



## Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club Club Rules

By authority vested by Article 8, Section 5 of the Club Bylaws, the following rules and regulations have been approved by the Board, are established, and will be in effect until further notice.

### Introduction

This is your club. To provide the best possible service by the staff and in order that every member and properly introduced guest shall obtain the greatest enjoyment at the club, certain club rules have been established. If everyone will carefully observe them and always be considerate of others, it will add to the pleasure of all. Your Officers and Directors are assisted in serving you by the Club staff. The staff includes the Clubhouse Manager, Head Golf Professional, Golf Course Superintendent, Executive Chef, and Controller/Business Office Manager.

### MEMBERSHIP LIMITS

Full, Full Senior and Junior membership is limited to 425 members and the total membership is limited to 800 members. When full membership is at the 425 member limit, priority is established with the first priority going to social members and second priority to residents of Signal Mountain. When a member on the waiting list is notified of his or her acceptance the prospect must confirm, in writing, acceptance of the membership within ten days of notification. Otherwise the application and check will be returned and the applicant dropped from the waiting list.

### CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP

A member may change membership class without Board approval by paying the appropriate fee change, if any, and with approval of the Membership Chairman.

### CLUBHOUSE POLICIES

Any expense incurred by damage to the Clubhouse or Club Property (real or otherwise) by a member, their family or their guests will be charged to the Member. Any act of malicious intent or vandalism, including misuse of golf carts, will be punishable up to suspension or immediate cancellation of membership.

- The Club is not responsible for any damage to Member's property.
- The Club will not be responsible for personal articles lost, stolen or missing in the Clubhouse, Bag Storage Areas, or on the grounds.
- Brown Bagging is strictly forbidden.
- Any promotional or beautification donation programs must be approved by the Board of Directors before any action is taken.
- All goods and services provided by the Club must be charged through the use of the member's club account, including the dining room, grill and bar. Members must sign all tickets including those of their guests.
- A 20% gratuity will be added to all food and beverage charges. Additional gratuity may be added at the member's discretion
- Guests must be accompanied at all times by a member. If, due to unavoidable circumstances, a guest will be arriving before the member, the member should call the club with the names of the guests and the expected time of arrival. This will insure that we are able to give the proper service to your guest.

## **BANQUET FACILITIES**

Club members are encouraged to hold their private parties at the Club. Large groups can be accommodated in the ballroom or in the dining room as long as Club Activities are not scheduled or will not be interfered with.

- Club members can apply to the Clubhouse Manager for use of the Clubhouse or Patio for the purpose of holding luncheons, parties, dances, etc. The Clubhouse Manager will quote charges for services rendered.
- The facilities of the Club are exclusively for members and their guests. The use of the Club by outside organizations or non-member individuals must be sponsored by a member, and will be limited so as to not interfere with the comfort and convenience of the majority of the members. All charges must be put on the member's club account.
- Any catering service at any party held in the Clubhouse must be done only with the approval of the Club Manager. No food or beverage may be brought in unless, due to unusual circumstances, it is prearranged with the General Manager.
- A 23% service charge will be added to all banquet food and beverage charges. This gratuity can be increased at the host's discretion.
- A 10% deposit may be required 30 days in advance.

## **RESERVATIONS**

Reservations are recommended in the dining room particularly for Sunday Brunch in order to plan properly for the meal. Reservations are required for all special holiday dinners and special events.

## **CANCELLATION POLICY**

Reservations for special events and holiday parties may be canceled, without charge, up to 48 hours before the event. After that time the member will be charged for the number of reservations held. This includes cancellation of portions of a reservation.

## **DRESS CODE**

### **Clubhouse**

It is expected that all members and their dependents will choose to dress in a fashion befitting the surroundings and atmosphere provided in the setting of the Club. It is also expected that members will advise their guests of the dress requirements.

Gentlemen and ladies are requested to dress in a fashion compatible with the appropriate occasion. Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times when on Club property other than the swimming area.

- Casual attire is appropriate in the downstairs area of the clubhouse and patio. Shirts should have a collar, turtleneck or mock turtleneck.
- Blue jeans without holes or tears are permissible throughout the club.
- Business casual dress is acceptable in the Dining Room, Ball Room, Lounge and upstairs deck. A sport coat is preferred for gentlemen on Friday and Saturday evenings in the Dining Room.
- No cut-offs allowed in the main dining room, Lounge or upstairs deck.
- Dress shorts, in season, are permissible in the Lounge and the upstairs deck.
- Shoes must be worn at all times in the Clubhouse.

## **MINORS**

While we encourage our juniors to come to the Club, dependents 16 years and older are allowed in the bar and bar deck only while accompanied by an adult member. Minors are not allowed in the Men's Grill.

## **CONDUCT**

Members, their families, and their guests will be expected and are required to conduct themselves in a gentlemanly and ladylike manner. Offensive conduct by members or their guests will not be permitted on Club premises.

## **BILLING**

All charges for food and beverage are to be placed on the members' club account or can be paid by members' credit card. Cash, MasterCard or VISA will be accepted in the golf shop for carts, guest fees and merchandise sales.

All charges are due and payable by the 10th of the month in which the statement is mailed. If any portion of a member's account is not paid by the start of the next billing period, the account will be considered delinquent 30 days and a late penalty of 10% with a \$25.00 minimum will be charged on the unpaid balance.

If any portion of a member's account becomes 60 days delinquent, the member's privileges will be suspended until the total balance is paid. Suspended member listing will be posted in the clubhouse.

Any account that is 90 days delinquent shall be turned over to collection.

## **PRIVILEGES**

The golf course is administered primarily for the benefit of club members.

Full, Junior and Senior members and their dependents have the right to unlimited use of the golf course.

1. Social members are limited to one round per month with a maximum of 6 rounds per year. Regular green fees and cart fees apply. A round is considered to consist of 18 holes per membership and applies to the membership only, and not the number of household members. Social members using this privilege are not required to play with a golf member.
2. Social members may play during the week (Tuesday through Friday) at times available by the Pro Shop and which does not interfere with any club scheduled events.
3. Social members may play on weekends only after 2 PM.
4. Social members may not play in any tournaments or events listed on the Club's tournament schedule.
5. Social members are eligible to play as a guest only in member-guest events.
6. Social members may participate in Couples golf. Note that this would count as one round (2 nine-hole rounds).
7. Social members' use of any practice facilities may only occur prior to the above described rounds of golf.
8. Being as social members are not golf members, golf guests are not permitted.

Juniors under the age of 18 may not play unaccompanied on weekends until 4:00 p.m. unless they have a handicap of 10 or less.

Children of members are allowed privileges until the age of 21. As long as the child resides in the member's household and receives more than one-half of his or her support from the member, or is a full time student, they can play until age 26.

Full Retiree members are entitled to full golf privileges Tuesday through Friday only. They may play on weekends and holidays by paying the regular guest fees.

Non-Resident members have limited use of the golf course and Club facilities as outlined in Article 3, Section 3 of the By-Laws.

One ordained minister from any congregation of Signal Mountain will be extended golf privileges upon application and Board approval subject to the following provisions:

1. Each congregation must designate in writing, on church letterhead, the name of the minister to whom this privilege will be extended.
2. This request must be received and approved prior to the use of such privileges.
3. This privilege is extended only to the designated member, not his family or guest, for course play and does not include use of the Club's other facilities or services.
4. The designated person shall adhere to the rules and regulations of the club.

### **GUEST PLAY**

Outside groups may apply to the Club Manager for permission to use the golf course for occasional tournaments or golf outings. Requests will be considered with the objective of keeping Club members' inconvenience to a minimum. Outside groups must pay for a minimum of 52 players to be considered.

The Board of Directors has established a policy that each group must have at least one member per foursome on weekends and holidays. The Golf Professional is permitted to allow a member to bring more than one group when the course is not busy and the groups do not hold up play. In no case shall guests be allowed to play without a member being present and responsible for their behavior, unless approved in advance by the Head Golf Professional.

### **DRESS CODE**

#### **Golf Course**

It is expected that all members and their dependents will chose to dress in a fashion befitting the surroundings and atmosphere provided in the setting of the Club. It is also expected that members will advise their guests of the dress requirements.

Appropriate golf attire is required on the course and all practice areas.

Gentlemen: Slacks, Bermuda shorts and walking shorts are permissible provided they are no higher than 5 inches above the center of the knee. Cut-offs, athletic shorts, tennis shorts, jeans and jogging attire are not permitted.

Shirts must have a collar, turtleneck or mock turtleneck and be worn at all times. Tee shirts, mesh shirts, athletic shorts, swimwear, cut-off shorts and tank tops are not appropriate.

Ladies: Dresses, skirts, slacks, mid-length shorts, blouses and tailored golf tops are considered appropriate attire. Halter-tops, bathing suit tops, short shorts, cut-offs, tennis, swimming and jogging attire are not appropriate.

Appropriate footwear is to be worn at all times. Signal Mountain Golf & Country Club is a soft spike facility.

### **GENERAL RULES**

#### **TEE TIMES**

Tee times are required to insure orderly management of the first tee. Tee times for play during the week may be

made one week in advance. Weekend and holiday tee times may be made on Wednesday prior to the weekend or holiday.

## **REGISTRATION**

All players are required to register with the Golf Shop prior to play whether they have tee times or not.

All play shall begin on the #1 tee unless the Golf Shop grants prior approval.

Members and their dependents are asked to have their member's bag tag displayed at all times. Bag tags are available in the Golf Shop.

## **GOLF GUEST POLICY**

Effective 4/1/2014

Our policy states that a guest may only play once a month during April through October and must play with a member. A guest who lives within a 100 mile radius of Chattanooga is considered a local guest. A member may only have one guest on Saturdays prior to noon.

During the off season, there are no restrictions on the number of times a guest can come with a member.

Events that are available for non-member participation are exempt from this policy.

Guests from outside of the 100 mile radius may play as often as invited.

Family Guests are sons, daughters, mother, father, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, and father-in-law, and receive a discounted guest fee.

## **SOCIAL GUEST POLICY/CREDIT CARD POLICIES**

Effective 4/15/14:

The privilege of using credit cards will continue to be extended to members in good standing in all food and beverage areas. Guests may use credit cards throughout the Club; however, a surcharge will apply in Food & Beverage areas.

## **GROUPS**

Groups of five or more are not allowed on the course without permission from the Golf Professional Staff. If permission is granted and the group loses its position on the golf course, they may be asked to split up until they regain their position.

Singles and twosomes have no standing on the golf course and at busy times may be asked to group into a foursome.

No two players are allowed to play out of one bag.

## **CART RULES**

Rules with regards to keeping carts on paths or 90 degrees set out by the Golf Course Superintendent must be followed at all times.

No more than 2 carts are allowed per foursome. If a player can ride with another player he/she must do so. Carts must remain on paths on all par 3's, around tees and within 30 yards of greens and greenside bunkers.

Cart drivers must have a valid driver's license to operate a cart. Parents, please refrain from allowing children under 16 from driving carts even under adult supervision.

### **DRIVING RANGE**

Full Golf memberships have a quarterly range fee of \$45.00. Range balls are available during range hours in the golf shop. Range balls are for use on the driving range and putting green only; do not take range balls to the course. Range balls are to stay on property of SMGCC and are not to be taken home for use on another day.

The driving range, putting green and golf course are closed on Mondays unless otherwise posted.

Due to the limited distance of the range, please do not hit balls over the net. Violation of this policy could result in suspension of range privileges for 30 days.

Please hit between the markers on the designated tees so that we can provide the best surface possible. Mats are available during inclement weather and during the winter. Please obey signs posted on the range.

Golf carts are not to be driven on the range tee.

### **HOLE IN POLICY**

Traditionally, golf clubs such as SMGCC have hole-in-one insurance to offset some portion of the cost of the customary celebratory round of drinks purchased for those present by the member making the hole-in-one.

Immediately following the individual's round of golf, one round of drinks will be purchased through the hole-in-one insurance policy for the golfers present in the room in which the celebration takes place. In order to fund the Insurance, each golf member will be charged \$1.00 per month.

### **LOCKER ROOM**

Lockers will be rented on a yearly basis at \$100.00 per annum plus tax.

Locker fees will run from January 1 to December 31 each year.

If a locker holder surrenders his locker during the year, a refund will be granted on a pro rata basis.

If an individual rents a locker during the year, he will be charged a pro rata amount of the full year's rental.

### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

Can be found on back of newsletters and the Club's website.

## SWIMMING POOL

### Swimming Pool and Ollie's Hours

Tuesday – Thursday	10:00 a.m.-- 8:00 p.m.
Friday – Saturday	10:00 a.m.-- 9:00 p.m.
Sunday	12:30 p.m.-- 8:00 p.m.
Monday	Closed

### Swimming Pool Guest Policy

- Members must sign in with name and membership number upon entering pool..
- Local guests will be limited to a maximum of three (3) visits per season regardless of hosting member. Guest charges will be applied to the hosting member's account. Parties and Club functions shall not count toward the three-visit limit.
- There will be no charge for non-member babysitters while working for a member. The guest policy will apply for members and their dependents that are babysitting and chose to bring their client(s) the pool.
- Grandchildren of members under the age of 18 are no-charge and may have unlimited visits when accompanied by a member grandparent. Parents are considered guests and will be subject to guest fees and rules.

### Guest Fees

Local Guest - \$7.00 per guest per day.  
Out of Town Guest - \$7.00 per guest per day.  
Out of Town Guest Family Pass - \$20.00 Good for one week  
Member must accompany guests.  
Member is responsible for their guests and must sign in each day.

### Swimming Pool and Baby Pool Rules

1. No one is to be in the pool unless a lifeguard is on duty.
2. All persons should shower before entering the pool.
3. Appropriate swimwear must be worn in the pool at all times.
4. Neither cut-offs or non-hemmed swimwear is allowed in the pool.
5. Cut-offs are permissible at the club only on the pool deck and pool area.
6. All underwear shall be covered by swimwear.
7. T-Shirts may be worn in the pool for protective covering.
8. Club towels are not allowed nor provided in the pool area.
9. Positively no running or rowdy play in the pool area or bathhouse.
10. Those in bathing attire shall confine their activities to the pool area.
11. Glass and sharp objects are not allowed in the pool area.
12. Chewing gum and adhesive tape are not allowed in the pool
13. Children under the age of 12 (**up from age 10**) may not be left unattended at the pool. A parent or a responsible guardian least 16 years (**up from 13 years**) old must be present
14. No outside food or beverage is allowed in the pool area.
15. Local guests are limited to three visits per season.
16. All children that are still in diapers must wear swimmer diapers in the pool.
17. Lifeguards have the authority to expel anyone from the pool.
18. No one over the age of five (5) is permitted in the baby pool.
19. Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children at the baby pool.

### **Disciplinary Procedures for the Children**

**First Violation** – Verbal Warning will be given and the parents will be contacted if necessary by pool management.

**Second Violation** – The child will be banned from the pool for one week and the parents will be contacted.

**Third and Final Violation** – The child will be suspended from the pool for the remainder of the season.

*Pool Management has the discretion to issue a third and final violation if a dangerous situation or serious event occurs.*

***PLEASE HELP KEEP YOUR SWIMMING POOL AND BATHHOUSE CLEAN!***



## **DEMIT POLICY**

Per Policies & Procedures/Rules of SMGCC, as amended by the Board on February 20, 2008

- a. **Request.** The Board of Directors, upon written request, may grant a demit due to illness, death of a spouse or military service, with waiver of all financial obligations for the period of such leave, which shall commence on the first day of the month which the demit was requested, as long as no Club charges took place during that month.
- (1) **Illness.** The illness must be such as to prevent normal use of the Club facilities by the member or if married by either spouse. A medical doctor's evaluation that explains the incapacitation may be required to accompany the request for demit.
  - (2) **Death.** In the event of the death of a married member, the surviving spouse may exercise the option to elect to take a demit, not to exceed 18 months, before making a decision to retain, terminate or convert the membership
  - (3) **Military Service.** If a member is called to active duty with the Armed Forces for a period exceeding sixty (60) days, said member may be exempted from payment of all financial obligations for the terms of such service. If married, the family shall continue to be entitled to the privileges of that particular class of membership.
  - (4) **Other Circumstances.** At the Board's discretion, these requests will be looked at on a case by case basis.
- b. **Obligations.** Before Demit commences, all outstanding obligations must be paid to the Club, including any pro-rated unspent minimum. All financial obligations shall be waived during the period of the Leave.
- c. **Privileges.** During demit the members concerned shall forfeit their rights to use all Club facilities, hold office or vote. The only exceptions shall be attending a member-sponsored/hosted event. Neither shall the member's family have any Club privileges during this period.
- (1) **Full Demit.** During full demit the members concerned shall forfeit their rights to use all Club facilities, hold office or vote. The only exceptions shall be attending a member-sponsored/hosted event. Neither shall the member's family have any Club privileges during this period
  - (2) **Social Demit.** Full golfing members may opt to pay social dues and assessments in order to participate in social and dining events.
- d. **Term.** Demit may be granted three (3) times during the tenure of a membership and shall be for a period of six (6) months but not to exceed eighteen (18) months total, except for reasons associated with military service.
- e. **Vacancy Created.** If a waiting list of nominees exists for the class of membership from which the Demit is being requested, the Board shall treat the leave as creating a vacancy in that class and shall fill that vacancy from the waiting list.
- f. **Reinstatement.** Approximately thirty (30) days before the expiration of Leave of Absence, the member on demit will be called or mailed a letter explaining the membership options shall be mailed. Completion of all required forms is necessary in order to ensure reinstatement.

