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THE AMELIA RIVER CLUB 2025  
MEMBER RULES &  
REGUALTIONS

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## **The Amelia River Club - Rules and Regulations**

***Welcome to The Amelia River Club! Our goal is to maintain a premier golfing and social experience that fosters respect, courtesy, and a sense of community. We ask all members to review and adhere to the following rules and regulations to ensure that we uphold the highest standards for all members and guests. Please read the rules carefully and direct any questions to the management team.***

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### **STANDARDS OF CONDUCT**

1. The Amelia River Club, is a premier Semiprivate country club that fosters a culture that values, appreciates, and respects all its members, their families, guests, and all Associates. All members shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with these values.
2. Members are responsible for ensuring that their own behavior and that of their family members and guests comply with this code of conduct and all other applicable The Amelia River Club, rules, regulations, policies, resolutions, and procedures.

### **RULES, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES**

3. Members shall not engage in any act likely to endanger the welfare, safety, harmony, or good reputation of the Club, its members, employees (hereinafter, "Associates"), or guests.
4. Members should treat Club Associates in a respectful manner. Abuse, verbally or otherwise, will not be tolerated. No member or guest shall reprimand or discipline any Associate. Any Associate not rendering courteous and prompt service should be reported to the General Manager.
5. Members shall conduct themselves in a courteous and sportsmanlike manner in all sporting activities, observing all applicable rules, standards of etiquette, and fair play.
6. The Amelia River Club has a long history of valuing diversity. Members shall treat others with courtesy, dignity, and respect regardless of race, color, national origin, creed, age, gender, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or any other condition protected by law.
7. Members shall conduct themselves in a manner that is reflective of being ambassadors for The Amelia River Club when out in the community, at other clubs, and/or while at the Club.
8. The Amelia River Club fosters a family-friendly environment. Members shall refrain from using obscenities and loud and boisterous inappropriate behavior.
9. Deviations from these Standards of Conduct may be reviewed by the General Manager to Membership disciplinary review.

## **PURPOSE**

By the adoption of these Rules, Regulations and Policies, it is the intent of the General Manager to ensure, to the highest possible degree, the enjoyment by members, guests, and visitors of The Amelia River Club, (hereinafter, the "Club") of the Club's facilities. The General Manager deems that all members upon electing to join the Club have given their consent to be bound by the rules of the Club, to the obligations, restrictions and the penalties imposed.

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

1. Members shall be financially responsible for any damage to Club property, including golf carts, caused by themselves, their guest(s), or their family. The amount of damage will be determined by the General Manager and charged to the members' account. The member has the right to contest any charge and may request, in writing, a hearing before the General Manager within thirty (30) days from the receipt of the statement date.
2. Members shall not request special services from the Associates of the Club who are on duty.
3. Members have no authority to instruct Associates in their duties and job performance and shall refer any suggestions or issues regarding Associate performance to management.
4. The use of the golf course and cart paths for any recreation other than playing golf is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, walking, jogging, skateboarding, flying drones, biking, ball hawking, Dog walking and fishing.
5. Pets are not permitted on the Golf Course at any time. This includes the golf course and cart paths, and dining facility. Pets are allowed on the patio of The Bar and Grill. Service animals certified to assist a person's particular impairment are permitted in Club facilities if the assistance of the service animal is required unless its presence presents a safety concern.
6. All food and beverages consumed on Club property must be furnished by the Club.
7. Management and/or staff have the right and legal obligation to refuse to serve alcoholic beverages to members and guests if, in their opinion, they exhibit signs of too much alcohol consumption.

8. In the event an evacuation order is issued as the result of a storm or hurricane, the Clubhouse shall be closed and may not be occupied.
9. The General Manager must approve any person, group, or organization invited to perform services on Club property.
10. The Club will not be responsible for the loss or damage, by any cause, to vehicles and personal property while said articles are on the Club grounds.
11. Privately owned golf carts are not permitted on the golf course or at the practice facilities at any time. Privately owned golf carts must be parked in the designated parking spaces only.
12. Children under 12 years of age are not allowed unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. The children must remain with a parent or guardian and are not allowed to roam the facilities.
13. The Club prohibits solicitation. Collection, posting, or circulation of solicitation of any kind including, but not limited to, charitable and other non-profit organizations, subscriptions, advertisements, builders, contractors, realtors, and real estate developments is strictly prohibited without prior written approval of the General Manager.
14. The use of Club stationery, crown, logo, emblem, or membership roster for any reason without written General Manager authorization is prohibited.
15. No member, including any member of the General Manager or any committee of the General Manager, is authorized to purchase any goods or services on behalf of the Club without the prior approval of the General Manager, which approval shall be confirmed in writing by the General Manager.
16. No member is permitted to donate any tangible property to the Club, whether newly purchased or previously owned without prior approval of the General Manager, with written confirmation from the General Manager.
17. These rules are subject to change at any time by the General Manager. Members will be promptly notified of any such changes.

## **Membership and Financial Responsibility**

### **1. Monthly Dues & Charges**

- Monthly dues must be paid on time. Failure to pay dues by the due date will result in delinquent status and additional penalties.
- A minimum of \$600 in charges must be met annually. All charges must be made to your account, including those at the pro shop and bar & grill, count toward this minimum.

### **2. Delinquent Accounts**

- Accounts not paid in full by the due date will be considered delinquent and will incur interest at 1.5% per month until paid in full. Penalties are as follows:
  - \$50.00 for 1 month past due.
  - \$75.00 for 2 months past due.
  - \$100.00 for 3 months and each month thereafter.
- If legal action is required to collect unpaid dues, the member will be liable for collection costs, including attorney's fees.

### **3. Suspension of Privileges**

- If a membership account is suspended due to non-payment, all privileges, including access to the golf course, dining areas, and other club facilities, will be revoked for the member, their family, and any guests.

### **4. Cancellation & Reapplication**

- To cancel your membership, a 30-day notice in writing must be submitted.
- If a member has voluntarily quit their membership, they will be required to pay the initiation fee to reapply for membership.

### **5. Financial Responsibility for Damage**

- Members are financially responsible for any damage to club property, including golf carts, caused by themselves, their guests, or family members. Damages will be determined by the General Manager and charged to the member's account.
- Members have the right to contest any damage charge and may request a hearing before the General Manager within 30 days of receiving the charge.

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## **Behavior and Conduct**

### **1. Proper Behavior**

- Members are expected to treat fellow members and associates with the utmost respect and courtesy at all times.
- Members should not request special services from associates who are on duty or direct them in the performance of their duties. Any suggestions or issues regarding associate performance should be directed to management.

### **2. Solicitation and Use of Club Name/Logo**

- The solicitation of any kind, including but not limited to charitable, non-profit organizations, advertisements, or real estate solicitations, is prohibited without prior written approval from the General Manager.
- The use of the Club's name, logo, stationery, or membership roster for any purpose without written authorization from the General Manager is strictly prohibited.

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## **Communication and Activities Damaging to Members, Associates, and the Club**

### **1. Email and Communication Etiquette**

- Members must not engage in or support email or other communications that interfere with or disturb the peaceful enjoyment of the Club for other members, contribute to a hostile work environment for associates, or damage the reputation of the Club, its members, or associates.
- Originating, forwarding, or distributing emails or other materials that include harmful gossip, erroneous, malicious, threatening, disparaging, disrespectful, offensive, or nonconstructive harassment (sexual or otherwise), including but not limited to unwelcome sexual advances, offensive comments, jokes, innuendoes, or other sexually oriented statements, is prohibited.
- Members who receive damaging or inappropriate communications should not forward them to other members or non-members. Instead, members should share them directly with the General Manager or Management.

### **2. Respectful Interaction**

- The use of rude, abusive, vulgar, threatening, harassing, defamatory, ridiculing, or otherwise offensive language (written or oral) or gestures toward members, associates, or guests is strictly prohibited.
  - Any concerns regarding Club associates should be directed to the General Manager or the General Manager if the General Manager is unavailable.
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## **Constructive Feedback and Complaints**

### **1. Constructive Feedback**

- The Club welcomes constructive and professional comments and suggestions from its members regarding how to address a perceived problem, improve Club operations, or enhance the member experience.
- Members are encouraged to provide feedback to the General Manager, or other Managers in a respectful and collaborative manner.

### **2. Complaints and Concerns**

- Members should refrain from reprimanding or disparaging associates in any form, whether verbally, in writing, or through actions or attitudes. Any concerns or complaints about an associate's performance should be brought directly to the attention of the General Manager or Department Manager if the General Manager is unavailable.
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## **Liability and Assumption of Risk**

### **1. Liability Waiver**

- Each member (on behalf of themselves, their immediate family members, and guests) acknowledges that there are risks inherent in the use of the Club's facilities, including but not limited to personal injury or property damage.
- The member agrees that the Club shall not be liable for any loss or damage to property or any injuries, including death, resulting from the use of Club facilities.
- The member assumes all risks of property loss or damage, personal injuries, and/or death resulting from their use of the facilities, and releases the Club and its affiliates from any claims or liability related to the use of the facilities.

### **2. Indemnification**

- Each member agrees to indemnify and hold the Club, its officers, governors, associates, agents, representatives, and affiliates harmless from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, judgments, settlements, losses, costs, damages, and expenses arising from the use of or presence upon Club facilities, whether caused by the member's actions or by the fault of the Club or its affiliates, to the maximum extent permitted by law.
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## **Dress Code Policy**

At The Amelia River Club, we uphold a standard of elegance, tradition, and respect for the game of golf. Our dress code is designed to maintain these standards.

### **Golf Course & Practice Areas**

- **Men:**
  - Collared shirts, mock turtlenecks, or golf-specific shirts are required.
  - Trousers, tailored shorts (no more than 4 inches above the knee), and properly fitting golf shoes with soft spikes are required.
  - Denim, sweatpants, cargo shorts/pants, and athletic-style shorts are not permitted.
  - Hats should be worn with the brim facing forward.
  
- **Women:**
  - Collared shirts, golf-specific tops, or blouses are required. Sleeveless tops are acceptable if they have a collar or tailored neckline.
  - Tailored shorts, skirts, skorts, or golf pants are allowed. Skirt lengths must be appropriate for the setting.
  - Properly fitting golf shoes with soft spikes are required.
  - Denim, sweatpants, and athletic-style shorts are not permitted.
  - Hats should be worn with the brim facing forward.

### **General Guidelines:**

- Clothing must be clean, neat, and in good condition.
  - The Club management reserves the right to ask any member or guest to modify their attire if it does not meet the standards set forth by the Club.
  - On-course attire should be focused on comfort, mobility, and respect for the game.
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## **Golf Regulations**

### **1. General USGA Rules**

- The Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association (USGA), along with the USGA Rules of Etiquette, govern all play at The Amelia River Club, unless modified by local rules.
- Members can report violations of the rules or etiquette to the Head Golf Professional or Golf Committee.

### **2. Course Rules**

- Appropriate attire must be worn on the course and practice facilities at all times.
- Golf footwear (soft spikes or spike-less) is mandatory.
- All golfers must register in the golf shop before play.
- Play will begin at the first tee unless otherwise directed.
- Each player must have their own set of clubs.
- No more than four players are allowed in a group.
- Personal coolers are prohibited; all food and beverages must be supplied by the Club.
- Practice on the course is prohibited.
- Hawking of Golf balls on the golf course is prohibited.
- Smokers must dispose of cigarette/cigar butts in designated receptacles.

### **3. Golf Cart Use**

- Golf carts must be used according to posted signs for cart and walking traffic.
- Golf carts are operated at the risk of the operator. Members are responsible for damages caused by misuse of the golf cart.
- Members using golf carts are responsible for damages caused by themselves or their guests.
- Golf cart operators must be at least 16 years of age and have a valid driver's license.
- Golf carts must be returned to the designated return staging area after play.

- Carts are not allowed off Club property.

#### **4. Handicap Flag Use**

- Please refer to the Handicap Flag Policy.

#### **5. Cart Restrictions**

- During Cart Path Only days, all golfers must adhere to this restriction.
- Golf carts may not drive over ropes or stakes into roped off or staked areas or Geofenced areas.

#### **6. Liability**

- Members are fully responsible for any damage to the golf course, including any injuries or property damage caused by the operation of the golf cart by themselves or their guests.
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## **General Club Policies**

### **1. Pets**

- Pets are not permitted on Golf course property (except the patio of the Bar & Grill), including the golf course, cart paths,. Service animals are allowed if their presence does not present a safety concern.

### **2. Food & Beverages**

- All food and beverages consumed on Club property must be provided by the Club. No outside food or drink is allowed.

### **3. Alcohol**

- The Club management and staff have the right to refuse alcoholic beverages to members and guests if, in their judgment, the individual shows signs of excessive alcohol consumption.

### **4. Evacuation Protocol**

- In the event of a storm or hurricane evacuation order, the Clubhouse will be closed, and occupancy of the premises will not be allowed.

### **5. Vehicle and Property Liability**

- The Club is not responsible for the loss or damage to vehicles or personal property while on Club grounds.

### **6. Solicitation**

- Solicitation of any kind is prohibited without prior approval from the General Manager. This includes charitable and non-profit organizations, advertisements, and real estate developments.

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## **Handicap Flag Policy**

### **Golf Course Handicap Cart Policy – updated 2025**

#### **Purpose:**

This policy ensures that golfers with disabilities are provided reasonable accommodations in compliance with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) while preserving the integrity and playability of the golf course. The Club is dedicated to providing an inclusive and accessible experience for all members and guests.

## Scope:

This policy applies to all members and guests of the club who require a Handicap Cart for accessibility purposes.

### 1. Eligibility for Handicap Cart Access

To qualify for handicap cart access, a golfer must have a documented disability as defined by the ADA. The following criteria will be considered:

- A permanent or temporary mobility impairment that substantially limits major life activities, such as walking or standing for extended periods.
- A medical condition that requires the use of a mobility aid, such as a wheelchair, scooter, or walker.

### 2. Request Process

Golfers requesting handicap cart access must submit a request to the Club's Golf Operations team. To complete this process, golfers must provide the following documentation:

- A state-issued ID to verify identity. To qualify for a Handicap Flag, the individual(s) must possess a state approved permanent or temporary disabled parking placard or license plate registered in the golfers name. All golfers must provide the proper documentation and identification to the Professional Shop to register for a Handicap Flag Status.
- Members can put this status on file for one year, but must renew each year. All Golfers must check-in each time they play to let the Golf team know that they need handicap status on their GPS.

Once approved, the golfer's cart will be digitally enabled for handicap access via the GPS system, allowing the cart to operate with the necessary accommodations.

### 3. Use of Handicap Cart

- Upon approval, the golfer's cart will automatically be enabled with handicap access through the GPS unit, which will allow the cart to access areas closer to greens and tees as necessary.
- Golfers with handicap access must still adhere to the course guidelines, including using designated cart paths and areas as directed by course management.
- Handicap access is designed to provide reasonable accommodation but is not intended to allow unrestricted access to sensitive course areas such as tee boxes or greens.

### 4. Protection of Course Integrity

In order to maintain the quality of the course for all golfers, the following guidelines must be observed:

- Golf carts with handicap access must stay on cart paths wherever possible and may only enter fairways or roughs when necessary for accessibility.
- Golfers should not drive carts onto tee boxes, greens, or other sensitive course areas unless expressly permitted for accessibility reasons.
- In cases of wet or adverse weather conditions that could damage the course, the Club reserves the right to limit or adjust the use of handicap carts to protect the course.

#### 5. Responsibility of Golfers

Golfers using a handicap-enabled cart are expected to:

- Follow the Club's guidelines for handicap access and course maintenance.
- Operate the cart safely and responsibly at all times.
- Return the handicap cart access to the Golf Operations team if no longer needed or if the golfer's condition changes.

#### 6. Course Management Discretion

The Golf Operations team retains discretion to assess and address any concerns related to the use of handicap-enabled carts. If course conditions or player behavior could negatively impact the course, the team will work with the golfer to find a reasonable solution.

#### 7. Review and Adjustments

This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure compliance with ADA regulations and to address any changes in course conditions or legal requirements. Members will be notified of any updates or changes.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES DAMAGING TO MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AND THE CLUB**

The Club welcomes constructive and professional comments and suggestions from its members regarding how to address a perceived problem, improve Club operations, or enhance the member-experience at The Amelia River Club. Members should work collaboratively with fellow members and Club employees to resolve disputes and concerns in a courteous and respectful manner.

2. Members are encouraged to provide constructive feedback to the General Manager or other Managers.

## **CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK AND COMPLAINTS**

Members should not threaten, disparage, or reprimand an individual Club employee in any way, including verbally, in writing, through actions or attitudes, or by other means; rather, any concerns, complaints, or performance-related issues should be brought directly to the attention of the General Manager if the General Manager is not available.

## **CLUB EMPLOYEES AND THIRD-PARTY RELATIONSHIPS**

Harassment, sexual or otherwise, of employees of the Club, other members, or other users of the Club is not permitted and will not be tolerated. Sexual harassment includes, without limitation, unwelcome sexual advances, verbal or physical conduct of a sexual or similarly offensive nature, offensive comments, jokes, innuendoes, and other sexually oriented statements, requesting inappropriate activities by a massage therapist, and/or any other conduct, statements, or actions that create a hostile environment.

## **PROHIBITIONS AGAINST HARASSMENT**

1. Each member (on behalf of himself/herself and his or her immediate family members and guests): (1) acknowledges that, as detailed herein, there are risks inherent in the use of the various Club facilities; (2) represents and warrants to the Club that the member and his or her immediate family members and guests obtaining access to the Club facilities are aware of these risks; (3) agrees that the Club shall not be liable or responsible for loss of or damage to property belonging to or injuries of any nature including death to the member, his or her immediate family members, or guests as a result of their use of Club facilities; (4) assumes all risks of property loss or damage, personal injuries and/or death resulting from the use of the Club facilities by the member, his or her immediate family members and/or guests; and (5) releases the Club and each of its members, officers, governors, employees, agents, representatives, and affiliates from any claims or liability related to or arising from any injury, loss, or damage to persons or property of the member and his or her family or guests that arise out of, relate to, or are connected with their use of or presence on Club facilities, whether



caused or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part by the fault of the Club, its members, officers, governors, employees, agents, representatives, and affiliates, to the maximum extent permitted by law.

2. Each member agrees (on behalf of himself/herself and his or her immediate family and/or guests) to defend (through counsel selected by the Club), indemnify, and hold the Club, its members, officers, governors, employees, agents, representatives, and affiliates harmless for, from, and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action, liabilities, judgments, settlements, losses, costs, damages, and/or expenses in law or equity, contract or tort of every kind or nature whatsoever that in any way arise out of, relate to, or are in connection in any way with the use of or presence upon the Club facilities by a member, his or her immediate family members and/or guests, whether caused or alleged to be caused, in whole or in part by their actions or by the fault of the Club, its members, officers, governors, employees, agents, representatives, and affiliates, to the maximum extent permitted by law.

### **Amendments**

These rules and regulations are subject to change at any time by the General Manager. Members will be promptly notified of any such changes.

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Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to these rules and regulations. We look forward to maintaining a positive and respectful environment at The Amelia River Club for all members and guests.