

Taberna Country Club Member Handbook

Welcome to Taberna Country Club

We are proud to welcome you to Taberna Country Club, where our mission is to provide a premier golfing and social experience in a setting of natural beauty, exceptional service, and community spirit. As a member, you are both a guest and a steward of our club's traditions and standards.

This handbook outlines key expectations related to **golf course rules, member conduct, dress code** and **guest privileges**, ensuring that all members and guests enjoy their time at Taberna with respect and integrity.

Golf Course Rules

1. Tee Time Reservations

- Tee times must be booked in advance by calling the Pro Shop.
- Cancellations should be made at least 24 hours in advance.
- “No-shows” or frequent last-minute cancellations may result in booking restrictions.

2. Pace of Play

- Players are expected to maintain a pace of **4 hours or less for 18 holes**.
- If your group falls behind, allow faster groups to play through or pick up and advance.
- Be ready to play when it is your turn; limit practice swings and time spent searching for lost balls.

3. Golf Cart Usage

- Golf carts must remain on designated paths around tees and greens.
- Avoid wet or restricted areas as marked by signage or staff.
- Only licensed drivers aged 16 or older may operate a cart.
- 2 players and two bags per cart
- Only 2 carts per foursome (unless pre-approved by management)
- **Handicap flags must park in the designated parking spots. If there is not a designated spot you may park 20 yards behind or to the side of the green**

4. Course Etiquette

- Replace all divots and repair ball marks on greens.
- Rake bunkers thoroughly after use.
- Do not walk on another player's putting line.
- Proper golf attire is required (see Dress Code section).

5. Alcohol & Outside Food

- Alcohol may only be purchased and consumed on premises as permitted by law.
 - Outside food or beverages are not permitted unless approved by management.
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Member Code of Conduct

1. General Expectations

All members are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous and sportsmanlike manner toward:

- Fellow members
- Club staff
- Guests and visitors
- Tournament officials and vendors

2. Member Misconduct Includes (but is not limited to):

- Use of abusive, threatening or profane language
- Intoxication or disorderly behavior
- Disrespect or harassment of staff, officials or other members
- Vandalism or destruction of club property
- Failure to follow staff instructions or club policies
- Repeated violations of tee time, cart or pace of play rules

3. Disciplinary Procedures

The following actions may be taken in response to misconduct:

- **Verbal or written warning**
- **Temporary suspension of playing privileges**
- **Review by Management**
- **Termination of membership** (in severe or repeated cases)

All disciplinary actions are subject to a formal review process by club management. Privacy and fairness will be maintained throughout the process.

4. Guest Responsibility

Members are responsible for the behavior of their guests and may be held accountable for any violations caused by their invitees.

Dress Code Policy

Maintaining a consistent and respectful appearance upholds the traditions of Taberna Country Club. All members and guests are expected to adhere to the following dress code when on club property.

Golf Course & Practice Areas

Men:

- Collared shirts required
- Golf-specific shorts or pants
- No denim, cut-offs, or athletic gym wear
- Hats must be worn forward

Women:

- Golf shirts with sleeves or collars
- Golf skirts, skorts, pants or Bermuda-length shorts
- No halter tops, tank tops or athletic leggings

Clubhouse & Dining Areas

- Golf attire is acceptable in most areas, but it must be clean and presentable.
- Shoes and shirts are required at all times.
- No swimwear, tank tops or excessively revealing clothing.

Members should ensure that their guests are informed of the dress code in advance. The club reserves the right to deny access to those not in compliance.

Guest Policy

We welcome guests to experience the amenities and atmosphere of Taberna Country Club. To ensure a positive experience for all, the following guidelines must be observed:

1. Guest Limits

- Members may host up to **3 guests per round of golf**, unless approved by management for special events or outings.
- There is no limit on dining guests unless otherwise posted for private functions.

2. Guest Fees

- Applicable green fees and cart fees must be paid prior to play.
- Guests may pay directly at time of play.

3. Guest Conduct

- Members are responsible for ensuring guests adhere to all club policies, including:
 - Dress code
 - Course etiquette
 - Pace of play
 - Behavior standards

Any misconduct by a guest will be treated as a reflection of the host member and may result in disciplinary action.

Reporting Concerns

If you witness a violation or wish to report misconduct, please notify the **Club Manager** or **Head Golf Professional** in a timely and respectful manner. Anonymous concerns may be submitted in writing to club leadership, but full reports are encouraged for proper investigation.

Score Posting Policy

At Taberna Country Club, maintaining the integrity of the game includes accurate and timely score posting. All players with a registered handicap index are expected to post scores in accordance with USGA Rules of Handicapping.

1. When to Post

- Every **acceptable round**—whether played at Taberna or another course—must be posted the **same day the round is played**, preferably prior to midnight of the day played.

- Scores should be posted for:
 - 9-hole or 18-hole rounds
 - Rounds with at least **9-holes played on a sloped and rated course and rounds of 10 to 18 holes played. The GHIN application then creates an eighteen-hole differential for the scoring record.**
 - Both home and away rounds (as long as the course is rated)

2. How to Post

- Use one of the following methods:
 - GHIN app
 - GHIN.com
 - Taberna's **Pro Shop computer kiosk**
 - Golf Genius (for tournament rounds posted by staff)

Ensure you choose the **correct tee** and verify the **course rating/slope** before submitting.

3. Adjusted Gross Score (Net Double Bogey)

- If a player does not complete a hole, they should record a **Net Double Bogey** (double bogey plus any handicap strokes allowed on that hole).
- Maximum hole scores for handicap purposes must follow the Net Double Bogey Rule to avoid artificially inflated indexes.
- Posting hole by hole allows for automatic net double bogey adjustment by the GHIN program

4. Tournament Scores

- Scores from **most club-run events** will be posted by the Pro Shop staff and labeled as a "**Competition**" (C) score.
- Players should not duplicate posting for events already handled by staff.
- If a score is posted in error or double posted, contact the Pro Shop Staff or a member of the Handicap Committee for adjustment.

5. Failure to Post

- Repeated failure to post scores, or intentional manipulation of a handicap, is a violation of USGA Handicap rules and Taberna Country Club policies.
- Players who do not post consistently may be:
 - Ineligible for club events
 - Subject to review by the **Handicap Committee**
 - Assigned a **penalty score, a frozen index or have the Handicap Index withdrawn**

6. Questions or Help Posting

- If you're unsure how to post a score properly, please speak to a member of the **Pro Shop staff** or the **Handicap Committee** for assistance.

Reminder

A fair and accurate handicap system is essential to competitive and casual play alike. Your integrity and diligence in posting scores helps ensure that all members enjoy a level playing field.

Member-Owned Golf Cart Policy

1. Registration & Approval

- All member-owned carts must be **registered with the club** before use.
 - Members must provide:
 - Proof of **liability insurance**
 - A completed **registration form**
 - The cart's make, model, and color
 - Only **traditional golf carts** (2–4 seats, electric or gas) are permitted, standard golf course approved tires —no utility vehicles, off-road buggies, or ATVs.
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2. Annual Trail Fee

- Members must pay a **monthly trail fee** for using a personal cart on club grounds.
 - The trail fee contributes to:
 - Path maintenance
 - Cart-related wear on turf
 - Liability coverage.
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3. Approved Cart Colors

- To maintain the club's aesthetic standards, only certain cart colors are permitted:
 - **White, beige/tan, green, black, navy blue, or dark gray**
 - Carts must have a **clean and professional appearance**.
 - Bright, neon or heavily customized designs require **pre-approval** by club management.
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4. Storage & Charging

- Storage spaces may be available on a **limited basis**, for an additional fee.
 - Only registered carts may be stored on-site.
 - Electric carts must use approved **charging areas**.
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5. Usage Rules

- Only **licensed drivers age 16+** may operate carts.
 - Member-owned carts may be used only by:
 - The registered member and their immediate family
 - Guests when accompanied by the member
 - Carts must follow all posted **path rules, traffic flow, and weather-related restrictions**.
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6. Maintenance & Safety

- Members are responsible for keeping their carts in **safe working condition**.
 - Unsafe or poorly maintained carts may be banned from use.
 - All carts must have:
 - Working brakes
 - Good tires
 - Functional lights (if used in low light)
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7. Insurance & Liability

- All member-owned carts must be covered under a **current liability insurance policy**.
 - The club assumes **no responsibility** for damage, theft or accidents involving personal carts.
 - Members assume full liability for their cart's use on club property.
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8. Behavior & Violations

- Unsafe driving, unauthorized use or violation of path rules may result in:
 - Warnings
 - Suspension of cart privileges
 - Fines or penalties
- Members are liable for **any damage caused** to the course or facilities by their cart.

Final Note

Our club thrives when we treat one another with courtesy, follow the rules, and take pride in our shared space. Thank you for helping uphold the traditions and values of Taberna Country Club.

If you have any questions about this handbook or club policies, please contact club management directly.
