



## Old Chatham Golf Club Culture and Policies Review

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Since its founding, Old Chatham has emphasized a culture of respect: for the game, for each other and for our facilities. We desire to have a minimum of formal rules, relying instead on this culture. At the same time, members in good faith can have different expectations. To avoid misunderstanding, the following document has been prepared. As an overview we should each strive to avoid discomfort to our fellow members.

### Core Values

Old Chatham is guided by an enduring set of values which defines our relationships with members, staff and the golf community. These core values are the key to our success as a club. In short, we believe that how we do things is as important as what we do.

### Camaraderie

Our members should build enduring relationships with fellow members.

### Accountability

As members of the Club, we will act like owners. On a daily and continuous basis, each member will work to improve our club and its facilities. Members are responsible for the conduct of their family members and guests.

### Respect

We will treat fellow members, guests and staff as we expect to be treated. We will support amateur golf and honor the history of this great game.

### Excellence

We will be a Club of values, with limited rules to support these values. We will seek excellence by welcoming as members those who share our values.



- Throughout all areas of the Club's premises, men are in proper attire when wearing slacks or full-length walking shorts and a collared golf shirt or sport shirt. Men's shirt tails shall be tucked in. Sandals/flip flops are not considered appropriate. Hats shall be worn bill forward. Men and boys shall remove hats when inside the clubhouse.
- Ladies are considered properly dressed when wearing sport shirts or blouses, slacks or walking shorts or skirts. Short shorts, short skirts, cargo shorts, exercise clothing, cutoffs, or jeans are not considered appropriate for men or women. Please change shoes and clothing in the locker rooms. Metal spikes are prohibited.
- These restrictions will not apply to very short (under 5 minute) visits. Members are requested to minimize their visibility to the greatest degree possible.
- Before 3 pm, parking in the front circle is reserved for guests dining, senior members needing access and brief visits
- Enter main parking lot from front circle, not through exit
- Smoking is prohibited inside the Clubhouse. Smoking on the patio should be done away from any non-smokers.
- Use of audible electronic devices (including video) is restricted to the library, inside the clubhouse (including patios) and discouraged in practice areas. Audible music is prohibited in practice areas and permitted on the golf course only if a) acceptable to all members of the group and b) not audible to anyone else.
- Hours of Operation
  - Drinks will cease being served at 8:30 pm
  - Food service concludes at 4 pm
  - Light snack service from 4 to 7 pm
- Tipping of any staff, including caddies, is not permitted.
- Animals / Pets other than service animals are not permitted on property (Clubhouse, Golf Course, Practice Areas)
- Locker Room
  - Children under the age of 16 shall not enter the locker room unattended, except to use the bathroom portion of that space.
  - Gambling discussions or visible displays of cash (larger than incidental) are prohibited.
- Outside food and drink is not permitted. Only Club coolers are permitted on the course.



- When booking the cottage more than 2 weeks in advance, the entire cottage must be reserved
- Members may book the cottage no more than 1 year from the desired date
- A two-night minimum stay is required on Fridays and Saturdays when reserved 30 or more days in advance
- Only one tee time is allocated per cottage reservation
- The four-bedroom guest cottage has a king-sized bed in each bedroom and accommodates up to 8 for overnight stays
- Cancellation Policy
  - Within 14 days – 50% room charge
  - Within 7 days – 1 full room charge
- During certain tournaments, cottage reservations are subjected to specific requirements set forth by the Facilities and House Committee. The tournaments listed below require a 2 night minimum stay. Members interested in the cottage should contact the club within 60 days of the tournament to get put into the lottery.
  - Hogan
  - Rizzo
- Any damage to the cottage during a stay is the responsibility of the member



### Bag Drop / Practice Area

- Please utilize the bag drop area upon arrival and upon departure. OC staff will unload and reload golf bags. *This includes range only visits.*
- Practice proper divot patterns when hitting from grass.
- When main practice tee is mats only, hitting from grass is prohibited even with tees
- Children shall cede range space to adults if the range is full.
- Practice balls should not be removed from practice areas and never used on the course
- Rake practice bunkers after use

### Course

- All players must observe the etiquette of golf.
- Cigar and cigarette butts, wrappers and other litter, etc. should be disposed of in receptacles on the course or in the clubhouse.
- Please rake bunkers upon exiting. Ask the professional staff as to how to properly rake a bunker.
- Upon exiting the bunker please ensure the sand is knocked off your shoes and not tracked onto the putting green areas.
- Enter and exit from the low side of the bunker
- Please fill all divots on tee boxes and fairways with sand mix. Do not replace divots.
- Please pick up your and others tees and tee litter on or around tee boxes
- Please repair your and others ball marks
- Keep carts 40 yards from greens
- Do not walk tempo walkers or pull carts across greens.
- Golf carts should remain on cart paths around all tees, greens and on all par-3 holes

### Play

- Pace of play: A standard round of golf should be played in no more than 4 hours (4:15 carts on path)
- Golfers may walk any time the course is open for play. The use of a golf cart is not required.
- Members may be required to play as foursomes during busy periods, especially weekend mornings
- Singles or twosomes must give way to a match of any kind and are not entitled to pass through unless invited to do so.

- If any match fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than one clear hole on the players in front, it must allow the following match to go through, unless said match is a single or twosome.
- Only Primary members are eligible to play in competitive events- (Hogan, Rizzo, Chatham Cup, Club Champ, Fall Member-Member) other events (i.e., one day M-G, anniversary tournaments, etc.) are considered camaraderie events and are open to Primary members and spouses subject to space availability at the Club's discretion.
- Groups larger than a foursome are permitted only with the approval of the Golf Professional or his delegate and must separate upon holding up other foursomes.
- All play must cease when lightning is present. The presence of lightning will be indicated by a long solid tone from our Electrical Storm Identification Device. For your protection proper shelter should be sought. Play may resume only with the approval of Pro Shop after the "all clear" tone.
- To play in any Club net events, members must maintain a USGA handicap with Old Chatham. All scores eligible for posting (other than rounds declared as practice) shall be reported to the Golf Shop upon the completion of play and kept in accordance with then-current USGA rules. Questions should be directed to Golf Shop.
- The Board reserves the right to adjust any handicap index as it may deem necessary either directly or through its designee
- *All TBD tee times in ForeTees Friday after 12 and weekends and holidays before 12 will be opened up 48 hours prior*

### Family Play

- Spouses and approved Significant Others, unmarried children and grandchildren a) under the age of 23, b) full time students or c) living with the Primary member and financially dependent may play at any time with the Primary member without a guest fee.
- Father/Father-in-Law, Mother/Mother-in-Law, Son/Son-in-Law, Daughter/Daughter-in-Law, Grandparents and adult Grandchildren are considered Family Guests, entitled to the Family Guest rate. Any other extended relatives are considered Accompanied Guests.
- All children 15 years of age and under must be accompanied by a member on the course and the practice facilities. All children must be golf ready and know the proper etiquette of golf. Children without a valid driver's license are not permitted to drive a golf cart.
- Members' children are allowed to play golf and use the Club's practice facilities unaccompanied by Club members in accordance with the following Club rules and regulations. Children of members who are sixteen years of age and not older than twenty-two and are on a high school or college golf team are permitted to play and use the Club's practice facilities. Children who qualify under these rules must arrange to practice or play by calling the golf professional staff in advance of arriving at the Club.

The Club and the Golf Professional have the discretion to deny privileges on any given day if course use or conditions are such that children's play may inconvenience members. Times of play will be limited to any time Tuesday - Friday, and Saturday & Sunday after 12:00 PM. Privileges will not include having guests.



### Guest Policies & Restrictions

- Members shall be responsible for the behavior of their guests and any indebtedness incurred. The Board of Directors may suspend the right of members to introduce guests.
- Guests playing with a member may use the practice facilities prior to the member being on the property.
- Old Chatham members may sponsor unaccompanied guests at the Club. Unaccompanied guests will be permitted to play Tuesday - Friday and will be limited to 2 groups per day. Members must personally know the guests they introduce to play golf. The Golf Professional may allow more than two groups during the week and on weekend days when the course is not busy and when it will not inconvenience regular member play.
- Only one guest is permitted in a time prior to 12 pm on weekends and holidays, including holiday Mondays. After 12:00 p.m., a member may host a maximum of three (3) guests. This includes Family Guests.
- A member may introduce up to seven (7) guests Tuesday through *Thursday* and with the approval of the Director of Golf or his designee, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays. With the approval of the Director of Golf or his designee, member may have more than 7 guests. All guests after the third guest will be charged the Unaccompanied Guest fee. The foursomes must tee off consecutively.
- A guest may only have four (4) visits per year. Participation in a member-guest (one-day or two- day), including one practice round, will count as one guest round.
- Guests may play only one unaccompanied round per year and unaccompanied play will count towards a guest's allowed four rounds per year.
- An unaccompanied guest will be allowed to play one continuous round of 18 holes and will have use of the practice facilities prior to teeing off.



### Caddies

- Caddies are available on a first come, first served basis and must be arranged in advance
- Any group that has more than one non-member *two non-Family guests* is required to be accompanied by a forecaddie or walking caddie
- Unaccompanied groups are required to take a caddie or forecaddie





## Membership Policies

**Hardship Leave of Absence Policy-** Hardship Leave is available for a member in good standing who is unable to utilize the club due to extreme circumstances, usually relating to a permanent debilitating injury or terminal illness. The Club President will have sole discretion in approving any request, its initial term will be 6 months subject to extension after review by the Club President. All golf privileges are suspended during this time. Members on Hardship Leave retain social privileges at Old Chatham. Dues and assessments will be determined by the Club President.

**Significant Other Policy-** A member in good standing can apply for Significant Other classification for a cohabiting partner who is not their legal spouse. The Club President will have sole discretion in approving any request. This classification will be reviewed annually. Upon approval, the Significant Other would enjoy the same privileges as a spouse who is not a Spousal Member.

**Reinstatement of Membership-** Resigned members have no right to reinstatement, normal membership processes then in effect shall apply. 100% of initiation fees previously paid to the Club as well as any refundable amounts owed to such member may be applied to the current fee. Founding Members may also apply any initiation fees, not otherwise refundable. Any Legacy Membership transfer privileges shall be forfeited upon the application of any amount of refundable initiation fees.

**Resignation-** A member may resign upon giving 90 days prior written notice, and the resignation becomes effective at the end of the month following this 90-day period. A resigning member may not participate in tournaments during the 90-day period. At the end of this period, all membership privileges shall be suspended and the obligation to pay dues shall cease.



### Administrative

- 18% interest charged on overdue accounts
- Club charges may be paid via credit card with Club's credit card fees paid by member
- Accompanied and Unaccompanied Guest charges other than merchandise will be billed to the member.