuesday through Sunday

**Reservations:** Not accepted at any time

**Age:** Must be over 16. Children between 16 and 21 must be in the company of their parent. Must be over 21 to sit at the bar.

**Attire:** Neat, clean and appropriate. No swim attire or bare feet. Caps and visors are not to be worn at any time.

**Electronics/Cell Phones:** Silent Communications permitted (Text or email)

**MAIN ENTRANCE/LOBBY DRESS CODE:** The main entrance and lobby are considered formal areas after 5:00 p.m. Proper attire corresponds to the dress required for the Dining Room. After 5:00 p.m., anyone dressed in informal attire must use the casual entrances and restroom facilities.

**CASUAL ENTRY DRESS CODE:** Clean, tailored, proper fitting sportswear is always appropriate. Collared shirts are required for men and young men 10 years of age and older. Appropriate golf and tennis attire is welcome at all times. This includes appropriate tennis shorts and collared shirts for men. Ladies may wear tennis skirts and tops specifically designed for tennis including sleeveless shirts, but not halter tops, tank tops or racer-back styles. Warm-ups and blue jeans are permitted. Items never considered appropriate include: "short" shorts, mini-skirts, cutoffs, running shorts, bare feet, rubber flip flops, tee shirts, bare midriffs, excessively baggy or ripped clothing, swimwear, sweatshirts and fitness attire. Caps and visors are not to be worn at any time.

**CENTENNIAL GARDEN ENTRY DRESS CODE:** If you aren't dressed appropriately for the other areas, enter here!

## **CHILDREN USE OF FACILITIES**

### **LOCKER ROOMS AND ACCOMPANYING LOUNGES**

Children under sixteen years of age and of appropriate gender are permitted in the locker rooms to use the bathroom or to change clothes, but must be accompanied by an adult.

### **CASUAL DINING**

Children under sixteen years of age are not permitted in areas designated for Adult Casual Dining at any time. Alcoholic beverages may not be served to anyone under 21 years of age.

Members are asked to keep their children seated and well behaved at all times. At no time should children under the age of 10 be allowed use of the Club if unattended by a parent or appropriate individual of responsibility.

## **PARKING**

Spaces along the curb in front of the Clubhouse are to be utilized only when using the Clubhouse facility and displaying the appropriate handicap parking permit.

## **SMOKING**

There is **no smoking** of any tobacco or vaporized product including e-cigarettes permitted in any area of the Clubhouse. This includes all vestibules and access areas as well as the pool deck and any outdoor patio or terrace where members gather.

## **CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

In compliance with state law, alcoholic beverages will not be served to anyone under the age of twenty-one (21). Members are required to cooperate by ensuring that their guests are aware of this restriction.

The Club's service staff has been instructed to ask for identification when there is any doubt about the age of the person who ordered an alcoholic beverage. The service staff also has the responsibility and authority to refuse alcoholic beverage service to anyone whose behavior, in the staff's best judgment, is such that the member or guest appears to be under the influence or consuming an excess of alcohol.

## **CORKAGE POLICY**

### **PRIVATE FUNCTION**

- Alcoholic beverages may not be brought onto Club property for the purpose of consumption. They may be brought onto Club property for gifts or prizes, so long as they are not consumed on the property.
- Special permission may be granted to charitable/non-profit organizations who have wine donated for their event and have that wine delivered to the Club for their function by a licensed wholesaler. A corkage charge of \$20.00 per bottle (750ml) will be charged.

### **A LA CARTE DINING**

- Members may bring wine selections from their own cellar to the Club for consumption with their dinner in the Dining Room, Tavern or Grille, provided that the wine they wish to bring, *or a similar selection*, is not available at the Club.
- A corkage charge of \$20.00 per bottle (750ml) will be charged for all bottles opened.
- In no other case will the Club permit alcoholic beverages to be brought onto Club property for consumption.

## **DIETARY RESTRICTION POLICY**

The Food and Beverage Staff of the Club will try to accommodate members and their guests with special or unique dietary concerns. An effort will be made to meet any specific requirements expressed. While individuals with known allergies or pronounced sensitivities to certain food groups are encouraged to make the Club aware of their condition, it always remains the individual's responsibility to determine whether the foods they consume are compatible with their allergic condition or other special sensitivity.

## **TIPPING POLICY**

A 20% service charge will automatically be added to all food and beverage charges incurred while dining in the Clubhouse. A 15% service charge will be applied to all orders placed on a "To Go" basis. Cash gratuities are appropriate for services received in the Locker Room, Valet Parking, and Coat Room. All gratuitous employees are reliant upon this aspect of

remuneration as a significant portion of their compensation. Cash tipping in any other area is not appropriate.

### **OUTSIDE FOOD AND BEVERAGE**

Except as provided in the Club's corkage policy, food and beverage products from outside sources may not be consumed on Club property without first obtaining the permission of the General Manager.

## FOOD SERVICE HOURS

### NO FOOD SERVICE

Dining Room  
Tavern/Grille  
Pub37  
Café 1901

### MONDAY

### TUESDAY

Closed  
11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Opens at 10:45 a.m.  
Opens at 11:00 a.m.

### WEDNESDAY

Closed  
11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Opens at 10:45 a.m.  
Opens at 11:00 a.m.

### THURSDAY

12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Opens at 10:45 a.m.  
Opens at 11:00 a.m.

### FRIDAY

12:00 noon to 2:30 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
Opens at 10:45 a.m.  
Opens at 11:00 a.m.

### SATURDAY

6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
Opens at 10:45 a.m.  
Opens at 11:00 a.m.

### SUNDAY

Closed  
10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Opens at 10:45 a.m.  
Opens at 11:00 a.m.

During the months of January, February and March there will be no food service available on Tuesdays and the Café and Pub will operate on a modified schedule. Any variations from the above schedule will be noted in the monthly *Bulletin*.

# Golf Rules

## **DRIVING RANGE OPENING HOURS**

The driving range will open at the following hours. Exceptions to these hours include weather conditions (frost, etc.), scheduled maintenance practice and emergency maintenance.

### **Tuesday, March 26th through Sunday, May 5th**

Monday:	12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:	7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday & Holidays:	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday:	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### **Monday, May 6th through Sunday, August 4th**

Monday:	12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:	7:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday & Holidays:	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Sunday:	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### **Monday, August 5th through Sunday, September 8th**

Monday:	12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:	7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday:	7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday & Holidays:	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sunday:	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### **Monday, September 9th through Monday, October 28th**

Monday:	12:00 noon – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:	8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday & Holidays:	7:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Sunday:	7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday, October 29th through Friday, November 15th**

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday – Friday:	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays:	7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **Saturday, November 16th through Monday, March 9th, 2020**

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday – Friday:	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays:	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### **Beginning Tuesday, March 10th, 2020**

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday – Friday:	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays:	7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

## COURSE AVAILABILITY

Both golf courses are open to Senior and Associate members Tuesday through Sunday. After 11:30 a.m., on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays the South Course opens to all members and their guests. The North Course is available to all members and their guests without restriction.

### GOLF COURSE OPENING HOURS

The first tee will open at the following hours. Exceptions to these hours include weather conditions (frost, etc.), scheduled maintenance practice and emergency maintenance.

#### **Tuesday, March 26th through Sunday, September 8th**

Monday:	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday – Friday:	8:00 a.m.
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays:	7:30 a.m.

#### **Monday, September 9th through Friday, November 15th**

Monday:	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday – Friday:	8:30 a.m.
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays:	8:00 a.m.

#### **Saturday, November 16th through Monday, March 9th, 2020**

Monday:	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday – Friday:	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays:	8:30 a.m.

#### **Beginning, Tuesday, March 10th, 2020**

Monday:	9:00 a.m.
Tuesday – Friday:	8:30 a.m.
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays:	8:00 a.m.

## **SHORT GAME PRACTICE AREA/WEDGE RANGE GUIDELINES AND RULES**

This facility is designed for practicing a wide variety of short golf shots. Common sense and courtesy must be used so that all users feel safe. Your shot selection might have to be altered to accommodate other members.

1. The short game practice area (SGPA) will open with the South Course in April and close the Sunday after Thanksgiving.
2. Daily greens maintenance will occur after the course has been prepared. The mower operator will close a green, mow it, and re-open it. Members will be asked to move to a green that is not undergoing maintenance. Only one green will close at a time. Some cooperation will be necessary.
3. The facility will open Mondays at noon.
4. Members may use the facility any time with the exception of Monday before noon. All or part of the area may be restricted from time to time to teach clinics, junior golf, etc. These restrictions will be posted at the starter's area.
5. Carts may be taken to the SGPA, but must be parked in the parking area. Cart traffic will not be permitted in the area of play. For safety, members driving golf carts to the facility must follow a series of markings which starts where the cart path meets the employee parking lot. These markings will lead members around the parking lot, through a STOP sign and on to the cart parking area. Members are asked to follow a similar marking on the return trip as well. Golf carts must NEVER travel through the employee parking lot.
6. All rules relevant to member, junior and/or guest use of the Club's golfing facilities apply to the SGPA.
7. Members who do not participate in the "range club" must register their use of the SGPA with the starter and will incur a charge equal to a bag of balls for their use.
8. The putting green is for short chip shots and putting only. Any shots that might cause a ball mark must be played to any of the other target greens.
9. A box with "divot mix" canisters will be located at the cart parking area. Members are urged to take a canister with them to fill divots and return it when finished.
10. Please limit your pitch shots to 20 yards or less. Shots greater than this length should be practiced on the Wedge Range.
11. Shots longer than 20 yards should be practiced at the "Wedge Range" located on the North Course between Hole #6 and Hole #8. Divots and ball marks are acceptable but should be repaired.
12. Both the SGPA and the Wedge Range are stocked with "shag bags" full of balls. Those balls should be gathered with shag bag after use and returned to rack.

## **GOLF RULES**

### **GOLF EVENTS**

The golf events at Wilmington Country Club provide a variety of formats for all levels of competition. This section provides information on the events including rules and participation procedures. Any changes to the published schedules will be posted in advance.

The Men's Golf Program is divided into two tournament sections: Annual Championships and Major Tournaments.

### **ENTRY FEES**

Participation in the Annual Championships may be gained by paying an annual entry fee to be determined each year. A member may instead choose to pay a per event fee for each Annual Championship. All events in which a member participates before his annual entry fee is received will be charged the individual event rate.

### **ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Better Ball of Partners  
President's Cup  
Senior Match Play Championship  
Mixed Two Ball Championship  
Senior & Super Senior Handicap Championship  
Men's Match Play Championship  
WCC Club Championship  
Senior Stroke Play Championship  
Men's Putting Championship

Matches in the Annual Championships must be completed by the date noted in the schedule. *Players advancing will be asked to confirm their play date with their opponent to the Golf Shop by Thursday following the close of the round. In any match, if the two opposing sides cannot agree on a time to play, then the match must be played on the original deadline of Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Requests for match extensions must be submitted to the Men's Golf Committee for approval.* For the convenience of all, participants are requested not to enter tournaments unless they are reasonably sure of being able to play on the appointed days. The Men's Golf Committee may extend playing deadlines after reviewing the extraordinary extenuating circumstance.

All qualifying rounds for the Annual Championships must be played with a male member(s) (not including the participant's partner), who will attest the qualifying member(s) score. Participants may only attempt to qualify *ONCE* for each Annual Championship.

### **HANDICAP & SCORE POSTING**

Members must post a score in the handicap computer for *all* rounds including qualifying and match play rounds. In any given match, if all 18 holes are not completed refer to the following guidance:

*If 13 or more holes are played, the player must post an 18-hole score. If 7 to 12 holes are played, the player must post a nine-hole score. In either*

case, scores for unplayed holes must be recorded as par plus any handicap strokes that the player is entitled to receive on the unplayed holes. A player who starts, but does not complete a hole or is conceded a stroke must record for handicap purposes the most likely score. The most likely score may not exceed the player's equitable stroke control limit (see below).

### **Equitable Stroke Control**

<b>Course Handicap</b>	<b>Maximum Number on any Hole</b>
9 or Less	Double Bogey
10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 39	9
40 or more	10

### **MAJOR TOURNAMENTS**

Major Tournaments have a separate entry fee and require registration in advance of the competition. Members may call the Golf Shop to register for an event or use online tournament registration.

*Any golfer signed up to play in a scheduled major tournament event will be billed for the individual entry fee should he fail to cancel more than 72 hours before the event begins.*

### **ELIGIBILITY**

The golf events are open to all qualified members of amateur status, 18 years of age and over. However, in events where alcoholic beverages are included, eligibility is limited to participants age 21 and over. Upon request, the Men's Golf Committee may allow certain juniors to play in events. ***Senior Social members may not compete in Club events.***

### **HANDICAPS**

All individual handicaps will be calculated in accordance with the U.S.G.A. Handicap System. *A current handicap is one which is supported by a total of ten (10) scores posted at Wilmington Country Club during the previous and current playing season.* New handicaps are computed on the 1st and 15th of every month during the playing season. *Any player who does not have an established current handicap will play to a handicap set by the Handicap Committee.*

In handicap events, new members may use a current, attested handicap from their previous club. If such a handicap is not available, the Golf Professional may compute a temporary handicap until one is established. A minimum of 5 scores is necessary to establish such a temporary handicap.

A player shall use his handicap posted at the time the competition begins. If the tournament lasts longer than a week, then each player shall use his handicap in effect at the time the round is played. *The Handicap Committee at its sole discretion can adjust any individual's handicap that may be in question.*

NOTE: If a player belongs to more than one club, he/she is obligated to (1) register as a multi-member with the computer center so that *all* scores at every club will enter into their handicap computation, or (2) return *all* scores to *all* his or her clubs together with course and slope ratings and dates. In order for a handicap to be a U.S.G.A. handicap, a player must post *all* scores both home and away.

Either of the above methods would result in the same U.S.G.A. Handicap Index at every club unless there are different revision dates. If a player should have different handicaps at different clubs because of different revision dates, the player shall use his lowest U.S.G.A. Handicap Index when competing.

### **Adoption of Rule 9-4a Regarding Handicap in Two-Man Team Events**

Rule 9-4a will be in effect for all handicap competitions which states: It is recommended that the Committee considers it a condition of four-ball stroke play competitions that the Course Handicap (after allowance) of the members of a side may not differ by more than eight strokes. A side with a large difference has an advantage over a side with a small Course Handicap difference. If a difference of more than eight strokes cannot be avoided, it is suggested that an additional 10 percent reduction be applied to the Course Handicap of each member of the advantaged side. The combined team handicap would be rounded up or down in the case of a decimal result.

### **SCORING**

Attesting a scorecard, when the round is complete, certifies that the U.S.G.A. Rules of Golf have been followed by each contestant on the card. In case of a tie or matches that end in an all square result, the following procedures will be used.

In match play, a match which ends all square should be played off hole by hole until one side wins a hole. The playoff should begin immediately on the hole where the match began. Strokes should be allowed as in the previous round.

In either a scratch or handicap stroke play competition, if a playoff of any type is not feasible, matching scorecards will be used to break the tie. The U.S.G.A. accepted method will be used. The winner will be determined on the basis of the best score for the last nine holes. If the tying players have the same score for the last nine, the winner will be determined on the basis of the last six holes, last three holes, and finally the last hole. If this procedure does not produce a winner, it will be referred to our Director of Golf or Men's Golf Committee.

### **LOCAL RULES TO BE IN EFFECT FOR ALL CLUB PLAY**

- Out of bounds is defined by the line between the course-side points at ground level of white stakes. In the absence of white stakes, the course-side edge of perimeter walls or fencing defines the boundary of the course.
- All golf practice ranges are deemed to be part of the general area.
- Ground under repair is defined by any area encircled by a white line.
- All roads and paths on the course, even if not artificially surfaced, are treated as immovable obstructions from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

- If a ball is in the penalty area on Holes 4 or 17 South, including when it is known or virtually certain that a ball came to rest in the penalty area, the player has these relief options, each for one penalty stroke:
  - Take relief under Rule 17.1d, adding one penalty stroke or
  - As an extra option, also adding one penalty stroke, taking relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone, defined by the closely mown area not nearer the hole than the penalty area. The dropping zone is a relief area under Rule 14.3.

## **DRESS**

Golfers are required to observe good taste and dress appropriately when using the golf facilities. Clothing should be clean and fit properly. Items of clothing such as blue jeans/dungarees, “short” shorts, mini-skirts, cut-offs, running shorts, tennis outfits, flip flops, bathing suits, health shirts, tank tops, bare midriff tops, sweat shirts, fitness attire, no tops, bare feet and excessively baggy or ripped clothing are not considered appropriate.

Men’s shirts must have a collar. Ladies’ collarless shirts must have sleeves to avoid similarity to tank tops. Shirt tails should be worn tucked in with the exception of a style that is designed to be worn out.

Shorts for men and shorts, skirts/skortis for women should be approximately “Bermuda length”. Golf Shop merchandise can be used as a guideline for what is appropriate attire.

It is the responsibility of members to inform their guests prior to their arrival of our policies regarding appropriate attire. This will alleviate the possibility of any embarrassment.

Anyone who is inappropriately attired will be asked to discontinue their use of the golf facilities including the putting green and the practice areas until properly attired.

The Professional Staff, as directed by the Golf Committee, is responsible to notify individuals who are in violation of these standards. Repeat offenders will be subject to disciplinary action.

## **ORDER OF PLAY NORTH AND SOUTH COURSES**

Wilmington Country Club does not utilize starting times for regular member play. To assure orderly and efficient play off of the first tee of both the North and South Courses, the following procedures will be implemented in the 2019 season:

During “Peak Play Periods” (typically weekend and holiday mornings, early Friday afternoons, and whenever two or more groups are waiting to tee off) the Golf Professional Staff, which includes the Outside Service Manager (OSM), will control access to the first tees. This will be accomplished as follows:

- All members wishing to play golf at WCC during a Peak Play Period must first personally check in with the OSM or his designee at the Starter’s Desk.
- If no group is waiting to tee off, and an order of play list has not yet been created by the OSM or his designee, any member/group ready to

play may do so, subject to the control of the Starter positioned at the first tee.

- When the first tee is not immediately available during a Peak Play Period, the OSM or his designee shall create a list of members/groups who wish to play. **A member/group is not eligible to receive a starter's position until all members of a group, or at least three members of a foursome, have physically checked in with the OSM.**
- Once the group is complete or the third member of a foursome has presented him/herself to the OSM, a starter's position will be assigned to the group and communicated to the starter who will then be responsible for initiating play following the order established by the OSM.

This procedure will be utilized to control access to the first tees. The placement of balls next to the first tee will not be used to indicate order of play.

### **PACE OF PLAY**

During peak play periods, the Golf Staff will monitor the pace of play by among other methods, tracking times when golfers turn to the tenth tee, and by utilizing a ranger to assure a proper pace of play. Please be mindful of others and remain in position on the course.

### **GOLF CARTS**

When the Superintendent does impose restrictions for golf cart utilization, it is done for very sound reasons, i.e., for turf protection, to minimize damage, and to diminish the time and cost required to repair damage. Golf Carts are to be kept on the cart paths surrounding all greens at all times, regardless of weather condition.

*MEMBERS HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO INQUIRE AND KNOW THE RESTRICTIONS FOR GOLF CART USAGE FOR THE DAY THEY EMPLOY A CART.*

Golf carts are limited to two riders and two bags.

Members are responsible for the actions of their guests.

**There are various Golf Cart rules depending on the course and the conditions. They will be posted in the golf cart on the place card hanging from the roof.**

There are currently three cart restrictive scenarios:

- North Course cart path only and South Course no carts.
- North Course observe directional signs and South Course no carts.
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Anytime golf carts are permitted on the South Course:

- Enter the fairway as soon as possible.
- Keep carts in fairway (carts should be driven in the rough as little as possible).
- Exit fairway at the green marker.

Anytime golf carts are permitted off the paths on the North Course:

- Carts may be driven in the fairway or the rough.
- Observe all directional signs.
- Exit fairway at the green marker.

**You must be 16 years of age or older in order to rent or operate a golf cart, and we reserve the right not to rent to anyone we deem unqualified to operate the vehicle.**

Handling of, and riding on, a golf cart requires strict attention to the rules governing cart safety.

Golf Cart Rain Policy - If weather forces you to discontinue your round, charges for your golf cart usage will be based upon holes played. There will be a charge per hole played.

### **PULL CARTS**

- Pull carts may be obtained at the Starter's Desk.
- Only Club pull carts may be utilized. No personal pull carts will be allowed.
- Pull carts have the same restrictions as walkers.

## CART/CADDIE/CARRY RULES

### South Course

1. Members may carry their own bag or utilize a pull cart after 2:00 p.m. from April 9th until October 20th. After that date, until the course closes for the season, members may carry their own bag or utilize a pull cart beginning at 1:00 p.m.
2. Prior to 2:00 p.m., if caddies are not available, members have the option of paying a fee and carrying their clubs or using a trolley. The fee will be the same amount as the trolley. The use of a trolley would be optional and complimentary with the payment of the fee. All other rules regarding walking, cart use and caddie requirements for guest play remain unchanged.
3. During adverse weather conditions, when the use of golf carts on the South Course is impractical, members and guests will be permitted to carry their own bag or utilize a pull cart only if caddies are not available. Members are still responsible for a trolley fee or trail fee.

### North Course

1. Members may utilize a golf cart/caddie/pull cart or carry their own bag at any time.

## CADDIE PROGRAM

The Caddie Program is structured into three different classes. With proper training, good communication and evaluations from staff and membership, the classification system listed below continuously improves the program's level of service.

**“A” CADDIES** - Must perform all “B” caddie duties plus the following:

- Carry two bags sufficiently.
- Supervise, assist and train “C” and “B” caddies.
- Be prepared with ball marker, ball mark repair tool, tees, scorecard, pencil or anything you anticipate may be needed to aid your group.
- Provide yardage from ball to center of green.
- Know the general rules of golf pertaining to hazards, tending pins, speed of play, etiquette, etc.
- Assist, if capable in reading greens.
- Set good personal and examples that the lower classes can imitate.
- Possess excellent communication skills.

**“B” CADDIES** - Must perform all “C” caddie duties plus the following:

- Work with other caddies in the group.
- Carry two bags when needed.
- Keep hands on irons to avoid rattling.
- Replace or fill all divots.

**“C” CADDIES** - Be courteous, pleasant, and enthusiastic.

- Carry one bag sufficiently.
- Keep eyes on all balls in your group, not just your player's ball.
- Stay ahead of player at all times.
- Know where to stand at all times.

- Remain quiet and still while all players are addressing their shots.
- Clean clubs after every shot.
- Rake bunkers quickly and efficiently.
- Tend all flags when in a group with a double caddie.
- Clean balls on the green.
- Pick up loose trash on course and in the caddie yard.

### **HOLE-IN-ONE PROGRAM**

All members, age 21 and over, who hold a handicap at Wilmington Country Club are automatically enrolled in the Hole-in-One Program. At the end of the Golf Season those members are billed for an equal share of the Hole-in-One expenses. For each Hole-in-One, members present are entitled to one complimentary drink in the Pub on the day of the Hole-in-One. The member who achieves the Hole-in-One will receive a framed picture of the hole or \$150.00 in Golf Shop credit.

## **GOLF GUEST RULES (In effect all year)**

A schedule of Guest Fees is available in the Golf Shop or may be accessed through the Club's website ([www.wilmingtoncc.com](http://www.wilmingtoncc.com)).

**GENERAL** - Guest play will be permitted on the North Course at any time. On the South Course, one guest per foursome will be permitted anytime Tuesday through Sunday. Multiple guest play is not permitted on weekends and holidays before 11:30 a.m. and Tuesday through Friday between 12:00 noon and 1:15 p.m. **No guest play is permitted on Monday.**

Reservations are required, and accepted at any time prior to play. It is preferred to give at least one day notice. The daily number of guests and their start times may be restricted to ensure that pace of play is not adversely impacted.

1. All guests (including singles) must be registered in the Golf Shop prior to play to monitor frequency. An up-to-date list of guests is maintained for your reference.
2. Members must accompany their guests on the golf course or on the practice facilities. Practice facility only fees are \$50.00 per player, which includes range balls.
3. One member may introduce up to seven guests per day.
4. When entertaining a guest, all players are required to utilize either a golf cart or caddie. Members with a guest are not permitted to carry their own golf bags. When riding, members with two or more guests are required to take a forecaddie, if available.
5. Tuesday through Friday, only members and member foursomes with one guest will be allowed to tee off between 12:00 noon and 1:15 p.m.
6. On Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, only members and member foursomes with one guest will be allowed to tee off before 11:30 a.m. on the South Course. Multiple guests may be introduced on the North Course anytime and after 11:30 a.m. on the South Course.
7. The holder of a guest card may utilize the golf facilities subject to all guest rules with the payment of applicable usage fees.
8. No guests may be introduced on Mondays.

**GUEST FREQUENCY** - A non-family guest may be introduced for golf a maximum of three occasions per year regardless of member host. Family guests, as defined below, may be introduced for golf a maximum of six occasions per year regardless of member host. Participation in the Men's Annual Invitational is counted as one occasion. The member is responsible for knowing the number of times their guest has been introduced.

**FAMILY GUESTS** - Limited to six introductions. A family guest is defined as the following: spouse, mother, father, brother, sister, daughter, son, grandchildren, grandmother, grandfather, and in-laws of those listed. For example, mother-in-law, etc. Nieces, nephews and cousins are not considered family guests and are subject to guest restrictions and fees. To participate in the family guest fee, the guest must be hosted by the appropriate family member. Once six introductions have been met, the regular guest fee will apply.

**JUNIOR GUESTS** - Junior guests are boys and girls who have not reached their eighteenth birthday. Junior guests are subject to a Junior Guest fee. Access to the golf courses is dictated by the “Rules for Junior Golfers”.

**JUNIOR-JUNIOR GUESTS** - Junior-Junior guests are boys and girls who have not reached their eighteenth birthday and are being hosted by a Junior member under the age of eighteen. Junior guests are subject to a Junior-Junior Guest fee. Access to the golf courses is dictated by the “Rules for Junior Golfers”.

**TWILIGHT GUESTS** - Members bringing a guest after 4:00 p.m. will be subject to the Twilight Guest fee. This entitles you to play as much golf as you would like before dark. This does not count toward your quota of six family guest fees but does apply toward individual frequency limitations. All other rules concerning guest play will apply.

### **GOLF TOURNAMENTS AND OUTINGS**

The Golf Committee does not support the use of the golf course for organized outings merely as an accommodation to an outside group or organization. The Committee, however, does realize that members do wish to use the course to entertain groups with which they have a direct personal or business relationship. These requests will be approved when possible as long as the golf membership is not unduly inconvenienced. Members are limited to one outing per season.

1. A Golf Tournament is a member sponsored group with a minimum of 100 players that may only be scheduled on Mondays.
2. A Golf Outing is a member sponsored group of 24 or fewer players with a reserved starting time. Outings may only be scheduled for weekdays, Tuesday through Friday. Starting times will be limited to before 12:00 noon and after 1:15 p.m. At least one Club member must be present in the group. If available, one forecaddie per group will be required.
3. All players must be appropriately attired and conform to the rules of golf regarding generally accepted golf course etiquette, golf cart usage and player maintenance.
4. All tournaments will be subject to the approval of the Golf Committee. The General Manager and the Club’s Golf Committee Chairman may approve outings.
5. Members wishing to host such an event should first contact the Director of Golf or General Manager.

### **GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE AND ETIQUETTE**

1. It is the responsibility of each golfer to see to it that divots are properly tendered, bunkers are raked, and ball marks on the green are repaired either personally or by the caddie.
2. If any group plays so slowly that the players are holding up the groups behind them and, at the same time, have at least one open hole in front of them they should either play faster to close the gap in front of them or stand aside and let the following group play through.
3. Each player must have their own clubs in a bag when playing.

4. Non-playing children are not permitted on the golf courses or practice facilities.
5. Bunker rakes are to be placed outside the bunkers.
6. Children are not permitted on the putting green unless they are properly attired and practicing putting in accordance with the established rules of golf.

### **RULES FOR JUNIOR GOLFERS**

1. Junior golfers are all golfers age 10 through 17 who have not reached their 18th birthday. Merit Tags are awarded to juniors who have demonstrated proficiency through a series of skill tests covering the areas of rules, putting, driving and scoring. These skill tests are administered by the Golf Professional Staff and provide objective levels of proficiency that junior golfers must meet in order to play without a parent. Merit Tag recipients must also have attended a Junior Orientation session.
2. Children **without** a Merit Tag may play or use the practice facilities only if accompanied by a parent or guardian. The following times apply to children without a Merit Tag.
  - a. Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays after 4:00 p.m. on the South Course and after 12:00 noon on the North Course.
  - b. Weekdays after 4:00 p.m. on the South Course and anytime on the North Course.
  - c. Practice facilities may be used after 4:00 p.m. or at the discretion of the Golf Professionals.
3. Children **with** a Merit Tag may play:
  - a. Saturday, Sunday and Holidays after 11:30 a.m. on the South Course and at anytime on the North Course.
  - b. Weekdays at anytime on both the North and South Course.

### **RELATED JUNIOR RULES OF INFORMATION PURPOSES**

1. Senior and Associate members have preference on the golf course and practice facilities at all times.
2. Parents are responsible for the actions of their children at all times.

# Racquets, Swim and Fitness Rules

## INDOOR AND OUTDOOR TENNIS ATTIRE

Proper tennis attire is required on the tennis courts at all times. Street clothes and pool attire are not permitted. Bermuda shorts, jeans, swim suits, mid-riff shirts and cut offs are prohibited. Warm up suits, jackets, and sweaters are permitted. Spandex shorts are only to be worn under shorts or tennis skirts.

For men, collared shirts are preferred. Tennis tee shirts in good condition are allowed but must be in good taste with no reference to alcohol or profanity. Tank tops, sleeveless shirts, undershirts, and fishnet shirts are prohibited. Shorts must be above the knee. Sports team jerseys (i.e. basketball) are not permitted.

For women, they may wear sleeveless tops and tank tops designed for tennis. No athletic "sports bra" tops without an additional cover up.

The Pro Shop merchandise can be a guideline for what is appropriate on the tennis court.

No black soled running shoes.

Children should dress in a similar manner established for adults.

Please note that certain tennis attire is not acceptable in the Casual Dining and Terrace areas.

## INDOOR TENNIS RULES

1. The "Two-Reservation" Rule: A member's name may only appear twice in any given 7 day period, including block booking, unless reserved the day before play. Teaching time scheduled with the Racquet Professional and sanctioned club matches are exempt from this restriction.
2. Reservations should include all names of players but must include at least two names for the reservation to be made. The scheduling of all indoor courts will be simultaneously every day throughout the year as follows:

8:45 a.m.	1:45 p.m.	6:45 p.m.
10:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
11:15 a.m.	4:15 p.m.	9:15 p.m.
12:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	
3. A member age 25 and over will be given priority for court reservations. A member age 10 through 24 may reserve any time the day before their desired court and not be preempted. They may also reserve the 8:00 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. courts on weeknights and from 12:00 noon and later on weekends up to 7 days in advance within the restrictions of the Two-Reservation Rule.
4. Courts not reserved one day in advance will be open for reservation by any member without regard to the Two-Reservation Rule. Only one court time may be reserved per member one day in advance. Reservations may be made by reserving online or by calling the Racquet Shop.
5. The actual use of the indoor tennis courts must be acknowledged by signing the reservation sheet in the Indoor Tennis Courts. Failure to use reserved time and/or to give proper notification of court use will be brought to the attention of the Tennis Committee.
6. The Racquet Shop should be notified at least two hours before to cancel a reserved block booking or open court time. The Racquet Shop will also keep a list of members wishing to make use of such canceled slots.

*Failure to cancel with the Racquet Shop or online at least two hours prior to the scheduled time of play, or failure to show up for play, will result in the following action:*

- 1st Offense - A notice from the Tennis Committee.
  - 2nd Offense - A notice from the Tennis Committee that a third offense will result in a loss of the privilege to reserve indoor tennis courts in advance.
  - 3rd Offense - Loss of the privilege to reserve indoor tennis courts until their reservation privileges are restored by the Tennis Committee.
7. Club rules prohibit the bringing of food and beverages onto Club property. Arrangements can be made with the Club to provide food and beverages on the Indoor Courts.
  8. Block Bookings are courts reserved each week from mid-October to mid-April for the following time slots on weekdays: 8:45 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Booking will not be in effect on holidays and weekends. Slots are limited to one (1) person. After receipt of the applications, the Tennis Committee will assign the slots.
  9. A group not showing up for its scheduled court time within fifteen (15) minutes must relinquish their court if others are waiting.

## **GUEST RULES**

1. A fee per guest will be charged to the member.
2. Members may introduce up to three guests per day.
3. A guest may play up to two (2) times each month on the indoor courts.
4. Guests must be accompanied by a member and must be registered at the Racquet Shop or chit box before play begins. *Failure to sign up guests will result in disciplinary action as determined by the Tennis Committee and Board of Directors.*

## **TENNIS SOCIAL**

If a member wishes to plan a social tennis get-together the courts may be booked in advance for simultaneous use of any one-time slot from 6:45 p.m. on weekdays and after 1:30 p.m. on weekends. Such bookings can be made without regard to the "Two-Reservations" rule. Space already reserved cannot be preempted. The Racquet Shop must be apprised that the courts are being reserved for the purpose of a social gathering. At the time of the booking, the names of the other participants need not be supplied, but must be written in before the time of play. The usual guest rules apply.

Example:

Mr. & Mrs. Smith reserve indoor courts 1, 2, and 3 for themselves and five other couples to be named later for the 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. time slot on Friday, January 9.

Larger functions using the indoor courts may be planned with permission of the General Manager and the Chairman of the Tennis Committee.

## **OUTDOOR TENNIS RULES**

1. Courts are open from 9:00 a.m. daily unless the Grounds Superintendent or the Racquet Professional decides they are unplayable. Prior to 9:00 a.m. members may play around the maintenance schedule.
2. If all outdoor courts are occupied and players are waiting, playing time will consist of 1 1/2 hours. Exception: Players involved in Club sanctioned tournaments or league matches.
3. Players waiting to use courts should feel free to ask players occupying courts their time status.
4. Players should follow their turn in taking courts that become available.
5. One person is not permitted to hold a court.
6. Full-time working members have priority from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

## **GUEST RULES**

1. A fee per guest will be charged to the member.
2. Members may introduce up to seven guests per day.
3. Guest may play up to two (2) times per month on the outdoor courts. The member is responsible for knowing the number of time his guest has played.
4. Guests must be accompanied by a member and must be registered at the Racquet Shop or chit box before play begins.

## **RACQUETS OUTING**

A Racquets Outing is a member sponsored group containing not more than 23 guests. Outings may be scheduled any day after 12:00 noon. There must be one member present in the group. Members wishing to schedule such an event must first contact the Director of Racquets or the General Manager.

## SQUASH RULES

### RESERVATIONS

1. Courts are open daily from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling the Racquet Shop or reserve on-line at [www.wilmingtoncc.com](http://www.wilmingtoncc.com). The full name of all players is required.
2. Members may reserve only two (2) courts during a seven (7) day period (i.e. 2 singles, or 2 doubles, or 1 single and 1 double). Courts reserved 24 hours in advance and teaching time with the Racquet Professional are exempt from this rule.
3. Full-time working members have priority from 4:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and all hours on weekends, except for hours reserved on Sundays for juniors, tournament play, and inter-club play.
4. Members, under age 21, may reserve courts during priority times if courts are available on a twenty-four (24) hour basis.
5. Members are responsible for calling court cancellations into the Racquet Shop at least (2) two hours before the scheduled court time or on-line at [www.wilmingtoncc.com](http://www.wilmingtoncc.com).
6. Block Booking for doubles will run from mid-October to the beginning of April. Block Booking will not be in effect on holidays or special event weekends. Each group that would like to Block Book must have a captain. A person may Block Book as many times as they wish, however, they may be a captain only once.

### GUEST RULES

1. A fee per guest will be charged to the member.
2. No guest may play during prime time (Monday through Friday from 4:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.).
3. A guest may only use the courts twice a month. Members are responsible for knowing the number of times a guest has played. *Failure to sign up guest will result in disciplinary action as determined by the Squash Committee and the Board of Directors.*
4. Members must register their guests with the Racquet Shop prior to play.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

1. Courts may be reserved for special events after 7:00 p.m. on week nights and 5:30 p.m. on weekends with the permission of the Racquet Professional.
2. Court reservations for larger functions must be approved by the Chairman of the Squash Committee and the General Manager.
3. The Squash Club Championships will be held January 2nd through - February 28th, or the first week in March, and will end with Finals night. There are divisions for Adults in the A, B C and D Divisions for singles and doubles. There are also junior divisions in the Under 11,13,15,17, and 19 for singles and doubles. Juniors whose birthdays fall within the two month championships may play in their respective divisions as long as their age is appropriate prior to the start of the tournament i.e. If a player who is 12 years old is participating in the Under 13 division, turns 13 during the championship, they do not have to age up to the next age group. In addition to the junior championships, junior players may only

play in the Adult “A” division, but only if the Racquets Professional confirms that they can compete in that division under the guidelines of US Squash Skill Level Rating System. Winners of a particular adult doubles division, other than the “A” division, may only win that division two years in a row, and then they must play with a different partner for one year. Winners of any singles division, other than “A”, must move up to the next level the following year.

## **SQUASH ATTIRE**

Proper attire is required on the squash courts at all times. Street clothes and pool attire are not permitted. Bermuda shorts, jeans, swim suits, mid-riff shirts and cut offs are prohibited. Warm up suits, jackets, and sweaters are permitted. Spandex shorts are only to be worn under shorts or skirts.

For men, collared shirts are preferred. Athletic tee shirts in good condition are allowed but must be in good taste with no reference to alcohol or profanity. Tank tops, sleeveless shirts, undershirts, and fishnet shirts are prohibited. Shorts must be above the knee. Sports team jerseys (e.g. basketball) are not permitted.

For women, they may wear sleeveless tops and tank tops designed for racquet sports. No athletic “sports bra” tops are permitted without additional cover up.

The Pro Shop merchandise can be a guideline for what is appropriate on the squash court.

Black soled running shoes are prohibited. **Protective eyewear is mandatory during all squash play.**

Children should dress in a similar manner established for adults.

Please note that certain racquets attire is not acceptable in the Casual Dining and Terrace areas.

## **PADDLE TENNIS RULES**

1. All court reservations will be made through the Racquet Shop or on-line at [www.wilmingtoncc.com](http://www.wilmingtoncc.com).
2. Reservations will be for a one and one half hour period only.
3. Courts are to be reserved on the one and one half hour period.
4. Reservations will be permitted only one week in advance.
5. Member’s names must be listed for each court reservation.
6. A fee per guest will be charged to the member. Guest must be registered before playing. Guest may play up to two (2) times per month on the paddle courts.
7. All tournaments will be handled through the Racquet Shop.

## SWIMMING POOL RULES

The swimming pool is open for Memorial Day weekend and closed from the day after Memorial Day through the following Friday. On the Saturday following Memorial Day through Labor Day weekend, it is open on a continuous daily basis. After Labor Day, please refer to the current Club *Bulletin* for the pool schedule.

1. The pool hours are 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday.
2. No one may enter the pool or pool area except when a lifeguard is on duty. The Pool Manager has the authority to close the pool. A "POOL CLOSED" sign will be posted at the pool gate when the pool is closed.
3. All persons entering the pool area must register at the gate with the attendant.
4. All non-members entering the pool are subject to a guest fee, which will be charged to the member's account. Members assume full responsibility for their guests.
5. Each member is allowed 12 guests each calendar year upon payment of appropriate guest fees. No individual guest may utilize the pool more than six times per calendar year.
6. A fee per guest will be charged to the member. A program relative to payment of fees for baby-sitters and/or nannies is available by contacting the Club office.
7. A responsible person must accompany children under 10 years of age while in all pool areas.
8. Parents assume full responsibility for their children in the pool and pool area. No child may enter the main pool until he or she has passed the swimming test, unless accompanied by a responsible person. Further, all children entering the main pool must be toilet trained.
9. A responsible person must supervise a child using the youth pool at all times.
10. No food will be permitted in the pool area. Beverages taken into the pool area must be in non-breakable containers. No smoking will be allowed on the deck immediately surrounding the pool.
11. Persons using the pool must be properly attired. Bathing suits must be worn. Tennis togs, cutoffs, etc., are not considered appropriate swim attire.
12. Rough games, horseplay, running, etc., will not be permitted in the pool or pool area. Flotation devices may be used in the shallow end of the pool with permission of the Pool Manager.
13. The lap lane is to be used by lap swimmers only, when necessary.

The Pool Staff has the authority to enforce these rules to ensure the safety of all swimmers. All persons making use of the pool and pool area do so at their own risk, and the Club assumes no responsibility for injury or damage resulting from such use.

## FITNESS CENTER RULES

### APPROPRIATE ATTIRE FOR THE FITNESS CENTER

Please note: appropriate attire for the Fitness Center is for the Fitness Center only and may be inappropriate in other areas of the Club.

- Shirts/tops may be sleeveless (but not cut-off), short sleeved or long sleeved. Tank tops are not permissible for Men/Juniors.
- Sweat pants must be appropriately fitted; Yoga pants and suitable length shorts are permissible.
- For safety purposes, athletic shoes with closed toes and heels with rubber soles must be worn at all times on the fitness floor.
- Head coverings such as sweat bands, visors and hats are permissible.

### GENERAL RULES

1. Members are required to sign in at the Fitness Center Desk upon entering the Fitness Center, and/or upon entering the Fitness Room or Yoga Room.
2. The Fitness Center is available daily from 5:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. and staffed at peak morning and afternoon, and early evening hours.
3. Daily Fitness Classes take place in the Fitness Room and Yoga Room. Sign up at the Fitness Center Desk, online at [www.wilmingtoncc.com](http://www.wilmingtoncc.com) or upon entering the Fitness Room or Yoga Room (participant count permitting) to participate in these classes.
4. The facility is available to members, age 16 and older. Members aged 10 through 15 may use the facility if accompanied by their member parent or possess the Beast Badge.
5. Guests may use the Fitness Center and take Fitness Classes when in the company of the member. No guest is permitted to utilize the Fitness Center facilities more than six times in a calendar year regardless of the number of member hosts. A guest fee will be charged to the member's account for each visit or class attended. Guest sign-in will be on the honor system by signing a chit at the Fitness Center Desk or upon signing in to attend a class; the guest's full name and host member's name must be entered legibly.
6. The general open space areas in the Fitness Center are primarily for individual member use and Personal Training of members by the Professional Staff. Members working out as a group in the open space without a Professional Staff member will yield equipment or space necessary for trainers or individuals members to complete their workout. Group Exercising members without a Professional Staff trainer are encouraged to use the designated private group exercise locations adjacent to or outside of the general open space areas of the Fitness Center including the Fitness Room, Yoga Room, and the Fitness Studio (located in the Squash Building) whenever possible. Consult with the Fitness Center front desk for details or to schedule these facilities.
7. Never begin an exercise program without consulting your physician; if while exercising, you feel faint or dizzy, stop immediately.
8. Do not use equipment if unfamiliar with its intended purpose; ask the staff for assistance or schedule an appointment with a personal trainer.
9. Wipe down equipment after use for use by the next member.

10. If other members are waiting, please limit use of a particular piece of equipment to no longer than 30 minutes.

### **BEAST BADGE FOR JUNIORS**

The Beast Badge is available to junior members age 10 through 15. The Beast Badge is awarded to juniors who have demonstrated proficiency through a series of skill tests covering the fitness area rules and exercise proficiency. These skill tests are administered by the Fitness staff and provide objective levels of proficiency that juniors must meet in order to obtain the Beast Badge. Beast Badge recipients must also have attended a Junior Orientation session.