

# Sport Facility Rules and Regulations

## ARTICLE ONE

## HOUSE RULES FOR ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP

1. The Club manager and Dining Room Manager are under the direction of the House Committee. They are authorized to enforce the House Rules and may recommend to the House Committee that the committee suspend privileges if necessary. The Club Manager and the Dining Room Manager have been directed to closely monitor and enforce guest privileges
2. No one under twenty-one will be allowed in the bar area at any time unless accompanied by an adult, as required by State law.
3. Smoking is not permitted in the clubhouse or on the screened porch.
4. Proper dress is required on the deck, porch, and clubhouse. Bare feet and bathing suits are not permitted.
5. Bike riding is not permitted anywhere on Club grounds. Bike parking is limited to the bike racks and area near sidewalk leading to the platform tennis courts. Bikes should be locked. The lane from the parking lot to the pool house and clubhouse must be kept open.
6. A member may sponsor a non-member function. The member-sponsor must be present at the function. All charges for such functions must be invoiced to the member only.
7. The consumption of alcoholic beverages, other than those purchased at the clubhouse, is not permitted. All alcoholic beverages must be consumed on Club property, as required by State law.
8. Members may review and sign food and beverage chits, on request, at the time of the charge.
9. All children of members are required to sign their chits. Any parents who do not wish their child to be extended credit must notify the Dining Room Manager in writing.
10. Please observe parking lines. One space, so marked, is reserved for the Steward.
11. Picnic lunches and lunches purchased at the snack bar are to be eaten at the picnic tables provided at the pool and courts. Both areas should be kept clean at all times. All persons are to wear a shirt (over bathing suit) and shoes when going to the snack bar. Children under nine must be accompanied to the snack bar by an adult or babysitter.
12. Pets are not allowed on the deck, porch, or in the clubhouse at any time. Pets are not allowed anywhere on Club grounds during the season.
13. Parents are responsible for their children's behavior, and for their observance of all rules and regulations. No child under nine years of age will be permitted on the grounds unless accompanied by a responsible adult or babysitter.

14. Juniors, aged nine through sixteen, are allowed on Club grounds without parents only for specific activities, e.g., team practice, team meets, free swim or tennis, athletic clinics or lessons. Please remember that the Club is not a day camp, or a playground, and the staff and the professionals are not babysitters. No child is to be dropped off for the day and picked up in the evening. The parents are the members. Children and guests of members have the privilege of using the facilities within the rules set forth. It is with these thoughts in mind that we post these regulations. Please try to be understanding and cooperative.
15. At the sole discretion of the Board of Governors, chronic or egregious misbehavior on the part of members' children shall be dealt with under the membership suspension and expulsion provisions of Article Nine of the Constitution.

## **ARTICLE TWO**

### **POOL RULES**

1. The Pool Director is responsible for the pool area and is under the direction of the Pool Committee. The Director and the lifeguards are authorized to enforce the pool regulations and may require anyone to leave the pool area when in their opinion a person is jeopardizing the safety and enjoyment of others. The Pool Director may recommend to the Pool Committee that the Committee suspend the pool privileges of anyone who continually causes trouble in the pool area. The Pool Director and lifeguards have been directed to closely monitor and enforce guest privileges.
2. Parents are not allowed to leave children under nine years of age at the pool unattended.
3. The Club assumes no responsibility for accidents in the pool area.
4. Guidance for babysitters in the pool area:
  - a. Any sitter must be at least twelve years old and notify the lifeguard of his or her status as a sitter.
  - b. All members are urged to choose responsible sitters. Your committee feels that the babysitters in the pool area are asked to undertake a very serious responsibility.
  - c. Lifeguards will advise members if sitters are not acting responsibly with your children.
  - d. Adults accompanying children are also reminded of their responsibility to supervise children in the pool area.
  - e. A sitter may not be responsible for more than two children under five years of age, nor three children under nine years of age.
  - f. The wading pool is for the use of children under six years old, and must be supervised by an adult or babysitter at poolside. They are responsible for the child at all times.
  - g. There will be no running or disorderly conduct permitted.
  - h. Other activities may be offered to well-behaved children at the discretion of the Pool Director and the Pool Committee.
  - i. Proper etiquette is expected of everyone at the pool.
5. The grounds both in and out of the fenced area are to be kept clean and litter free at all times.

6. Any necessary chemicals will be put in the pool after closing hours.
7. No one is permitted in the pool area during a lightning storm. In the event of a lightning storm, the Golf Pro may close the Club's sports facilities, including the pool, with three long blasts of an air horn. One long blast of the horn indicates that the sports facilities are reopened.
8. No one with poison ivy, bandages, skin infections, or eye infections will be permitted the use of the pool.
9. Each person using the pool is required to take a soap shower before entering the pool.
10. Bathing suits and swimming trunks are permitted in the pool area only, and are prohibited in other parts of the Club, where shirts and shoes are required.
11. No glass containers are permitted in the pool area. Eating must be done outside the fenced area, preferably at the tables. Gum is not permitted in the pool area. Plastic bottles of water are permitted inside the fence, but all other beverages must be kept outside the fenced area. Lifeguards may eat in the pool area.
12. Swimming boards, rafts, glass face masks, unattached life preservers, inflated rings and plastic toys, are not permitted in the pool area, except as allowed by the Pool Director.
13. The Day Book must be signed by all members and their guests upon arrival. The notation must indicate whether the member is a house member, regular member, honorary member, or guest of a member. In the case of a guest, the member's number must be noted. House members may use the pool once a month.
14. Swim lesson terminology:
  - a. Tiny Tot: ages 3-6
  - b. Beginners: non-swimmers over 6
  - c. Developmental program: refine stroke technique in all four strokes, competitive swimming
15. When signing up for group lessons, members will be told what days the class will meet and how many sessions will be held. There will be a total price for the lessons for which the member will be responsible. All lesson fees must be charged to the members' account, not paid in cash.

16. Schedule for pool:

- a. Hours are 10:00 to 7:00
  - b. Season opens the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend
  - c. Open weekends and weekdays beginning in mid-June; call for date.
  - d. The pool may be opened earlier than 10:00 and close later than 7:00 on request. Lifeguard availability will be the key criterion in evaluating such requests for extended hours.
  - e. Season closes after Labor Day.
17. All children of Regular Members between the ages of 6 and 16 are invited to participate in the Litchfield Country Club Swim Team. Participation is not exclusive and all children are welcome. No child is left out of swim meets if they can swim one lap of the pool and attend practices.
18. Lifeguards must be Red Cross certified, have a current CPR certificate, and be familiar with current job descriptions.
19. Lifeguards will stay poolside to monitor pool safety. Lifeguards must have updated emergency form for children. Reading and entertaining friends are not permitted with members are at the pool. When the pool is closed due to threatening weather a message will be posted to that effect at the pool and the lifeguard will wait in the clubhouse, pending receipt of approval to reopen or close the pool for the remainder of the day.
20. Lifeguards will never leave the pool area while there are children in the pool area. Lifeguards are not permitted to babysit during working hours.
21. Swim meets generally are on Tuesday and Thursday during July. The swim team season is seven weeks long, and ends with an awards dinner the week of the Tri-Meet, typically in early August. Parents are responsible for signing their children up with a driver for away meets. Parent volunteers are always welcomed as timers and for the traditional snack table after meets.
22. Only Club staff members are permitted to have keys for the pool. Guards must return them at the end of the season.
23. The log book for chemical analysis of the pool will be maintained daily by the pool staff and monitored by the committee and Pool Director.
24. Regular and House members wishing to have parties must arrange with the Pool Director for lifeguards, two weeks in advance. The hosting member will pay the lifeguard fee, a guest fee for each guest who is not a Regular member, and a pool rental fee, specified in the Summary of Fees section, hereto. The pool area must be left the way it was found. Please keep in mind that the Club is in a residential area and neighbors must be taken into consideration.
25. The phone will be in the custody of the lifeguard. The poolside phone should be used for urgent matters only.

26. A lap lane will be set up for adults if requested.

27. Comments and complaints should be addressed through the Pool Committee.

### **ARTICLE THREE                      TENNIS RULES**

1. The Tennis Professional is responsible for the tennis area and is under the direction of the Tennis Committee. The Professional and the assistant are authorized to enforce the tennis rules and may require anyone to leave the area when in their opinion a person is jeopardizing the safety and enjoyment of others. The Tennis Professional may recommend to the Tennis Committee that the Committee suspend the tennis privileges of anyone who continually causes trouble in the tennis area. The Tennis Professional, assistant, and Pro Shop employees have been directed to closely monitor and enforce guest privileges.
2. Courts are available on a first come, first served basis. Members and their guests must always register on the tennis pro shop bulletin board each time they use the court, with name, membership number, and starting time. Members who are not registered may be asked to leave by another group which has registered.
3. If others are waiting, play is limited to one hour for singles, and 1½ hours for doubles. At the end of the allotted time, be courteous and relinquish the court to the members who are waiting.
4. When signs indicate that a court is closed, it may not be used.
5. Tournaments and matches have priority over open time. Special events will be posted on the Bulletin Board and in the monthly calendar.
6. A child's age on July 1 will determine the age group in which he or she competes. Children may challenge up the age ladder, but not down. Children who turn 18 on or before July 1 will play as an Adult in all club events for the season.
7. Children 18 years of age and over shall have priority after 5:00 pm on weekdays and all weekends and holidays.
8. Appropriate tennis apparel is required, and whites are preferred. Bathing suits, cut-offs, jogging and other inappropriate dress will not be permitted. Clay court tennis shoes must be worn.
9. Members must register guests at the Tennis Pro Shop prior to starting play. Use the list posted on the bulletin board if the Pro Shop is closed. Guests may use the tennis facility not more than once each month. This does not include scheduled member-guest tournaments or other special events.

10. House members may use the facility once each month on his or her own membership, and once each month as a Regular member's guest. House members must register and are subject to a daily use fee, as specified in Article Six hereto.
11. Tennis lessons may be arranged by contacting the Pro. Lesson schedules will be posted on the Tennis Bulletin Board.
12. Members are required to familiarize themselves and comply with the USTA Code and Rules of Tennis. Copies are available in the Pro Shop.
13. In the event of a lightning storm, the Golf Pro may close the Club's sports facilities, including the tennis courts, with three long blasts of an air horn. One long blast of the horn indicates that the sports facilities are reopened.

#### **ARTICLE FOUR                      PLATFORM TENNIS RULES**

1. Members are asked to register when using the courts. The registration sheet is located in the clubhouse foyer. Reservations may be made within one week prior to the playing date.
2. Members must register guests before play on the sheet located in the foyer.
3. House members may use the facility once each month on his or her own membership, and once each month as the guest of a regular member. House members must register and must pay a daily use fee, comparable to a guest fee. Fees are specified in Article Six, hereto.
4. Tennis shoes must be worn, preferably light in color.
5. Night play is permitted, and members are reminded to turn off lights when play is completed.
6. To remove snow and ice, lift wooden gates surrounding the Court. Use only plastic shovels, provided. If ice is present, turn on heat for ten minutes. Never play with the heat turned on.
7. Tournament play with other clubs may be arranged by contacting the chairman.

## ARTICLE FIVE

## GOLF RULES

1. The Golf Professional and Greenskeeper are responsible for the golf course and are under the direction of the Golf Committee and Greens Committee. They are authorized to enforce the golf rules and may require anyone to leave the area when, in their opinion, a person is jeopardizing the safety and enjoyment of others. The Golf Pro may recommend to the Golf Committee that the Committee suspend the golf privileges of anyone who continually causes trouble on the course. The Golf Pro and assistants have been directed to closely monitor and enforce guest privileges.
2. Pro Shop Hours of Operation
  - a. Spring and Fall
    - i. Tuesday through Friday: 9:00 to 3:00
    - ii. Weekends: 8:30 to 5:30
  - b. Summer
    - i. Tuesday through Sunday: 8:30 to 5:30
  - c. The Pro Shop is closed on Monday
3. Schedule
  - a. Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays: course reserved for adults until late afternoon.
  - b. Tuesday evening: Men's Tuesday Night League
  - c. Wednesday morning: Ladies only, eighteen hole group
  - d. Wednesday evening: Mixed Scotch Ball Tournament
  - e. Friday afternoon: Senior Tournament
  - f. The course is reserved for adults only at the above times, and for adults only for those events listed in the printed golf schedule. Exceptional permission may be granted for a junior at the discretion and authority of the Golf Pro or his assistant.
4. All golfers must register at the Pro Shop when planning to use the course.
5. All members must register their guests at the Pro Shop before teeing off. All guests must be personally sponsored by a member. Guests may use the sports facilities of the Club not more than once each month. This does not include scheduled member-guest tournaments or other special events.
6. House members may use the golf course once each month on his or her House membership and once as the guest of a Regular member. House members must register and are expected to pay the guest fees.
7. Members must check with the Golf Pro before commencing play at any tee other than the first tee. If the course is crowded, teeing off on holes other than the first tee can be disruptive.
8. The Pro Shop provides equipment repair and services such as re-gripping of clubs. Also available are gloves, balls, clothing, golf bags, and other equipment.
9. Lockers are available for a small fee and are assigned by the Golf Pro. Members may store equipment in the basement of the Pro Shop free of charge at the discretion of the Golf Pro. The Club is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged equipment.

10. The Golf Pro offers instruction. Clinics are available on request.
11. Motorized golf carts may be rented through the Pro Shop. No one under 18 years of age is permitted to drive a golf cart. Members must obey posted signs and chains designed to restrict carts on the course. Carts may be reserved in advance.
12. Members are required to record five 18 hole scores during each golf season in order to establish or maintain a handicap. Consecutive 9 hole scores may be aggregated to produce an 18 hole score for this requirement. Members are required to attest to their own scores and post them in the computer in the Pro Shop.
13. The Pro registers members playing in all tournaments.
14. It is strictly prohibited to practice putting, chipping, pitching, or sand traps at any other green other than the practice green.
15. Non-certified Juniors (see Pro for certification) may play at unscheduled times provided they play with an adult member.
16. No juniors are allowed on the golf course or the river to look for golf balls until after 6:00 pm, and not at all on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.
17. No juniors are permitted in the men's locker room without adult supervision or permission of the Golf Pro.
18. Players participating in any Club tournament have the right of precedence, and upon request, may play through any players not in the tournament.
19. **Members are asked to play at a reasonable pace and to show courtesy to players behind them. Slower players are requested to signal for faster players behind them to play through.** Play "ready golf" when possible. Replace all divots. Rake sand bunkers. Repair all ball marks on greens. Keep carts well away from tees and greens.
20. Unacceptable attire includes gym shorts, bathing suits, running shorts, hiking boots, collarless shirts, and cut-off blue jeans. Shoes must be worn.
21. In the event of a lightning storm, the Golf Pro may close the Club's sports facilities, including the golf course, with three long blasts of an air horn. One long blast of the horn indicates that the sports facilities are reopened.
22. When the golf course is posted as being closed, the closure applies to the entire course, as well as practice areas.
23. All golfers are asked to cooperate with the enforcement of these rules. Please report any incidents to the Pro or to the Golf Committee. The first documented infraction may result in one week's suspension of golf privileges. Any subsequent infractions will be dealt with by the Golf Committee.
24. The Golf and Greens Committees encourage members' suggestions.
25. Please use caution and respectful etiquette, and enjoy this beautiful golf course.