



## **McCall Golf Club**

### *Golf Course Policies and Rules*

#### **I. Core Values**

- a. McCall Golf Club strives to provide the best playing conditions on the golf course for the membership's enjoyment. This is a shared responsibility with the staff of MGC, the membership and guests. Each player is responsible for protecting and preserving the condition of the golf course. Additionally, all golfers assume responsibility of any damages to property or turf as a result of playing the game of golf. This includes, but is not limited to errant balls striking buildings, vehicles or neighboring properties. MGC will not assume any responsibility for damages caused by a player. Further, all members recognize that the game of golf is played at their own risk.
- b. McCall Golf Club prides itself in promoting the game of golf while encouraging appropriate etiquette ensuring an enjoyable visit to the club for all members and guest. Detailed etiquette expectations are contained in this description of club policies and rules and it is expected that all members will adhere to the core principles and values of the club.
- c. The membership year is January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> annually. Membership Dues are due and payable by January 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Dues are paid for the year and are not refundable.

#### **II. Golf Etiquette**

- a. What members and guests can expect during a round of golf at MGC from beginning to end
  - i. Proper golf attire: Members and guests are required to adhere to the club's golf dress code while enjoying the golf facilities. The following is a detailed list of the requirements:
    1. Golf shorts / skorts are permitted provided that they are no higher above the knee than the width of one scorecard (4").
    2. All golf shirts must have a collar or mock collar and be tucked in at all times. TShirts are not permitted at any time on the golf facilities including the practice range, practice putting surface and golf course.
    3. Gym shorts, sweat pants or sweatsuits are not permitted while using the golf facilities including the practice range, practice putting surface and golf course.
    4. All hats with bills will be worn with the bill facing forward.
    5. Denim apparel is not permitted while using the golf facilities including the practice range, practice putting surface and golf course.

**6.** MGC maintains a “soft spike” policy for all golf facilities. Metal penetrating golf spikes on shoes are not permitted.

**ii.** Be familiar with the general rules of golf. It is expected that members and guests will have a general understanding of the rules of the game, yet questions may arise about the technicalities within the rules and our professional staff is able to assist with these questions to resolve the issues. The rules of golf can be viewed by visiting [usga.org](http://usga.org). **iii.**

Maintaining the course:

- 1.** Members and guests are expected to properly care for the course and its conditions while playing the game. Our ground crew prepares the course for play and MGC relies on the commitment of the membership to assist with the maintenance during their round. This includes, but is not limited to: replacing divots, raking bunkers, repair ball marks and repairing teeing grounds.
  - a.** Replacing divots on teeing grounds – All players are expected to replace divots when possible.
  - b.** Replacing divots on fairways – When possible, it is preferred to have “clean divots” replaced in their entirety and tamp down with your shoe. When the divot is not able to be fully filled with the turf, use the soil mix containers provided to fill in the divot and smooth over with your shoe.
  - c.** Raking bunkers – Always access the bunkers at the lowest point possible. After playing your shot, use the rake supplied in each bunker area to smooth over your foot tracks and where you hit your shot. Always place the rake outside of the bunker after you repair the affected areas.
  - d.** Ball marks on greens – It is expected that all members and guests will repair all ball marks on the putting greens before the player leaves the green. Follow the “Fix Three Rule:” Fix your mark and repair two others.
  - e.** Litter on the course – Waste receptacles are positioned throughout the golf course and should be used by all players to dispose of waste. If you encounter any trash on the course not in a receptacle, kindly store it until you see the next receptacle.

**iv.** Courtesies of Golf:

- 1.** Players should not move, talk or stand close to or directly behind the ball or the hole when a player is addressing the ball to make a stroke.
- 2.** In the interest of all, players should play on their turn, without delay, and not loiter between shots. All players should immediately leave the putting green after play of a hole is completed.
- 3.** Players who are not maintaining the appropriate pace of play are expected to invite the group behind them to play through and shall not resume play until that group is well out of range for their next shot. A measurement of whether the pace of play is being maintained is the development of an open space of one hole or more.
- 4.** Searching for golf balls - Under the Rules of Golf, you have three minutes to search for a golf ball. If you don't find it within three minutes after beginning your search, the ball is deemed lost.

5. It is expected that members and guests will not use loud, profane or vulgar language. Additionally, the act of throwing clubs is strictly forbidden. Any violations in your group should be reported to the professional staff at MGC.
6. It is expected that members and guests will treat the MGC Staff with courtesy. Staff abuse will be considered a major infraction and dealt with swiftly.

**III. MGC Local Rules** – The following is a listing of our local rules:

- a. All perimeter fences are boundaries with no relief. All USGA Rules apply.
- b. All flowerbeds are considered ground under repair providing free relief of a drop no nearer the hole.
- c. The fence adjacent to the ball fields is considered a boundary line and no relief is provided. Balls clearing these fences are considered “out of bounds.”
- d. The parking lots are considered “out of bounds.”
- e. #9 Tee Shot in Water? Option to re-tee or proceed to drop area

**IV. Golf Cart Usage**

- a. Personal walking pull carts are permitted at MGC. The MGC Pro Shop has the availability of pull carts and electric automatic carts for rent. When checking in, the member is required to satisfy the financial obligation prior to playing their round.
- b. MGC maintains a fleet of 30 motorized driving golf carts for the member’s usage. These carts are available for rent and the fees for such are posted and revised from time to time. It is expected that the member satisfy this obligation prior to teeing off.
  - i. Carts shall be operated on club property only.
  - ii. Carts must not encroach teeing grounds or putting surfaces within ten yards.
  - iii. Carts are limited to two persons on the cart.
  - iv. All operators of the golf carts must be a minimum of 16 years old with a valid driver license.
  - v. The operator of all rented golf carts is directly responsible for the financial obligations associated with any damages to club property made while renting the cart.
  - vi. MGC is not responsible for any losses of personal items left behind in the cart after rental is completed.

**V. Access to the Golf Course**

- a. The golf course and practice areas will be open or closed at the discretion of the Director of Grounds, Head Golf Professional or the General Manager. Golf course availability and current course conditions can be found on the club’s website, [www.mccallgolf.com](http://www.mccallgolf.com).
- b. All play is to begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee unless directed by the Golf Shop Staff to begin elsewhere.

**c. MGC Members Only Website**

- i. All MGC members will have access to a website offering the ability to access the following:
  - i Tee Time Reservations
  - ii Personal Profile Information
  - iii Member Account Information
  - iv Membership Directory

- ii. Members are prohibited to using any of the published information for solicitations of any kind and access is for membership use only. Members can decide if they want their information to be displayed to other members.
  - iii. Members may access the Members Only website by visiting [www.mccallgolf.com](http://www.mccallgolf.com) and linking to the private website.
  - iv. Tee Times may be made for each member seven days in advance of the desired date and time of play. All tee times are made in ten minute increments.
  - v. “Starter’s Times” will be reserved every two hours from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM in season and be made available only by calling the pro shop to reserve these times as an accommodation for last minute golf availability.
- d. Club Tournaments – The course will have limited availability on days when the club is hosting internal or external golf events. This availability will be announced to the membership well in advance of the scheduled tournament. A listing of all club tournaments can be found on the club’s website, [www.mccallgolf.com](http://www.mccallgolf.com) for your convenience in planning your visits.
- i. Tournament Cancellation Policy – A member will not be charged the entry fee if the member cancels at least two days in advance of the tournament. 50% of the entry fee will be charged to the member if the cancelation is made within 48 hours of the scheduled tournament.
  - ii. Tournament Earnings (Shop Credits) – All credits received from tournament winnings will be credited toward future merchandise purchases in the pro shop. All credits must be redeemed in the same year that they are earned by December 31<sup>st</sup> annually. Any unused shop credits will be forfeited.
- e. Ladies Day – From April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, Wednesdays are observed as Ladies Day and the first tee is reserved for the Ladies Golf participants from 8:00 am to 10:15 am.

## VI. Types of Players

- a. Registration – All player types must register in the pro shop by signing in and satisfying any financial obligation prior to teeing off.
- i. Singles – Single golfers must make it known that it is their intention to play alone at registration. Golfers must start at number one tee and play all holes in consecutive order. The player is limited to playing one ball during the round and practice on the course is not permitted. Single players have no status on the golf course and foursomes are not required, but are encouraged to let the single play through the foursome.
  - ii. Juniors – Children under the age of 12 who are dependents of a member may play unlimited golf or use the driving range with an appropriate fee that can be revised from time to time. These juniors must be accompanied by the member parent or guardian during all visits. Children of members between the ages of 13 and 23 may become a full junior member by becoming a dependent member with full privileges by requesting this through the membership process at MGC. Prevailing fees for this membership will apply and may be revised from time to time. The following restrictions apply to all juniors:
    1. Unescorted junior play is not permitted without the approval of the Pro Shop Staff.

2. Juniors may access the facilities after 10:30 am on weekdays and after Noon on Weekends and Holidays.
3. Juniors, over the age of 18, may access the facilities prior to Noon and holidays by satisfying the prevailing guest rate fee upon registration.
4. Juniors may entertain one guest per visit by satisfying the prevailing guest rate fee upon registration.
5. The parents or guardian are responsible for the conduct of the junior player(s).

iii. Full Members - All full members have full privileges of the golf facilities at MGC including the practice range, golf course, practice putting surfaces and the clubhouse including locker rooms and shower areas. Lockers are available for annual rental upon the satisfaction of an annual rental fee. Keys for lockers will be issued upon rental.

iv. Guests of Members – MGC encourages the membership to entertain guests to enjoy the golf and clubhouse facilities. The following is a listing of guest policies to be adhered to by the member when entertaining guests:

1. All guests must be accompanied by the sponsoring member.
2. All members are responsible for the payment of fees associated with the guest play including guest green fee rates, cart rentals and food and beverage offerings. All guests must register in the pro shop prior to play. Any member who entertains a guest without satisfying the financial obligations is subject to serious consequences including suspension of privileges or expulsion of membership.
3. Access – Guests are limited to a maximum of six days per year to play the golf course for casual golf exclusive of club tournaments regardless of who the sponsoring member is.
  - a. Weekday access – no restrictions
  - b. Weekends and Holidays – 1 Guest prior to 9:30 AM per member

**VII. Food and Beverage** - Members and guests are encouraged to take advantage of the club's dining facilities to satisfy food and beverage needs. Under no circumstances is it permissible for members and guests to bring personal alcoholic beverages to enjoy on the golf course. Specifically, it will be considered a major violation of club policy if a member or guest brings personal alcoholic beverages for consumption on the golf course or in the clubhouse. This is in accordance with the PLCB regulations and laws within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Any infraction of this policy will be dealt with swiftly.

**VIII. Player Assistants** – Commonly referred to as “Rangers” or “Marshalls,” MGC employs support staff to navigate the golf course to ensure that all members and guests are aware of club policies. PA's are authorized to request identification of members and guests and verification of payment of fees. PA's are permitted to temporarily suspend playing privileges, without warning for the following major violations:

- a. Guests who have not registered with the pro shop and satisfied the financial obligation(s) associated with their access.

- b. Falsification of transfer of bag tags or guest passes
- c. Players who do not adhere to the guidance of the PA while instructing club policy
- d. Dress code infractions
- e. Inappropriate behavior or violent / dangerous actions
- f. Any act endangering other members, staff and or guests.
- g. Failure to adhere to any of the club's policies and rules

All members are encouraged to act as "Rangers" during each visit. This support and cooperation only assists the club in its end goal to provide an enjoyable visit for all members and guests.

- h. Examples of Major Infractions of Rules include, but are not limited to:
  - i Publicly displaying lewd or inappropriate behavior
  - ii Driving Golf Carts recklessly
  - iii Stealing
  - iv Physical Fighting / Dangerous Actions

### **MGC Golf Committee**

**IX. Purpose:** The Golf Committee is an Advisory Committee to the Management of McCall Golf Club. The Golf Committee is responsible for the development of policies related to casual play and all club tournaments.

**Makeup:** Maximum of 13 Members and 3 Staff: (1) Chair: Elected Annually by the Golf Committee. (1) Green Chair: Elected Annually by the Golf Committee. (1) Ladies Golf Association President. (1) Handicap Chair: Elected Annually by the Golf Committee. (1) GAP Liaison and Team Captain. Members at Large: Appointed by the Chair with Approval of the General Manager. Staff Related: (1) General Manager (1) Head Golf Professional (1) Golf Course Superintendent

**Qualifications:** Chair: Minimum of (3) years as a Golf Committee Member. Green Chair: Minimum of (3) years as a Golf Committee Member. Members at Large: Minimum of five years continuous membership in good standing.

#### Specific Responsibilities

- Development of policy relative to all golf programs at the club and make recommendations to the Management of the club for their adoption.
- Ensure that play is conducted under the Rules of Golf established by the USGA including oversight of Handicap Maintenance.
- Evaluates club's local rules of golf pertaining to member's responsibilities and makes recommendations for any updates
- Evaluates member satisfaction of all club tournaments
- Actively promote participation in club events.
- Assists the Management in the determination of some disciplinary measures to be taken to offending members.

## Additional Content

- The Golf Committee will be updated periodically on all club operations including Membership, Marketing, Clubhouse and Board of Trustees initiatives. The Committee will provide feedback in all areas representing the membership.

Regular Meetings: The Committee will meet regularly at least once per quarter. At least one meeting annually will be conducted by the Golf Course Superintendent as a “Ride Around” tour of the course and updates on projects. All meetings will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order. Agendas will be delivered in advance of each meeting. Any request to include an agenda item must be presented to the Chair at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

### **McCall Golf Club - Handicap Committee**

#### PURPOSE:

This policy has been developed to meet the requirements established by the USGA for a golf club to be certified to participate in the USGA Handicap System. The USGA requirements are documented in its Handicap Manual. The USGA provides online access to the manual at the USGA website.

Rules of Handicapping ([usga.org](http://usga.org))

#### SCOPE:

The policies outlined herein are applicable to McCall Golf Club Management, The Head Golf Professional and staff. It is also applicable to all golf members and players that want to play in club events and leagues requiring USGA handicaps.

#### DEFINITIONS:

This policy strictly adheres to definitions provided in the USGA policy manual.

#### Participating MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Members that elect to participate in club tournaments and leagues that use USGA handicaps to determine an outcome are expected to post all scores except as noted in the USGA guidelines.
2. Members are responsible for reviewing their play versus posting status; and, participating in the process to correct any discrepancies.
3. Members Participating in the USGA handicap system are responsible for reviewing their status and directing questions, concerns or clarifications to the Handicap Committee in a timely manner. Reminders from the Head Golf Professional, the Handicap Committee or League Directors are not required.

4. Members electing to participate in the USGA handicap system are expected to post scores in a timely manner compliant with USGA rules.

5. Players not adhering to the member responsibilities noted will be notified of non-compliances. Players not correcting noncompliance should expect handicap reductions. Players will be notified prior to any handicap reduction.

For a 9-hole score to be posted, at least 7 holes must be played. For an 18-hole score to be posted, at least 14 holes must be played. If more than 9 but fewer than 14 holes are played, you must post a 9-hole score – which is then combined with another 9-hole score to create an 18-hole score. (Rule 2.2, Rules of Handicapping)

**CLUB Handicap POLICIES:**

1. In accordance with USGA Handicap Manual the McCall Golf Club has established and will maintain a Handicap committee. The Handicap Committee is made up of The Head Golf Professional as well as several golfing members.

2. The McCall Golf Club will provide access to a certified USGA handicap system for those members that want to establish and maintain a USGA handicap. A computer and software associated with USGA handicap system are available in the Pro Shop.

3. Questions related to the policies described herein or handicap requirements may be addressed to Head Golf Professional or members of the handicap committee. Whenever questions arise that require changes to this policy members of the handicap committee shall be notified.

4. Changes to this policy require approval by the handicap committee. All changes require a simple majority for approval and then presented to the Golf Committee for consideration and approval. Voting by handicap committee members may be done by email, text etc. when they cannot be present.

5. McCall Golf Club management will provide access to GHIN reports and Tee Sheet management documents necessary to comply with the peer review requirements outlined in USGA rules.

6. The Head Golf Professional is authorized to make handicap adjustments when necessary.



Net Double Bogey is the maximum hole score under the World Handicap System

Net Double Bogey is the maximum allowable hole score for handicap purposes.

The procedure is typically applied after the round and before a score is posted. However, when the format of play

allows, or when playing a recreational round, you can pick up once you've reached your Net Double Bogey limit.

Net Double Bogey prevents the occasional bad hole from impacting your Handicap Index too severely.

Net Double Bogey =

Double Bogey +/- any handicap strokes received on a hole (minus applies to plus-handicap players)

If you post hole-by-hole scores, the Net Double Bogey adjustment should be applied automatically.

If your Course Handicap is between 19 and 36:

Triple Bogey is your baseline – post up to Triple Bogey +1 on holes with stroke index values less than or equal to

your Course Handicap – 18.

If your Course Handicap is between 37 and 54:

Quadruple Bogey is your baseline – post up to Quadruple Bogey +1 on holes with stroke index values less than or equal to your Course Handicap - 36.

**X. Infractions have consequences:**

- a. All infractions are to be reported to either the Golf Professional Staff, The Director of Grounds or the General Manager. The following process will be followed for all infractions of the MGC Golf Course Policies and Rules.
- b. First Offense – Verbal Warning & documented to the Disciplinary Committee.
- c. Second Offense – Letter from MGC formally informing the member of the infraction and possible suspension of privileges based on the nature of the infraction based solely on the discretion of the Professional Staff.
- d. Third Offense – Member is required to appear before the Disciplinary Committee, Golf Professional, Director of Grounds and the General Manager to discuss the infraction(s) and sanction(s) to be imposed including possibility of suspension or expulsion.
- e. Any MAJOR infraction will be dealt with swiftly and may forego the normal policy outlined above including immediate suspension and / or expulsion from McCall Golf Club.