

FOREST PRESERVES OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY  
**GOLF OPERATIONS GUIDELINES & REGULATIONS**  
REVISED OCTOBER 2020

FOR  
ATWOOD HOMESTEAD GOLF COURSE  
MACKTOWN GOLF COURSE  
LEDGES GOLF COURSE

This Forest Preserves Statement of Guidelines and Regulations is established to assure that no person shall be discriminated against because of his or her political or religious opinions, affiliations, race, sex, color, creed, national origin or physical handicap. It establishes a set of guidelines and regulations that will govern play on the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County golf courses. The following topics will be covered:

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## REGULATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

Any or all violations or exception to these regulations shall constitute a violation of Sec. 7-4-I Golf of the Forest Preserve's General Use Regulations Ordinance and shall be subject to penalties described therein.

Golf Course shall be defined as that portion of the forest preserve property upon which tees, greens, fairways, cart parking areas, cart paths, roughs, and practice areas are provided, and those lands and properties lying between such elements and within the outside out-of-bounds markers provided for perimeter holes.

Public Use Areas of golf facilities shall be considered clubhouse facilities, decks, patios, and pedestrian ways developed to provide access to the golf course.

Golfer shall be defined as an individual possessing a golf bag with a minimum of 5 clubs, one of which must be a putter. Daily fee golfers shall be required to show proof of residency or pay non-resident daily fee charges.

Spectator shall be defined as an individual who accompanies a group not to exceed 4 players. If observed hitting any ball or slowing the course of play, any such spectator may be required to leave the course. Spectators shall be limited to 2 accompanying any foursome.

Caddies shall be allowed on the course only during annual tournaments or, if under 15 years of age and at the discretion of the cashier, the caddy is capable of performing the duties of a caddy.

Person with Disabilities is defined a person who has applied for and received a Person with Disabilities parking placard or license plates in accordance with Ill. Statute 625 ILCS 5/1-159.1.

Public access to golf courses shall be limited to those areas posted "open" for public use by the respective Forest Preserve Golf Course Manager.

The golfing season will be that period of time from the opening, January 1 through December 31, weather and course conditions permitting. Daily fee play may be allowed until conditions warrant closing the course.

A round of golf is 9 holes or 18 holes played consecutively, starting at hole #1 or #10 if authorized by the cashier.

Gift cards will be sold for face value available at the Forest Preserve Office and all three Golf Courses.

Discount golf cards will be sold at a 15% discount rate at the Forest Preserve Office and all three Golf Courses. *Discount cards are not valid for golf passes or merchandise.*

## PREMIER, PLAYER, & STUDENT CARDS

Definition: Premier, Player, & Student cards shall be provided to enable golfers the privilege and convenience of waived daily greens fees on Forest Preserves-owned golf courses. Such cards shall be issued as permits in accordance with the director's authority as designated in section 7-2-C1a and section 7-7-I of the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County General Use Regulation Ordinance. Cards shall be issued in accordance with the annually adopted golf course policy statement and subject to the limitations provided therein.

Player cards shall be sold for the following categories:

Premier – unlimited

Player – limited

Student – limited

ANY CARD shall be revocable by the Director.

1. Premier, Player, and Student card holders are required to show their golf pass at time of registration. Any individual failing to produce a card must pay the appropriate greens fee for each round of golf. This rule will be strictly enforced by Forest Preserves golf staff.
2. The Forest Preserves cashier will scan the bar code and check the validation and photo to make sure it is that of the golfer. If the photo is not that of the golfer or card has not been validated for current year, Forest Preserves cashier will refuse golfing privileges, hold the card and send it to the Forest Preserves office with a written report.
3. Student Card applicants must present a school ID and applicant's birth date at the time of purchase.
4. Any golfer allowing another player to use his/her player card shall lose all pass privileges for a 30-day period for the first offense, permanently on the second offense.
5. Cards will go on sale after the fee schedule has been established for the year. This usually takes place at the end of October. All cards will be sold at the Forest Preserves office. Cards will not be sold at the golf courses.
6. Should a card be lost, a replacement card may be obtained at the Forest Preserves office for a \$10.00 service charge.
7. When a card is revoked due to false information or misuse (see above), fees paid are forfeited to the Forest Preserves. Should a card holder or golf cart registrant have good and valid reason for being unable to finish the season, fees paid may be refunded at the discretion of the Forest Preserve Director for unused portion less a \$10.00 processing fee.

## GOLF FEES AND CHARGES

**On or  
Before Apr.1    After  
Apr. 1**

### Preserve Pass Options

*(Valid January 1 - December 31 of current year)*

#### *\*Capital Improvement Fee*

*(\$60.00 per pass in addition to pass price below at time of purchase)*

• Resident Premier Card	<i>(Valid when courses are open for play, weather permitting, not including playdays and tournaments.)</i>	<b>*750</b>	<b>*775</b>
• Non-Resident Premier Card		<b>*775</b>	<b>*800</b>
• Resident Player Card	<i>(Valid weekdays; after 11:00am on weekends &amp; holidays, not including playdays and tournaments. Eligible for Player Card Privilege.)</i>	<b>*525</b>	<b>*550</b>
• Non-Resident Player Card		<b>*545</b>	<b>*570</b>
• Refer a Friend Discount Program	<i>(Discount for you and a friend, both receive \$100 off pass price if the friend has not had a pass in 2 years. Need not purchase same pass type. Excludes student passes.)</i>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-100</b>
• Resident Student card	<i>(Full-time student through age 24 with student I.D. Valid weekdays; after 11:00am on weekends &amp; holidays, not including playdays and tournaments.)</i>	<b>230</b>	<b>240</b>
• Non-Resident Student card		<b>240</b>	<b>250</b>
• Golf Team Pass	<i>Valid during the golf team's season for practice &amp; competition</i>		<b>80</b>
• Replacement			<b>10</b>

## DAILY GREENSFEES

\*Capital Improvement Fee

(\$2.00 per round in addition to price below at time of purchase)

Daily Greens fee: The charge for playing up through 18 holes of golf on Forest Preserve courses.

• Resident 18-holes	<i>Weekdays</i>	<b>*21</b>
• Non-Resident 18-holes		<b>*23</b>
• Resident 18-holes	<i>Weekends &amp; Holidays</i>	<b>*25</b>
• Non-Resident 18-holes		<b>*27</b>
• Resident 9-hole	<i>Weekdays</i>	<b>*13</b>
• Non-Resident 9-hole		<b>*15</b>
• Resident 9-hole	<i>Weekends &amp; Holidays</i>	<b>*15</b>
• Non-Resident 9-hole		<b>*17</b>
• Student 18-holes	<i>18 through age 24 with student I.D.</i>	<b>15</b>
• Student 9-holes		<b>10</b>
• Jr. Golfer 18-holes	<i>17 years and under (before 5PM weekdays &amp; after 1PM weekends)</i>	<b>10</b>
• Jr. Golfer 9-holes		<b>5</b>
• Player Card Privilege	<i>Discount greens fee on weekends &amp; holidays before 11AM</i>	<b>10</b>

Holidays: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day

## RAINCHECK POLICY

If a player, after playing less than 9 holes, is forced to quit on account of:

- a course being officially closed, or
- in cases of extreme weather conditions deemed drastic by the cashier, a raincheck may be issued upon request on the day fees were paid.

Rainchecks issued to golfers will be credit for greens fee waiver. Credit for golf cart rental shall be established as follows:

- 9-hole golf cart rentals used for less than 4 holes shall receive a 9-hole golf cart raincheck or a \$7.00 credit toward an 18-hole golf cart fee.
- 18-hole golf cart rentals used for less than 4 holes shall receive an 18-hole golf cart raincheck.
- 18-hole golf cart rentals used for less than 10 holes shall receive a 9-hole golf cart raincheck.
- 18-hole golf cart rentals used for 10 or more holes shall receive no golf cart raincheck.
- No cash refunds will be granted to *resident golfers*.
- Should a non-resident request a refund in conjunction with the raincheck policy, the cashier MUST seek prior approval from the clubhouse manager prior to processing a refund.

FOREST PRESERVES CASHIER will stamp back of form, noting date, his/her name, name and address of golfer and amount paid. NO RAINCHECKS WILL BE HONORED WITHOUT THE COMPLETELY FILLED-OUT RAINCHECK FORM. ALL RAINCHECKS EXPIRE AT THE END OF THE YEAR OF ISSUE. **Cashier will accept weekday rainchecks on weekends, but no refund will be made for weekend rainchecks used on weekdays.**

## **WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY STARTING TIME RESERVATIONS**

Reserved starting times will be offered online or when clubhouses open one week (7 days) in advance. In-person reservations will take priority over telephone reservations if they are requested simultaneously. All reservations will be offered on a first-come first-served basis. A maximum of four starting times may be reserved by the same person for any day. Requests of five or more consecutive starting times must be referred to forest preserve headquarters.

There is no fee for reserved starting times.

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Reserved starting times will not be scheduled where an outing, tournament, or special event is scheduled at a given golf course.

There is no fee for reserved starting times.

## **STARTING**

Golfers neither present, nor ready to play at the designated time will drop back to the next available starting time. The Forest Preserves reserves the right to require no less than a full foursome to start when the course is crowded.

If a course is officially closed and/or cart use is restricted due to rain, frost, or inclement weather:

1. The cashier's schedule will be delayed until official opening time for that day.
2. No cash refunds will be made.
3. See raincheck policy.

## **HAND GOLF CARTS**

Hand golf carts may be rented from the cashier for not more than \$3.00 per round.

## GASOLINE GOLF CARTS

(Forest Preserves-owned)

Gasoline golf carts may be rented at any of the three golf courses on a first-come, first-served basis and are not to be reserved for any reason.

### Golf Cart Rental

• 9-hole per person	<u>11</u>
• 18-hole per person	<u>16</u>
• 9-hole Individual Cart	<u>16</u>
• 18-hole Individual Cart	<u>26</u>

*Individual cart request subject to availability*

Such rentals shall be subject to the following rental contract agreement: "The rented golf cart is hereby leased by the Lessor to the Lessee for the number of holes of play on the date and on the golf course indicated. If Lessee retains said property after expiration thereof, such retention shall be construed as a new rental at the same rate of rental and under the same terms and conditions as contained in this agreement. Said property is not to be removed from the golf course and is to be returned promptly to the Lessor after use. Lessee represents that he is familiar with the use and operation of said property. Lessee agrees to keep said property in Lessee's custody and not sublease or re-rent same."

"Lessee agrees to keep said property in the same condition as when received. It is expressly understood and agreed that no right of action whatsoever shall accrue to Lessee for damages of any kind whatsoever, whether to person and/or property, and/or for loss of time and/or other loss or damage arising from the use of, operation of, or in any way connected with the said property or any part thereof, from whatever cause arising. Lessee agrees to hold all parties free and harmless from such damages. Lessee agrees to pay or reimburse Lessor for all charges incidental to all breakages, shortages or damage, other than ordinary wear, to said property during the term hereof."

"The full agreement between Lessor and Lessee is contained herein and time is made of the essence of this agreement. The receipt of above-described property in good order and repair is hereby acknowledged by Lessee."

### RULES FOR RENTAL GOLF CART USE

1. Only drivers 18 years of age and older who have a valid driver's license may rent or operate a golf cart.
2. Golf Course staff at their discretion may refuse golf cart rental due to inclement weather.
3. Motorized golf cart rentals shall be charged based on dual occupancy with no more than two golf carts issued per group. Riders shall be charged per seat and validation of paid receipt may be requested by golf staff personnel at any time. Single rider carts shall only be issued when double occupancy is otherwise not an option. (FPWC cart rentals are designed to be rented & utilized for two golfers together, in order to reduce environmental impact, reduce fuel consumption, and to minimize use hours on carts in order to maximize longevity).
4. No golf carts shall be driven within 30 feet of either a tee or a green nor cross Off Limits areas that are marked with a broad white line. Also, each driver is urged to voluntarily watch for and avoid those areas that are showing signs of wear and to use blacktop golf cart paths whenever possible.
5. At no time shall any golf cart contain more than 2 passengers and 2 bags of clubs.
6. All golf cart drivers are asked to police the course as they play golf and to report any violations to the golf shop, noting the registration or rental number of the golf cart.
7. No golf carts shall be allowed on any forest preserve lands not designated as golf courses or signed to authorize golf cart use. When not in use, golf carts must be parked in designated golf cart storage areas.

## PRIVATE GOLF CART ANNUAL REGISTRATION, USE AND STORAGE

The Forest Preserves will allow the storage and operation of grandfathered private golf carts at all of the golf courses. Provisions of use registration are as follows:

1. Owners shall indicate the course at which the golf cart shall be stored. Owners of registered golf carts need not store them on Forest Preserves courses but must indicate their waiving of storage privileges. Storage will be authorized on a first-come, first-served basis (after re-registration) with the golf cart storage as follows:

Atwood	Golf carts outside, no electric hookups.
Macktown	Golf carts outside, no electric hookups.
Ledges	Golf carts inside, no electric hookups.
Home Storage	Existing registrations only
2. All inside storage shall be designated by numbered locations. Re-registration for the same location will be permitted before Friday, March 30 of the current year . Unauthorized storage may result in revocation of registration and storage privileges.
3. All private golf cart drivers shall, prior to starting, indicate the use of their private golf cart.
  - a. Permitted Forms of Golf Cart Ownership. The Forest Preserves will permit registration of privately owned golf carts having the following forms of ownership:
    - Single Ownership
    - Registration of a golf cart owned by one or more non-resident owner(s) is prohibited.
  - b. Definitions. As used in this Section, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:
    - "Single Ownership" means ownership of a golf cart by one (1) person.
    - "Immediate Family Members" means husband and wife together with their parents, their children, their brothers and sisters living in the same household.
    - "Registered Golf Cart Driver" means a person 18 years old or older, possessing a valid driver's license, who will operate the golf cart during the golf season. Each eligible person so listed will be issued a Forest Preserves Identification Card as a registered golf cart driver.
  - c. Annual Registration and Use Requirements. All private golf carts used on Forest Preserves courses are required to be registered annually with the Forest Preserves prior to their use or storage. When in use, each private golf cart shall be in the immediate possession and control of a registered golf cart driver.
  - d. Authorization - Registered Golf Cart Drivers. At the time of annual registration, the golf cart owner(s) shall furnish the Forest Preserves with a complete list of persons 18 years of age or older possessing a valid driver's license, who will operate the golf cart during the golf season. Each eligible person so listed will be issued a Forest Preserves identification card as a registered cart driver. Eligibility of persons for registration as registered golf cart drivers shall be based upon the following criteria:
    - Single Ownership Carts: all immediate family members of the golf cart owner living in the owner's place of residence.
  - e. Enforcement. Each registered golf cart driver shall carry on his/her person the golf cart driver identification card and at least one additional form of identification when operating a golf cart upon a Forest Preserves golf course. Golf Course Personnel will periodically conduct checks of golf cart drivers for violations of the Forest Preserves rules. The owner's Forest Preserves golf cart registration of any golf cart operated by

an unauthorized driver may, at the discretion of the Forest Preserves Director, be (1) revoked or (2) suspended for a specific period of time as a consequence of such violation. In addition to such revocation or suspension of registration, all golf cart use and storage fees shall be forfeited to the Forest Preserves without possibility of refund. Private golf carts found stored without annual permit stickers will be towed and stored at owner's expense.

4. Owners agree that insurance will be obtained on their golf carts with a minimum coverage of \$50,000 / \$100,000 for Public Liability, and \$5,000 for Property Damage and will direct the insurance company to file a certificate of insurance with the Forest Preserves office stating the limits of coverage. A certificate for current year must be on file in the Forest Preserves office prior to receiving the registration numbers and decals.
5. Owners agree to accept responsibility for the actions of any driver authorized by them to use the golf cart. Only drivers 18 years of age and older who have a valid driver's license may operate a golf cart.
6. Owners understand that the Forest Preserves does not accept responsibility for fire, vandalism, theft, or maintenance of the golf cart while stored or operated on any Forest Preserves course.
7. Owners agree to display a sticker on the left front and right rear of golf carts for proof of registration. These stickers will be supplied by the Forest Preserves. Previous year's sticker must be removed.
8. Owners certify that the Rules for Privately Owned Golf Carts have been read, understood, and will be abided by, and will make sure that eligible operators in their families are aware of the rules.
9. Owners understand it is their responsibility to remove their golf carts from the golf course should they become inoperative. Whenever a private golf cart becomes undrivable on the golf course, Forest Preserves maintenance personnel will remove the golf cart to the clubhouse or maintenance shop area. In doing so, the Forest Preserves will not be responsible for any damages which may result. Golf cart owners and registered drivers must check with the cashier and the golf course superintendent before taking any equipment out on the course.
10. Registered golf carts may be left in appropriate outside parking areas after March 15 of the current year. Registered golf carts may be left in indoor parking areas after March 15 of the current year. Owners further agree to remove golf carts from the premises by November 3 of the current year, or when notified by the Forest Preserves. Private golf cart trailers may not be left on forest preserve property over eight hours without written permission of the Director.
11. Should a registered golf cart be sold, the registration may be applied to a new golf cart upon application to the Forest Preserves and payment of a \$10.00 fee. Remnants of the stickers must be returned.
12. If a private golf cart is designed to carry more than two people, a third person must be a spectator only.
13. Owners understand that a violation of any of the above provisions will be cause for revocation of this registration.



**RATES FOR REGISTRATION, STORAGE, AND USE  
OF PRIVATE GOLF CARTS ON FOREST PRESERVES COURSES**

**Golf Cart Registration**

*(Only Grandfathered Private Carts - No New Registration)*

• Single Ownership		<b>650</b>
• Outside Storage Fee	<i>In addition to ownership fee</i>	<b>200</b>
• Inside Storage Fee		<b>290</b>
• Replacement of golf cart stickers		<b>10</b>

(Forest Preserves golf carts receive priority use for playdays on each series of rounds.)

**RULES FOR PRIVATELY OWNED GOLF CARTS  
REGISTERED ANNUALLY**

1. All golf carts must be registered with the Forest Preserves office. Registration to include the following:
  - a. Name of owner and registered drivers, including driver license numbers.
  - b. Proof of registration (sticker on left front & right rear of golf cart).
  - c. Proof of liability insurance, showing limits of coverage.
  - d. Golf cart ownerships will be limited to single ownership as defined in the Private Golf Cart Regulations.
2. Golf carts will be kept in mechanically sound condition or banned from the course until they are in a mechanically sound condition, including muffler. All covers must be in good condition or replacement by Forest Preserves personnel will be enforced.
3. At the time of registration each golf cart to be stored inside or golf carts requiring electric hookup will be assigned a stall number. This will be the assigned stall for the entire golfing season.
4. Any servicing of golf carts must be accomplished in outside golf cart parking area or in automobile parking lot. Gasoline or oil containers that are labeled with the owner's name and are properly sealed may be stored in the outside golf cart area. Gasoline or oil containers are NEVER to be stored or used inside Forest Preserves storage buildings.
5. No golf carts shall be driven within 30 feet of either a tee or a green nor cross Off Limits areas that are marked with a broad white line. Also, each driver is urged to voluntarily watch for and avoid those areas that are showing signs of wear and to use blacktop golf cart paths whenever possible.
6. Golf cart specifications:
  - a. Tire width - minimum 6" ...Turf Tire.
  - b. Must be 3 or 4-wheel design capable of hauling two people and 2 golf bags.
  - c. Minimum horsepower - 5. Maximum horsepower - 18.
  - d. Must be originally manufactured as a golf cart.
7. If the golf carts will cause damage to the grounds due to unfavorable weather conditions, they will be banned from a course until such time as these conditions no longer exist. A sign to the effect will be posted.
8. At no time shall any golf cart contain more than 2 passengers and 2 bags of clubs.

9. All golf cart owners are asked to police the course as they play golf and to report any violations to golf shop personnel.
10. No golf carts shall be allowed on any forest preserve lands not designated as golf courses or signed to authorize golf cart use. When not in use, golf carts to be stored at course must be parked in designated golf cart storage areas.
11. The Director may revoke or suspend, without refund, any cart registration if rules are violated.
12. Private golf carts being driven by a golfer with disabilities must be marked and may have barrier restrictions waived.

**SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULING PROCEDURE**  
**Consecutive Starts / Shotgun Starts / League Play**

All special events must be scheduled through forest preserves headquarters. All requests must be received in the Forest Preserves office no less than 14 days in advance of the event. Each request must be submitted with the corresponding Forest Preserves Golf Course Event Registration form(s). The Forest Preserves will review each application and respond in writing. It should be noted that until a written notice of approval is received from the Forest Preserves office, the event is not scheduled. Advance publicity on any event must be held up until final written approval is obtained.

The forest preserves shall have sole discretion on the scheduling of any and all tournaments, consecutive starts, shotgun starts or league play.

A minimum of 18 holes shall remain open for public play at all times (weather and course conditions permitting).

All special events will be added to the GolfTrac Tee Sheet as well as Outlook Calendars.

All Forest Preserves carts must be rented before additional carts from a commercial fleet can be brought onto the course.

**Special Event Fees**

• Tournament Greens Fee		<b>20</b>
• Outing/Playday	<i>Shotgun start with golf cart rental</i>	<b>35</b>
• Consecutive Start	<i>Greens Fee</i>	<b>25</b>
• High School & Junior Golf Series	<i>9 Holes Greens Fee</i>	<b>5</b>
	<i>18 Holes Greens Fee</i>	<b>10</b>
• Golf Cart Rental	<i>Per Seat Charge</i>	<b>16</b>

NOTE: All prices listed above are subject to change. Final pricing will be included in event approval letter.

Following any special event, starting times will be available to the public.

## PRACTICE RANGE

	<b>On or Before <u>Apr.1</u></b>	<b>After <u>Apr. 1</u></b>
<b><u>Practice Range Fees</u></b>		
• Resident Practice Range Pass	<b>175</b>	<b>200</b>
• Non-Resident Practice Range Pass	<b>200</b>	<b>225</b>
• Practice Range (per 1 bucket)		<b>5</b>

Practice ranges are available at both \*Ledges Golf Course & Atwood Homestead Golf Course

### Practice Range Hours of Operation:

- Open approximately 15mins prior to the first available starting time.
- Closes approximately ½hr prior to official sunset.

### General Practice Range Rules and Regulations:

- All visitors are required to check-in at the golf shop prior to accessing the practice range
- All practice balls must be purchased in the golf shop
- Shag-bagging is strictly prohibited
- Practice sessions are to remain in the designated areas as marked by (boards, ropes or bays)
- \*Ledges practice range shall be restricted to irons only. Use of drivers & fairway woods is strictly prohibited.
- Visitors are responsible for any damages and/or injuries that may occur while utilizing the practice range

## COMPETITIVE TOURNAMENTS

The Forest Preserves defines a weekend competitive tournament as any event open to the general public. Example: Seth B. Atwood Tournament, Winnebago County Amateur Tournament, or Ledges Invitational Tournament. During weekend tournaments the golf course will be closed to the public only for that period of time required to conduct the tournament.

The Forest Preserves of Winnebago County Board of Commissioners has established the 2018 weekend competitive tournament fee at **\$15.00** per round. All participants will be required to pay all correlating registration fees prior to participation. Sponsors of weekend competitive tournaments shall receive instructions and policy information from the Forest Preserves Director once the tournament is approved and scheduled.

The 2018 tournaments are scheduled as follows:

<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>MONTH</u></b>
Seth B. Atwood Crosstown Classic	Ledges & Atwood	First full Saturday and Sunday in June
Winnebago County Amateur	Macktown	Second full Saturday and Sunday in July
Winnebago County Sr. AM	Macktown	Second full Thursday and Friday in September

## **SCHOOL TEAM PLAY**

School golf team tournaments, practice, and matches must be supervised by a school golf coach. Accompanying coaches who wish to play will pay the normal greens fee or use a pass. Match play shall be scheduled with the forest preserves headquarters prior to the season. Spectators will be allowed. Use of spectator carts shall be authorized by the host school. Should spectator carts be authorized, a cart charge of \$20 will be issued. Cart rentals will be on a first come, first served basis.

High School Match Play - Limited to 18 players per school, depending on the number allowed by the competing school. All members of the home team will be required to present a team pass, student pass or pay junior fees. When scheduled IHSA matches are held on Forest Preserves courses, the visiting teams may have the greens fees waived based on a reciprocating agreement with the visiting school's home course.

High School Rotating Tournaments - Limited to 12 players per school, men and women. When a high school team who utilizes a forest preserve course as its home course becomes host for an annual rotating tournament, such tournament may be scheduled in the fall. Reciprocating agreements will be honored for visiting teams, and Forest Preserves passes may be used on weekdays. The resident junior greens fee will be charged for weekend play.

Other IHSA Tournaments - May be scheduled on a weekday. Participants will be charged the resident junior greens fee.

College Tournaments - When a college team located in Winnebago County becomes host for an annual rotating tournament, such tournament may be scheduled during April on a weekday. Tournament rate will be the resident junior weekday greens fee.

## **CONCESSIONS**

**Supplying or distribution of any food or beverage for scheduled events shall only be from the Clubhouse food service operation unless otherwise approved by the clubhouse manager.**

## **PROPER ATTIRE**

1. All golfers shall wear shirts at all times.
2. Metal spike shoes will be prohibited.

## **SMOKING**

Smoking will be prohibited in all Forest Preserves clubhouses.

## ALCOHOL USE

Alcoholic beverages may be consumed in the clubhouse or on the golf course only when dispensed by the food concessionaire or in connection with a large shotgun start playday. This usage is a privilege such that any golfer appearing intoxicated may have golfing privileges immediately revoked by any official Forest Preserves representative. Distribution by organizations for special events shall be from no more than two Forest Preserves-designated distribution points and dispensed in cups only. Violation of this regulation will result in denial of future special events scheduling.

In providing alcohol at a shotgun start event, organizations shall abide by all Federal, State and local regulations. Additionally, Dram Shop Insurance will be required when the Forest Preserves knowingly allows the sale and delivery of alcoholic beverages on Forest Preserves property. Compliance with Chapter 235 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, 1992 (Liquor) has to be achieved by the Forest Preserves in order to prevent judgments being taken against the Forest Preserves and indirectly the taxpayers therein. The Forest Preserves therefore requires any permittee of the Forest Preserves to be familiar with and comply with these Statutes.

1. Any person, association, entity or organization sponsoring an activity on Forest Preserves property where the use of alcoholic beverages is contemplated must so indicate on the application for reservation form.
2. If alcoholic beverages are provided for and/or consumed by guests of the applicant, applicant shall guarantee compliance with all Illinois Compiled Statutes. Dram Shop Insurance is required whenever liquor is to be consumed on Forest Preserves property. However, if participants are charged a fee for the event, Dram Shop Insurance is mandatory and a copy of the Certification of Insurance must be supplied on or before 30 days prior to the event or all fees shall be forfeited.

## HOURS OF OPERATION

The golf course and clubhouses will be open for public play registration as follows:

	Weekdays	Weekends & Holidays
Opening Day – Memorial Day	8:30am – Sunset	8:00am – Sunset
Memorial Day – Labor Day	6:30am – Sunset	6:00am – Sunset
Labor Day – Closing Day	8:30am – Sunset	8:00am – Sunset

NOTE: All starting times are subject to change based on weather and course conditions.

Food and beverage sales will close in conjunction with the golf shop unless demand is present. The only exception to these operating hours is when the course is closed due to weather and course conditions.

## WAIVING OF GOLF COURSE FEES

1. Any golf professional following the Code of Ethics of the PGA may submit his/her credentials for player privileges.
2. Any Class A member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association showing proper credentials and following proper procedures may request playing privileges.
3. Any resident carrying a current, active US Armed Forces ID (“active duty only” – does not include Reserves or National Guard) will have greens fees waived. Use of a golf cart shall be charged at regular rate.
4. Guests specifically recommended by the Forest Preserves Director on specific dates and courses may have greens fees waived.
5. Forest Preserves employees:
  - a. Full-time, part-time and seasonal Forest Preserves employees, golf course cashiers, golf course outside attendants and Sheriff's Department personnel assigned to the Forest Preserves with proper identification may exercise the privilege of golfing at any of the courses without paying greens fees. This policy does not include guests of employees, or any County employees.
  - b. All qualifying employees are required to register in the golf shop prior to play. The cashier must verify the employees ID card and check-in the employee utilizing the GolfTrac system.
  - c. Employees may use the Forest Preserves-owned golf carts only when the cashier determines that there are enough golf carts available to facilitate the public needs first. Cashier's decision on this matter is final.
  - d. Employees must sign for golf carts when they register to golf.
  - e. All employees utilizing a golf cart are responsible for ensuring that his/her passenger has registered for, and paid for, their use of the golf cart. Failure to do so will result in suspension of golf cart privileges.

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