

Course Restrictions

Play is not permitted on the weekend and holidays before 6:30 a.m. and on weekdays before 7:00 a.m., or such other time as fixed by the Pro Shop and/or Starter. Refer to Hours of Operation in your Information Booklet for more details.

Colt Course Playing Hours

Playing Hours for Men

Honourary Life, Life, Resident, Restricted Play, Resident Intermediate, Resident Restricted Intermediate, Intermediate Associate, and Restricted Play Intermediate Associate Members may play at any time, except Tuesday mornings.

Playing Hours for Women

Honourary Life, Life, Resident, Restricted Play, Resident Intermediate, Resident Restricted Intermediate, Intermediate Associate, and Restricted Play Intermediate Associate Members may play at any time on weekdays. On Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays play may begin at 10:30 a.m. (Three-ball and four-ball games are preferred. All groups are expected to maintain the pace of the field). Resident Women Full Privileges may play at any time.

On special days when tournament activity will limit Women's completion of their golf round, they will be allowed to tee off beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Non-Resident Members (Women & Men)

Non-Resident members are limited to seven rounds a year on the Colt Course. Unlimited play on the Watson Course.

Restricted Play Members (Women & Men)

Restricted play members are limited to ten rounds a year on the Colt Course. Unlimited play on the Watson Course. These ten games include Club matches and tournaments.

Intermediate Members

Resident Intermediate, Resident Restricted Intermediate, Intermediate Associate, and Restricted Play Intermediate Associate Members follow the rules as set out above.

Watson Course Playing Hours

Playing Hours for Men

All members may play the 9 Hole Course at any time EXCEPT Tuesdays when play may NOT begin before 11:00 a.m.

Playing Hours for Women

All members may play at any time.

Intermediate Members

Resident Intermediate, Resident Restricted Intermediate, Intermediate Associate and Restricted Play Intermediate Associate Members follow the rules as set out above.

Junior Associate Members

Junior Associate members may play the 9 Hole Course at any time EXCEPT Tuesdays when play may NOT begin before 11:00 a.m.

Dress Code

Golf attire should be neat, tailored and consistent with the standards of the Club and tradition of the game of golf.

The Pro Shop is well stocked with suitable clothing and any inadvertent errors may be quickly and easily corrected.

Gentlemen and Junior Boys

Golf shirts must have a collar or must be a recognized golf shirt design (e.g. mock turtle or turtle neck). Shirts must be tucked in at all times.

Tailored trousers or shorts are required. Golf shorts are permitted provided that they are tailored and knee length (Bermuda length).

The following are not permitted:

- Rugby pants
- Sweat pants
- Cargo pants or shorts
- Blue jeans or denim pants or shorts
- Jamaica length and tennis shorts

When wearing shorts, only the following socks are permitted and are available in the Pro Shop:

- Proper knee length Bermuda socks with a turned down cuff
- Ankle socks or sockettes
- Sandals or deck shoes may be worn on the lawn with or without socks however; socks are required in the formal areas of the Clubhouse
- Hats must be worn with the peak facing forward. Hats are not to be worn in the Clubhouse.
- Any logos or advertising must be golf related.
- Metal spiked golf shoes and golf sandals are not permitted.

Women and Junior Girls

Sleeveless tops are permitted provided they have a collar and conversely, any top worn without a collar must have sleeves. Tops must be tucked in except those with banded bottoms.

Conservative tailored golf skirts, shorts or pants (including Capri length) are appropriate.

The following are not permitted:

- Tank, tube and halter tops
- Short skirts or shorts (e.g. tennis length)
- Jeans, cargo, rugby, sweat and spandex pants/shorts
- Golf socks must be worn
- Caps and visors are not to be worn backwards
- Any logos or advertising must be golf related
- Metal spiked golf shoes and golf sandals are not permitted.

Members and guests are required to change into golf attire in the Locker Room or Tee House.

Etiquette

Rule # 1 - No player should play until the players in front are out of range.

Rule #2 - Play without delay on the fairway and particularly on the green. While your partner or opponent is playing, study your own shot and be ready to play in your turn. This procedure will speed up play for all.

Members are encouraged to play when ready and not necessarily in the order of play.

Rule #3 - Players searching for a ball should allow other players coming up to play through and should not continue play until those players have passed out of range.

Rule #4 - When the result of a hole has been determined, players should immediately leave the putting green and proceed to the next tee where scores can be noted. Player with honour should tee off before recording score.

Rule #5 - A faster group should be invited to play through a slower group at any point on the golf course and irrespective of the number of players in each match. A single player has no standing on the course.

Remember: It is not enough to stay ahead of the group behind you, but instead be immediately behind the group ahead of you.

Rule #6 - All players are reminded to rake bunkers and to repair all ball marks and divots.

RCGA Handicap System

The purpose of the RCGA Handicap System is to make golf more enjoyable by enabling golfers of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis.

It also allows you to measure your golf ability and performance relative to others. Golfers need to understand their responsibilities in order for the Handicap System to be effective. These responsibilities are as follows:

Always carry an RCGA Membership Card with your current RCGA Handicap Factor certified by a club official on the reverse

Know your RCGA Handicap Factor so you can convert it to a Course Handicap before playing

Know the number of handicap strokes you are entitled to for the course and tees played

Legibly record your hole-by-hole scores on the score card

Properly adjust your score for ESC (equitable stroke control) before posting

Post a score for every acceptable round as soon as possible after completion of the round so your RCGA Handicap Factor is current

Contact a member of the Match & Handicap Committee if you have any questions or problems

Fair handicapping is only possible when players submit full and accurate scoring information for all rounds played. Golfers should post the following scores for handicap purposes:

Scores from 9 and 18-hole rounds, or when 13 or more holes (7 holes for 9-hole rounds) are played

Scores made in an area during its 'active season'. Most provinces in Canada have an active season running from April to October

Scores from all forms of competition including Stroke and Match Play

Scores made at home, away, or out-of-country on courses with a valid Course and Slope rating

Scores made under the Rules of Golf

If you start but do not finish a hole (e.g. you picked up, were given a putt or were conceded a hole), record the score you would most likely have made. This is the likely number of strokes, including penalty strokes, it would have taken to finish the hole.

If you don't play a hole (e.g. you stop playing after 13 or more holes), record par plus any handicap strokes to which you are entitled for the remaining holes (based on your Course Handicap). An "X" should precede the score on the score card for unfinished holes or holes not played.

For more information on the RCGA Handicap System, contact any member of the Match & Handicap Committee, or visit the RCGA Web Site at www.rcga.org.

Copies of the detailed RCGA Handicap System manual, including handicap decisions, are available by calling the RCGA at 1-800-263-0009 or by clicking [here](#).

Introduction of Guests

Colt Course

During the season, a Member may introduce up to three guests at any time throughout the week; however, a member with three guests shall tee off prior to 2:00 p.m. On weekends and holidays, a member may introduce one guest prior to noon and up to three guests thereafter. Members must play with the guests introduced. Members are reminded that the same individual may not be introduced as a

guest on the Colt Course more than six times in any one year regardless of who introduces that particular individual.

Watson Course

A member may introduce up to three guests to play on the Watson Course (9 Hole Course) at any time. Members are reminded that the same individual may not be introduced as a guest on the Watson Course more than six times in any one year regardless of who introduces that particular individual. The lowest age limit for children on the Watson Course is eight. Members must play with guests introduced.

Mini Tournaments

The definition of a Mini Tournament is a match/tournament arranged by a member which consists of 13 or more players. A written request to hold such a tournament must be submitted to the General Manager & C.O.O. for a decision at least one month in advance. The request must include the purpose, date and time. If guests are included, there must be a member in each foursome. Furthermore, the organizing member will be responsible for any guest expenses (green fees, power cart fees, etc.), dress code compliance and will ensure that the Club's Rules of Golf Etiquette are observed.

Junior Associate Member

All Junior Associate "A" players may play the Colt course at any time EXCEPT Tuesdays, Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays before 11:00 a.m.

The playing privileges of guests of Junior Associates are tied to the playing privileges of the Junior Associate hosting the guest, regardless of the gender of either. For example, Junior Associate "A" players may host male or female guests over the age of 12 on the Colt course during the times set out in the paragraph above, and on the Watson course at any time except Tuesdays before 11:00 a.m.

Junior Associate "B" players may host male or female guests over the age of 10 on the Watson Course at any time except Tuesdays before 11:00 a.m.

All Junior Associate members are classed as "B" players until they qualify to play the 18 Hole Course and become an "A" player. To become an "A" player, the following requirements must be met:

Play 18 holes on the 9 Hole Course with someone who has qualified to play the 18 Hole Course or a Resident member of the Club. Juniors must notify the Pro Shop in advance of attempting a qualifying round and then return the attested scorecard to the Pro Shop upon completion of the round.

Lightning Safety

Lightning is a severe hazard that must be viewed seriously!

Players should stop play and seek shelter any time they believe lightening threatens them, even if a signal has not been sounded.

The Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System will be activated if there is a threat of cloud to ground lightning (the most dangerous to golfers) within the area. Players will be warned of a red alert by the following:

The system will sound one prolonged blast (15 seconds) signaling suspension of play.

Strobe Lights will flash above the horn clusters.

The horn clusters and strobe lights are located to the right of the 16th tee, between the 10th & 11th fairway and to the south side of the Tee House (practice facility).

Additional horn clusters (without strobe lights) are located on the Clubhouse roof and at the Maintenance facility.

For your safety, lightning protection has been installed at the washroom at the 7th tee, the rain shelter on #16 and at the Tee House.

All Members and guests must adhere to the Club's policy of immediately stopping play and seeking shelter when the System is activated and not recommencing play until the System or the Pro Shop has advised the golfers that they may do so. The System will sound 3 blasts of 5 seconds each to signify all clear.

This policy applies to the Colt and Watson Courses as well as the Practice Tee areas.

In the interest of safety, staff is not permitted to drive Members or guests to the Clubhouse during a red alert.

IN THE EVENT OF LIGHTNING

SEEK

CLUBHOUSE, MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS, ON-COURSE BUILDINGS AUTOMOBILES/TRUCKS, LIGHTNING SHELTERS

AVOID

OPEN AREAS, WATER, TALL TREES, METAL FENCES, OVERHEAD WIRES & POWER LINES, ELEVATED GROUND, GOLF CARTS, MOWERS, CELLULAR PHONES AND RADIOS

Speed of Play

The Toronto Golf Club has a reputation for prompt play. It is essential that this reputation be maintained. It should be possible for a four ball match to complete an 18 hole round in under four hours. Observance of the Club's Rules of Golf Etiquette, will ensure that this aim is achieved.