

GOLF COURSE RULES

SIGN-IN

All players must sign in using the registration ledger at the Starter's Shack. Players must also submit payment unless they hold an annual pass.

Payment is to be placed in the Honor Box using the provided courtesy envelope. Please complete all requested information on this envelope.

Should a golfer not have the correct dollar amount to pay for his golf, a signed IOU can be placed into the envelope. The IOU must show the dollar amount owed and the full name and lot number of the golfer(s). Payment may also be made using Venmo and the QR code provided next to the Honor Box.

The lot owner is responsible for all guests, family members and renters. There will be a \$50 fine charged to lot owners for the failure of themselves, family members, guests, or renters to sign in and pay required golf fees.

After signing in, players may start golfing on any hole.

Players may stop playing at any time and return to play additional holes on the same day with no additional fees.

RULES OF PLAY

THE MOST IMPORTANT RULE IS TO ALLOW FASTER PLAYERS TO PLAY THROUGH.

Families, beginners, and slow players are encouraged to use the golf course, provided the "play through" rule is followed.

Sharing of golf clubs is allowed. One-club play is allowed.

No child under 12 years of age is allowed to golf without an adult being present. No children are allowed anywhere on the golf course without adult supervision. (These are both safety issues.)

Dogs are allowed on the course under owner control in low use hours. Dogs may not disturb golfers in any manner. Owners are required to clean up after their dogs.

Only golf carts and pull carts are permitted on the course. Any other vehicles will be authorized for clean-up periods only.

Please be courteous. Do not leave litter on the golf course and please take time to replace your divots. Repair ball marks and any other inadvertent damage to the greens from spikes or one-club play.

Please respect the greens and the tee boxes. Do not drive golf carts across Tee boxes and keep 30 feet away from all greens.



LOCAL RULES



Lift, clean and place within 6 inches (aka Winter Rules) is in effect all year.

Golf course boundaries are marked by white stakes and are to be treated as Out of Bounds. Areas marked by red stakes are to be treated as lateral hazards. USGA rules apply.

Unmarked interior areas that are unplayable are treated as lateral hazards, NOT unplayable or lost ball.

Golfers receive a free lift from planted gardens within one club length, no nearer the hole.

For all other situations, USGA rules apply.

PLAY THROUGH ETIQUETTE

When your group reaches a green with an open hole ahead of you and players behind you waiting to hit:

- a. Mark your ball and pick it up
- b. Wave up the group behind you
- c. Step aside

If your group has been invited to play through:

- a. Acknowledge with a wave
- b. Increase your pace of play
- c. Pick up your ball after one putt (Exception: You must putt out during a tournament or match)
- d. Thank the group for letting you play through
- e. Move quickly to the next tee

TOURNAMENTS

No private tournaments will be allowed without prior approval from the HICA board or the Island Manager.

Private golf tournaments will be scheduled and played Monday through Friday. Any tournament scheduled for a Friday will have to be clear of the golf course prior to noon on that day. If a barbecue or program is to follow a Friday tournament it cannot be held on the golf course. The picnic area near the marina is available if needed.

The only exception to this policy as stated above will be the regular HIY&GC tournaments held on Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day weekend. In addition to these are the annual Hat Island Fire Department tournament and any special request approved by the HICA Board and/or the Island Manager as detailed below.

Any person or group may make a special request for a Saturday tournament to the HICA Board or the Island Manager. A special tournament will be allowed to be played on a Saturday if requested and the following criteria are met:

- A written request is received by the Hat Island business office a minimum of 30 days prior to the date requested.
- The written request will specify the sponsor of the tournament, the island property owned by the sponsor, a contact telephone number, the number of people who will be playing in the requested tournament and any additional details or needs requested in reference to the tournament.
- There will be a special fee of \$2.50 in addition to the normal green fees for each player in the tournament.
- The tournament sponsor will provide a count of the number of players to play in the tournament on his written request. All green fees and special fees for all tournament players will be prepaid to the Hat Island office a minimum of 15 days prior to the scheduled event.
- The tournament sponsor is responsible for the completion of the HICA golf course sign in sheet that will list the names of all players.
- If the Hat Island bus is requested to transport players to and from the tournament, arrangements and payment will be made at the time of scheduling.
- Play may be restricted for non-tournament players during an authorized golf tournament.

There will be no special tournaments allowed on Sunday except for the exceptions mentioned above.



Updated for the 2023 season