



# *The Philadelphia Cricket Club*

2019

## Golf at a Glance



Philadelphia Cricket Club – Wissahickon (1922), Militia Hill (2002) & St. Martins (1895)



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**Director of Golf**  
Jim Smith, Jr.

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**Championships**  
*US Open*  
1907, 1910

**Constellation Senior  
Players Championship**  
2016

**PGA Professional  
National Championship**  
2015

**Philadelphia Open**  
1903, 1907, 1910, 1933,  
1939, 1960, 1962, 2013

**Philadelphia Amateur**  
1900, 1904, 1911, 1940,  
1946, 1956, 1963, 1971,  
1976, 2004, 2017

**Philadelphia Mid-Am**  
1990, 2003, 2010

**Pennsylvania Open**  
1931, 1969, 1983, 1998

**Pennsylvania Amateur**  
1913, 1950, 1954, 1958,  
1960, 1973, 2017

**Philadelphia Women's  
Championship**  
1887, 1900, 1905, 1910,  
1915, 1919, 1932, 1974,  
1997

**Pennsylvania Women's  
Championship**  
1985, 2001

**Philadelphia PGA  
Championship**  
2010

**Men's 2013 &  
Championship**  
2013

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Founded in 1854, The Philadelphia Cricket Club is one of the oldest clubs in the country devoted to the playing of games. As the name indicates, the Club was formed by a group of young men of English descent who had played the game while students at the University of Pennsylvania. With the wish to continue to play together after their graduation, they formed the Club under the leadership of William Roach Wister. While playing cricket on any grounds available for the first 30 years of the club's existence, in 1883, the Club "came home" to Chestnut Hill through the generosity of a benefactor, Henry H. Houston. Houston arranged for them to settle down at the Club's present location on West Willow Grove Avenue in the St. Martins section of Chestnut Hill.

When the Golf Association of Philadelphia was organized in 1897, the Club was one of four founding members with Merion, Philadelphia Country Club and Aronimink. The original nine-hole course was built in 1895 by famed architect Willie Tucker (*St. Andrew's Golf Club, Sand Point Country Club & Argyle Country Club*) and was quickly replaced by a new eighteen-hole course in 1897. The old eighteen-hole course, known as St. Martins and now playing as a pleasant nine-hole layout, hosted the United States Open Championships in 1907 and 1910. The 1907 winner was Alec Ross, brother of famed architect Donald Ross, who chalked up a remarkable score of 302 for 72 holes. It was also during this championship that the first hole-in-one in U.S. Open competition was achieved by Jack Hobens. The 1910 Open victory went to Alex Smith, who shot 71 on the final day. Also entered that year was the Cricket Club's own professional, Scottish-born Willie Anderson, one of four golfers who have won the U.S. Open four times. Anderson remains the only person to win the open in three consecutive years. Because the Club did not own the grounds on which the St. Martins golf course was built, a large tract of land was purchased in 1920. It was A.W. Tillinghast (*Bethpage - Black, Baltusrol, Newport, San Francisco & Winged Foot*) who recommended the Flourtown site and who designed the new course, which opened in 1922.

In 1999, the Board of Governors made a decision to begin the development of a third golf course located on land acquired in the original purchase of the Flourtown property nearly eighty years before. After submissions by several top designers, the Club selected Michael Hurdzan and Dana Fry, who had already designed a number of highly rated courses throughout the United States and Canada (*Erin Hills, Calusa Pines, Hamilton Farm, Naples National*). The Club named the new course 'Militia Hill' in honor of the adjacent Militia Hill section of Fort Washington State Park, which had been occupied during the American Revolution by the Pennsylvania Militia just before moving on to their legendary winter encampment at Valley Forge.

The name chosen for the "old" course at Flourtown was "Wissahickon", in reference to the Wissahickon Creek, which runs near one side of the property. In addition, the Club dedicated the Militia Hill course to the memory of Willie Anderson and the Wissahickon course to the memory of A.W. Tillinghast. Both the Wissahickon and Militia Hill golf courses have been recognized for their outstanding layouts and course conditions over the years (Wissahickon has been named a top-100 classic course multiple times & Militia Hill a top-25 golf course in Pennsylvania).

The Philadelphia Cricket Club is a place where an uncompromising commitment exists to provide our members and guests with friendly, attentive, personalized, and memorable service. It is our goal to fulfill the expressed and unexpressed needs and wishes of our members and guests by empowering our staff to initiate innovative service, product, and process standards that demonstrates genuine care and pride in protecting and enhancing the traditions and assets of The Philadelphia Cricket Club.



# *THE PHILADELPHIA CRICKET CLUB*



Historical. Classic. Distinguished.



Philadelphia is one of the great golf centers in the United States and at its heart is the [Philadelphia Cricket Club](#), the only club in the United States with a different golf course constructed in each of the last three centuries.

Read more about the club's history [here](#).

# WISSAHICKON

In 1920, the Club commissioned one of its members, the renowned A.W. Tillinghast, to create a golf course in Flourtown. Now known as Wissahickon, this Tillinghast course shows the work of a design genius at the height of his abilities. The course opened for play in 1922. In 2013-2014, the course underwent a complete [restoration](#). Playing Wissahickon as Tillinghast envisioned it is sure to provide a world class experience. [Cyber Golf](#) provides an excellent glimpse into playing this new “king” of a golf course. [Golf.com](#) ranked The Philadelphia Cricket Club as the 2014 Best Restoration of the Year.

[Golfweek](#) featured the restoration in their June 2014 issue and then ranked Wissahickon as the [#29 Classic Course in the country](#) in their 2018 rankings. In 2019, Andy Johnson published an [in-depth look at Wissahickon](#). In 2015 LINKS Magazine columnist [Graylyn Loomis](#) published an incredible review of the Wissahickon course along with the entire club which exemplified his experience at the facility. The PGA of America selected Wissahickon to host the [48th PGA Professional National Championship in 2015](#). The PGA Tour selected Wissahickon to host the [2016 Constellation Senior Players Championship](#), won by World Golf Hall of Fame member, Bernhard Langer. In 2017, [Golf Digest](#) ranked Wissahickon as the 5th “Best Course in Pennsylvania”. Also in 2017, [Golf.com](#) moved Wissahickon inside of its Top 100 U.S. rankings at #86 in the country. Wissahickon will also host the [2020 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball](#). Notable clubs that have played, or will play host to this event in the coming years include, Olympic, Winged Foot, Pinehurst, Jupiter Hills, and Bandon Dunes. In addition, Wissahickon also played host to the 2016 Philadelphia PGA Championship, the 2017 Golf Association of Philadelphia Amateur Championship, and the 2019 Men’s BIG 10 Championship.



View more photographs of the Wissahickon [here](#)

# MILITIA HILL

The Club was proud to open a second championship eighteen-hole course in 2002 designed by Dr. Michael Hurdzan and Dana Fry. Adjacent to the Wissahickon course, it is named Militia Hill as it overlooks an area steeped in Revolutionary War history. The golf course hosted the 2003 and 2004 Philadelphia Section PGA Championship and the 2004 Philadelphia Amateur Championship. The golf course was meant to distinguish the new eighteen holes in a way that would complement the older course, but not clash with it.

Militia Hill has also been ranked as high as #21 in the state of Pennsylvania by Golfweek Magazine.



View more photographs of the golf course and our Militia Hill facilities [here](#).



Photos courtesy of [Evan Schiller](#)





# *Philadelphia Cricket Club* **2019 Golf Staff**



**Jim Smith Jr.**  
Director of Golf



**Michael Ferguson**  
Head Professional  
Wissahickon



**Chris Cerven**  
Head Professional  
Militia Hill



**Courtney Cantwell**  
Golf Shop Manager



**Rusty Harbold**  
Golf Professional



**Aaron Hartman**  
Golf Professional



**Mark Matricardi**  
Golf Professional  
Golf Club Specialist



**Brad Sniper**  
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**Matt Brown**  
Golf Professional



**Drew Marcoux**  
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**Collin Toner**  
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Head Professional



**Glenn Perri**  
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**Barry Balcom**  
Outside Services

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Director



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**Chip Price**



**Tom Muller**



**Ken Murray**



**Tom Crawford**



**John Butera**



**Zach Duclos**



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**Logan Rosa**

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**Ext 3: Wissahickon Golf Shop**

**Ext 5: St. Martins Golf Shop**

**Ext 2: Golf Pro Directory**

**Ext 4: Militia Hill Golf Shop**

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# **PRO SHOP HOURS**

## **Wissahickon & Militia Hill**

April 1 – October 31

Closed Mondays

Tuesday – Friday: 7:00am – 6:00pm

Saturday & Sunday: 6:30am – 6:00pm

November 1 – March 31

Monday/Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday - Sunday: 8:00am – 4:00pm

## **St. Martins**

April 1 – October 31

Monday-Sunday: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

November 1 – March 31

Closed

## **FEES**

### **Golf Fees**

#### **Wissahickon**

Guest - \$150  
Family Guest - \$75  
Sponsored Unaccompanied Guest - \$225  
Un-sponsored Unaccompanied Guest - \$295  
Junior Guest - \$37.50

#### **Militia Hill**

Guest - \$100  
Family Guest - \$50  
Sponsored Unaccompanied Guest - \$150  
Un-sponsored Unaccompanied Guest - \$200  
Junior Guest - \$25

### **St. Martins**

#### **Guest Fees**

\$35

#### **Cart Fees**

9 Hole Cart - \$15

### **Caddie Fees**

Senior Caddie (Red Bib) - \$55 plus tip  
Junior Caddie (Yellow Bib) - \$35 plus tip

Forecaddie - \$100 + tip

### **Bag Storage**

If you are interested in storing your bag, please let any one of the Outside Service Staff Members and they will assign you a slot. Don't worry if you are playing Militia Hill and your clubs are in storage, our staff will make sure to get your bag to Militia Hill before you tee off. All bags from Militia Hill are returned to the main club at the end of the day. The cost is \$125 per year.

### **Lockers**

Lockers are on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested in getting a locker, please see any of the Golf Staff and they will make sure Jim and Chris know. Chris and/or Jim will contact you with your locker number and answer any questions you may have. There is an annual fee per locker (Men - \$195 & Women - \$85). Also available in the locker rooms are lounge areas, television, shoe shining service (men's), coffee, card playing accommodations, and the upkeep of shower towels should you desire to take a shower (men's).



# The Philadelphia Cricket Club

## Golf Instruction Information – 2019



### Adults

- Thirty-minute lesson - \$65
- Fifty-minute lesson - \$110
- 5 Fifty-minute lessons - \$495
- Playing lesson (9 holes) - \$195 (can be up to 3 persons)
  - Custom/Corporate Clinics - \$195/hr.

### Juniors

- Fifty-minute lesson - \$75
- 5 Fifty-minute lessons - \$325
- Playing lesson (9 holes) - \$150 (can be up to 3 juniors)
- Mulligan/Par Squad 'Novice Special' – 10 thirty-minute lessons for \$250 (not available with all teachers; limited to one package per year; must be completed in calendar year – see Director of Golf for details)

### Staff (cell phone)

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PGA Head Professional @ Militia Hill – **Chris Cerven** (732-822-3654)  
St. Martins Teaching Professional – **Tony Doroba** (215-778-0346)

**Professional Shop # is 215-247-6113**

## **GOLF SHOP SERVICES**

### **Cash Advance Program**

The service is designed to provide members with added flexibility and support in paying for items like caddie fees. The protocol is as follows:

- Members wishing to secure a cash advance at Flouertown may make the request of one of the outside services professionals.
- The maximum request is \$300/day.
- Members will be required to sign a chit for the cash advance and the amount will be placed on the member account within 24 hours.
- Members will see the charge on their monthly statement under 'cash advance'.

### **Special Orders**

If you don't see that shirt you have been dying to get, or the putter that will make everything, just ask a staff member and it would be our pleasure to place a special order on your behalf. Our special order business is very important to us and there is nothing we won't try to get for you. We greatly appreciate the business!

### **Customized Golf Balls & Packaging**

Do you find it confusing when you step up to the tee box and everyone in the group is playing the same golf ball with the same number on it? How can you differentiate your ball from the rest of the group?

#### **GET IT CUSTOMIZED!**

With customized golf balls you can put whatever you want on them! Whether you want to put your name, initials, special event, company logo, or even a picture, we can do it. With up to 3 lines of personalized imprinting and 5 color options to choose from, your options are limitless. Please call the golf shop for more details and to place your order!

### **Bag Tags**

Each member will receive custom bag tag. If you need a replacement bag tag, please let anyone on the Professional Staff know and we would be happy to assist you.

### **Club Fitting**

PGA Professionals Mark Matricardi and Chris Cerven will handle all the club fitting duties this year. We have multiple fitting carts: Callaway, Cobra, Ping, Taylor Made & Titleist, making it hard to find a manufacturer we don't carry. All club fittings will be done at the Upper Range near the Teaching Area.

The best way to get fit for clubs is to contact Mark directly either via cell phone or e-mail. Mark's cell phone number is 215 – 630 – 4878 or [mmatricardi@philacricicket.com](mailto:mmatricardi@philacricicket.com).

## **ADDITIONAL CLUB INFORMATION**

### **Website**

The website, [www.philacricicket.com](http://www.philacricicket.com), is one of the club's main sources of communication. You will find tournament updates, the master schedule, tee times, golf instruction, a Facebook page, golf personnel, the golf directory and much more. Each member is assigned a username and password upon joining the club. If you have any questions please let anyone from the professional staff know and we will make sure to assist you.

### **Golf Calendar & Directory**

There are two ways to get the PCC Golf Calendar and directory:

1. The most updated golf calendar and directory will be emailed in PDF format on a bi-monthly basis.
2. Go to the website, under the "Golf" tab
  - a. Click "Golf Documents and Programs"
  - b. "General Information" you will find both the Directory and Calendar
  - c. Print both documents

### **How to make a tee time**

The Philadelphia Cricket Club uses ForeTees, an online tee time reservation service, for golf at Flourtown. There are a few ways to book a tee time.

1. Call the Golf Shop (Militia Hill or Wissahickon)
2. Go to [www.philacricicket.com](http://www.philacricicket.com)
  - Reservations tab; "Golf Tee Times"
  - Click on your name; i.e. Jim Smith, Jr
  - Click on first tab; "Tee Times"
  - The highlighted dates are how far in advance you can book a tee time.
  - Click on the date desired and you can see the tee times available; top-center you can change the course is you are looking for Militia Hill.
  - "Open" tee times have a button you can click on to book your reservation.
  - Your name will appear in the first location, but you can add your friends from the "member list to the right".
  - You can then select your mode of transportation; i.e. Cart or Caddie
  - Don't worry if you have some errors or needs to change to a cart, we can finalize everything when you come to play.



## **ForeTees Mobile Site**

ForeTees is proud to introduce a site designed exclusively for mobile devices. This site will allow you to easily view your reservations, make new reservations and manage your existing requests and reservations. Here is what you will need to do (while logged in on your PC); Create your mobile credentials (username and password). Select the “settings” tab in the navigation panel. The mobile credentials will be used for your mobile access only. However, these values can be the same as those used to login to ForeTees or your website, as long as the username is unique. To set or change your mobile credentials, look for the “mobile credentials” section near the bottom of the settings page. You will then be ready to login from your smart phone. To access the ForeTees mobile site from your smart phone, type the following address into your phone’s browser:

<http://m.foretees.com/philacrick>

## **The Practice Range**

The club maintains the practice facility. The issuance, retrieval, and cleaning of the balls are the responsibility of the professional staff. Hours of service; marking of tee areas; and rules of operation of the practice area are administered by the professional staff and reviewed and approved by the Golf Committee. Range balls are the property of the Club and are to be used on the practice areas only. Practice balls are to be hit from the practice tee only. Use of the practice facilities is restricted to full members; associate members; club members who have purchased a range plan; and guests who are playing either Wissahickon or Militia Hill on the day of usage. Anyone who is inappropriately attired will not be allowed to use the practice facilities. Access to the practice facilities is via golf cart only – motorized bikes and/or automobiles/trucks are not permitted at the practice facilities.

## **How do I get to the Range?**

Here are some options to get to the range.

1. Park your car at Militia Hill and ask one of the Outside Service Staff Members to assist you in getting a cart to take to the range.
2. Park your car at Wissahickon and ask one of the Outside Service Staff Members to assist you in getting a cart to take to the range.

# PCC Golf Rules

## Highlighted Golf Rule Updates For 2019

- **Intermediate member event eligibility**
  - Before – Intermediate members were eligible to play in certain events at Flourtown on a space-available basis
  - After – Intermediate members may not participate in any events at Flourtown unless as a guest of a full member in a member/guest formatted event.
- **Non-Resident Social Member access**
  - Before – Non-Resident Social Members could play up to 4x/year at Flourtown by paying the guest fee.
  - After – Non-Resident Social Members do not have any golf privileges at Flourtown.
- **Pairing of members on the tee sheet**
  - Before – The golf shop paired members wherever possible.
  - After – In pairing members the golf shop will give tee time priority to the member(s) with the 'older' tee time.
- **Golf Activity Fee/Handicap Fee**
  - Before – Golf members were required to pay a Golf Activity Fee (\$125/195), a portion of which covered handicapping.
  - After – Full Golf, GIW, and National members no longer pay a Golf Activity Fee. A handicap fee of \$50 is billed to all other member-types seeking to maintain a handicap.
- **Caddie requirements for members 30 & younger**
  - Before – Golf members age 27 and younger were not required to take a caddie at any time.
  - After – Golf members age 30 and younger are not required to take a caddie during the week or after noon on weekends. Golf members age 28-30 must take caddie prior to noon on weekends.
- **Times for singles on weekends**
  - Before – Did not exist
  - After – Two tee times are held each Saturday & Sunday, in the morning, and may only be booked by singles who call the golf shop. They are designed to accommodate members looking for a game. Unused slots are released to the membership 48-72 hours ahead of time.

## Privilege Season and Governing Rules

The PCC 'official' golf season is April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association govern play except where modified by local rules. Local rules are posted and available for review. Golfers are expected to know and comply with the USGA rules and the Club rules. The following rules are subject to the Club Bylaws and House Rules. It is each member's responsibility to be aware of the Golf Rules as they govern both member and guest play.

Individual members are expected to cooperate with the staff in enforcing these rules and to bring to the attention of the staff or the Golf Committee any golfer who does not regularly comply with the intent of these rules. While the 'official' season is April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, membership privileges and restrictions are in effect year-round.

### Qualifications for Play

Only those club members having Flourtown golf privileges will be accorded the privileges of membership as defined in these rules.

- Primary Golf Members may play at any time. Primary Golf Members may book a tee time up to 2 days in advance. Additionally, Primary Golf Members may have up to 2 tee times scheduled (at any one time) that were made up to 60 days in advance.
- Associate Golf Members may play at any time except prior to 11:30am on Saturdays and prior to 9:30am on Sundays and holidays. Associate members may play in tournaments consistent with the noted playing parameters, except for the Club Championships; Better Ball of Partner Championships; and GAP/WGAP Matches. Associate Golf Members may book a tee time up to 2 days in advance. Additionally, Associate Golf Members may have up to 2 tee times scheduled (at any one time) that were made up to 60 days in advance. Associate members may play as a guest of a full golf member on a weekend morning subject to normal guest guidelines.
- Golf-In-Waiting, National, & Non-Resident Golf members may play at any time except before noon on a weekend or holiday. Golf-in-waiting members may book a tee time up to 2 days in advance. Additionally, GIW Members may have up to 2 tee times scheduled (at any one time) that were made up to 14 days in advance. GIW members may play as a guest of a full golf member on a weekend morning subject to normal guest guidelines.
- Up to 6 'Reserved' tee times are held each day on Wissahickon for Primary and Associate members. These tee times may be booked up to 2 days in advance, beginning at 7am, and are identified in RED.
- Tee times exempted from the advance scheduled times (2) include Women's Wednesday; Senior Golf; Men's and Women's Leagues; and Tournaments.
- Two tee times are held each Saturday & Sunday, in the morning, and may only be booked by singles who call the golf shop. They are designed to accommodate members looking for a game. Unused slots are released to the membership 48-72 hours ahead of time.
- Unaccompanied Resident Intermediate members may play after 2pm on a weekend/holiday and anytime during the week. They may play up to 8 rounds per year (per membership) by paying the prevailing guest rate. Intermediate members playing with a full member may play during approved guest play windows on weekends up to a maximum of 4 times.
- Intermediate members can book tee times up to 2 days in advance, beginning at noon. No more than 8 total rounds (member and/or guest of Intermediate member) may be played on Wissahickon or Militia Hill per day.
- Intermediate members are ineligible to participate in any golf events at Flourtown, unless as a guest of a full member in a member-guest format.



- National & Non-Resident Golf members are eligible to play in GAP Matches. They may play in other events on a space-available basis (as determined by the Golf Committee).
- Non-resident Social members wishing to play at Flourtown will always be considered guests and will be subject to club "Guest Rules"
- Non-resident Intermediate members may play unaccompanied by a full privilege member (subject to unaccompanied guest fees) and are restricted to weekdays and after 2pm on weekends/holidays. NRI members are limited to using the Flourtown golf facilities a maximum of four (4) times per year and are required to pay prevailing guest fees. NRNI members may book a tee time up to 2 days in advance. NRI members are not permitted to entertain guests.
- Resident & Non-Resident House members are permitted to pay guest fees and play St. Martins up to 4x/year.
- **The Club's tee time access policies and procedures are intended to assure that all Members enjoy fair and reasonable access (relative to membership category) to playing our world-class golf courses. To protect your member privileges, the Golf Committee will monitor booking activity to identify anyone who is circumventing the spirit of these policies for personal gain and will take appropriate action which could include (but is not limited to) limiting any member's ability to book times in advance.**

### Juniors

Juniors that are part of a family golf membership and are age 17 or younger, and are part of the Birdie, Eagle, or Ace Squads, are considered 'Associate Members' and may play unaccompanied by an adult member anytime on weekdays, after 11:30am on Saturdays, and after 9:30am on Sundays based on the following guidelines:

- Birdie – St. Martins or Militia Hill
- Eagle/Ace – St. Martins, Militia Hill, or Wissahickon

Juniors that are part of a family golf membership, are age 17 or younger, and who are part of the Par Squad may play at Militia Hill after noon if accompanied by an adult golf member. Par Squad juniors are not permitted to play Wissahickon at any time. Mulligan Squad juniors are restricted to playing at St. Martins always. Children age 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult always at the Flourtown facilities. Eagle & Ace Squad juniors *may compete in the Men's and Women's Club Championships and Better Ball of Partners Championships.*

### Golf Outings

Any group exceeding one member and 7 guests is considered a 'golf outing' and must obtain prior approval for playing privileges from the Director of Golf (DOG), and the Chairperson of the Golf Committee. For purposes of billing, 'sponsored unaccompanied' is defined as any group on the golf course that does not have a full golf member in the group.

A Club member may sponsor organizations, associations, or outside club groups desiring to hold a golf outing. Application should be made directly to the DOG either by the sponsor or a member of the group. If there is no conflict with other scheduled activities the DOG will notify the Chairperson of the Golf Committee for approval of golfing privileges for the group. The DOG will make rejection or approval of the request in writing. Shotgun outings may be held on a Monday. Tee time outings may be held on a Tuesday or Wednesday (with certain exceptions). Small shotgun outings that tee off prior to 9am are available on a Tuesday subject to approval by the Golf and Grounds Chairs. Please see the Director of Golf for details. Outings of any kind are not permitted Wednesday thru Sunday. Club members participating in an outing are subject to all the rules, rates and regulations pertaining to outings. The specific policy regarding parties and groups is reviewed and published annually. The appropriate fee schedule and other requirements are specified in that policy and vary with the size of the group.

### **Playing Regulations**

All members and guests are required to register with a member of the professional staff or outside services staff before playing. All play is required to start on the first hole on each golf course unless otherwise specifically approved by the Golf Professional staff. Starting times are available and will be given priority for play all days of the week. Reservations may be made in person, by phone, or via the internet. The player must provide his/her membership number and the names of the players in his/her group. The member should state his/her preference for caddie, pull cart, or golf cart, if required, subject to the transportation guidelines. Outside Services will keep a record of tee times and the player's names and caddie names for each group. Reserving starting times in advance carries with it an obligation to use the time. **All players must tee off at the time reserved or wait until the next available tee time opening.** "No shows" or members who show up with less than three players for a reserved time on weekends may be censured by the Golf Committee. Singles and twosomes may book a tee time but will be moved to the closest available opening, up to 7 days in advance if necessary. Pairings will be done based on time of registration.

Weekend play will be regulated based on foursomes. Threesomes will be permitted but it is desired that a sincere effort be employed to establish each group on a foursome basis to promote the efficiency of golf play on the course. ***The professional staff is required to pair twosomes or singles into threesomes or foursomes prior to 3pm*** (pairings will be done based on time of registration.). Individual players and twosomes are encouraged to join other players to make up a foursome. Twosomes and singles are restricted from playing through scheduled foursomes unless invited. Fivesomes are permitted at Militia Hill & St. Martins in-season. 'Holding' or reserving tee times via the use of a substitute name is strongly discouraged. Singles may book themselves on the tee sheet; however, within 7 days of the selected tee time a single will be moved to the nearest available open slot to provide a full tee time for the rest of the membership to consider/use. Players wishing to play 9 holes of golf at Wissahickon must do so after 3pm – players that book 9 holes outside of the policy will be moved to Militia Hill.

When competing in junior golf competitions, juniors (under 18) may not have the use of a caddie or cart. Parents are prohibited from giving advice or coaching their children during all club junior golf competitions.

## Lightning Policy

A lightning alert system is utilized at the Flourtown courses. It is an automatic system that is designed to alert people if there is lightning in the area. If a solid continuous tone is sounded, players **must** seek shelter. No play will be permitted until the course is deemed safe for play to resume (designated by a dual tone). The course alert system is not foolproof and does not provide absolute protection against hazardous conditions. If weather conditions or common sense indicates that conditions are hazardous, take appropriate action to ensure personal safety.

## Use of Electronic Devices

It is the intent of the Board and Committees that the Philadelphia Cricket Club remains a place where members may congregate to enjoy club activities and the company of their fellow PCC members free from the distracting and/or intrusive use of electronic devices.

The Club recognizes that from time to time it is necessary for members and/or their guests to be “connected” while on club property and further, that it is reasonable for members to be able to occasionally and discreetly access non-verbal (i.e. text or email) electronic communications without violating club rules.

### Usage Rules

- Discrete silent (non-verbal) use of devices to check and/or respond to text messages or emails is permitted on club property when such communications are 1) necessary, 2) brief, and 3) in a manner which is not intrusive or in any way negatively impacts on the experience of other members or guests.
- Mobile phone use for conversation, including with earphones or ear buds, is strictly forbidden at either the St. Martins or Flourtown campuses except for 1) the men’s or lady’s locker rooms, or 2) the parking lot.
- In an emergency, mobile phones can be used discreetly in a private location, if using an approved designated area, is not possible.
- The use of earphones or “buds” is permissible for listening to audio programming when practicing and training in sports and fitness, and lounging at the pool and other appropriate areas, providing that the usage does not negatively impact another Member’s experience. Use is not permitted in the dining areas or while playing a sport.

It remains incumbent on Members to ensure that their use of electronic devices complies both with the letter and spirit of this policy, and to assure that their guests do the same. The club is a sanctuary for members and guests so the use of electronic devices while on property is discouraged.

## Quality of Play

Foursomes should play the courses in 4 hours and 15 minutes or less. Unencumbered threesomes should play in 3:45 or less. Unencumbered twosomes should play in 3:15 or less. Groups taking longer than the prescribed time per the policy are subject to review and censure (see Pace of Play guidelines). Speed of play may be monitored for compliance with this standard. Specific information on this program to monitor the speed of play is available in the Golf Shop. Violators of the Pace of Play Policy will suffer a loss of playing privileges.



## **Pace of Play Policy**

The club has instituted a pace of play policy for the benefit of the membership. The policy is in effect year-round. Among the purposes of the policy are to:

- Give staff an objective guideline to follow when dealing with pace of play issues.
- Make each round more enjoyable for members & guests.
- Provide a written policy that members are held accountable to.

### **The policies guidelines are in effect always and are as follows:**

- **It is each member's responsibility to know where they are relative to the pace rating and to play within the pace of play guidelines.** Staff will periodically be on the course to monitor play and may use a pace rating chart that indicates where each group should be on the course (relative to the pace rating) Copies of this chart are available for member review.
- The outside services staff will facilitate getting members to the tee but it the responsibility of each member to get themselves and their guests to the tee on time. Recorded times of play will be based on your starting time listed on Foretees, not the time you tee off (unless a delay by another group caused a late tee off).
- Members may be timed from their start time on the tee sheet to the time they report to the cart area/pro shop following their round.
- The pace rating at Wissahickon and Militia Hill is 4 hours & 15 minutes for foursomes. Smaller groups should play quicker – a unencumbered threesome should play in 30 minutes less and an unencumbered twosome in 60 minutes less.
- The pace rating may be adjusted for tournament play and, if it is, will be noted on the scorecard so you understand the allowable timing and penalties for slow play. Should the pace rating be adjusted, the maximum time allowable for a tournament using tee times on either course will be 4 hours and 30 minutes for a foursome, 4 hours for a threesome, and 3.5 hours for a twosome.
- The Golf Committee and/or golf staff will randomly choose days on which all rounds will be timed, recorded, and posted. These dates will not be announced in advance. The tee sheet will be posted in a conspicuous area and group times listed as players finish.
- **Any full member who is part of a group that takes longer than the pace rating and negatively impacts a group behind them will be subject to the following censure:**
  - **First offense – written warning**
  - **Second offense in a calendar year – ability to book a tee time is reduced to 3 days in advance for balance of the year.**
  - **Third offense – 3-day tee time privileges and all play must take place after 2pm for the balance of the year.**
- **The golf staff is required to report slow play to the Golf Committee. They do not have the option of making exceptions to this policy.**
- Players who play slow but do not negatively affect a group behind them are not subject to action; however, allowing players to 'play through' does not exempt a group from being held to the pace rating.

- Because one slow group will affect groups directly behind them (assuming consecutive tee times), only the first slow group will be addressed (assuming the groups behind them are in proper position).
- Members are responsible for their guests, whether accompanied or unaccompanied.
- Staff may be on the course periodically to help guide and inform players. Their direction from the Golf Committee is to assist members in whatever way they can during play and to provide information to members regarding their position relative to the pace rating. PLEASE RESPECT ANY DIRECTION YOU MAY RECEIVE FROM STAFF AS THEY ARE ON THE COURSE TO HELP MAKE YOUR ROUND MORE ENJOYABLE.

### **Use of Caddies and Golf Carts**

During the regular season (April 1<sup>st</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>), the caddie rules are as follows:

- At Wissahickon, caddies (walking) are required every day until 3pm. The only exceptions to the rule are players 27 and under (may walk and carry their own bag at all times); players age 28-30 (may walk and carry during the week and after 12pm on weekends); players 65 or older (may take a golf cart); and players with a documented and verifiable medical condition that requires the use of a golf cart, subject to fulfilling all requirements set forth in the 'medical exemption policy'. Beginning at 3pm players may take a caddie, carry their own bag, take a push/pull cart, or take a cart if 65, over, or eligible for a medical exemption.
- At Militia Hill, players may choose any mode of transportation at any time.
- At Wissahickon during periods where caddies are required, and no caddies are available, players may walk and carry their own bag or use a push/pull cart.
- In the offseason (November 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>) at Wissahickon players may walk and carry or use a push/pull cart. Exceptions for use of a golf cart are restricted to those noted above.

### **Golf Cart Regulations**

Special regulations have been established governing the use of golf carts. Maintaining the best course conditions by reducing course wear and tear and liability considerations dictate these regulations:

- Golf carts are encouraged to use a "scatter" pattern. Golf carts must be kept on paved golf cart paths wherever they are available and be driven in accordance with posted regulations and directional signs. The use of golf carts on the fairways will be at the direction of the staff.
- Golf carts must be kept always at least 30 feet away from all putting surfaces and bunkers.
- Golf carts may be prohibited on all, or portions, of the course when it is determined, that usage will be detrimental to the course.
- All operators of golf carts must have a valid driver's license.
- Continued abuse of golf cart usage may result in the suspension of playing privileges.

## Push/Pull Cart Regulations

Pull carts may be used with the following restrictions:

- Push/Pull carts, like electric/golf carts, must be kept away from all putting surfaces and bunkers.
- There is no charge for a push/pull cart. Players must use club-supplied pull carts at Flourtown. At St. Martins, players may use club-supplied pull carts or their own.

## Care of the Course

Stewardship of our courses must be practiced always. Additional costs and reduced playability will result if the following simple guidelines are not followed:

- Replace all fairway divots and stamp firmly in place with your foot. Replacing a divot (if available) is always better than using divot fill.
- For those players in golf carts, please replace divot (best method for optimal re-growth) or fill in divot with divot mix available on the golf cart.
- Enter and leave bunkers at the low point of the bunker.
- Use the rakes to carefully level all footprints and marks of play in the bunkers.
- Rakes are to be placed outside of all bunkers.
- Repair ball marks on the putting greens.
- The golf course is not considered a practice facility; hitting multiple shots is not permitted.
- Do not allow golf clubs, golf bag or the flagstick to fall on the putting greens.
- To avoid damage to the golf courses, cigarettes or cigars should not be placed or left on tee boxes, greens, fairways, or in the bunkers. Please do not discard cigarette or cigar butts on the ground. Out of respect to other players, all trash and other debris should be disposed of in the provided receptacles placed at each tee.
- When it is necessary to close part of or the entire course because play would cause damage, the Superintendent of the Grounds will make such a determination and provide both email communications and signage to that effect.
- Dogs and other pets are not permitted on the golf courses or practice facility.

Violation of any of these rules will be subject to disciplinary action.

## The Practice Range

The club maintains the practice facility. The issuance, retrieval, and cleaning of the balls are the responsibility of the grounds staff. Hours of service; marking of tee areas; and rules of operation of the practice area are administered by the grounds staff and reviewed and approved by the Golf & Grounds Committees. Range balls are the property of the Club and are to be used on the practice areas only. Practice balls are to be hit from the practice tee only. **Use of the practice facilities is restricted to golf members or club members who have purchased a range plan, and to guests who are playing either Wissahickon or Militia Hill on the day of usage.** Anyone who is inappropriately attired will not be permitted to use the practice facilities. Access to the practice facilities in-season is via golf cart only – motorized bikes and/or automobiles/trucks are not

permitted at the practice facilities. In the off-season (December 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>) access is available by car via the Wissahickon course.

### Dress Code

All golfers at PCC are expected to adhere to the Club's regulations regarding proper attire. Players are required to observe good taste and dress appropriately for the golf course and practice facility. The following dress code applies to both the Flourtown and St. Martins facilities:

- No denim or warm-up suits.
- For men, long pants (except cargo pants) or Bermuda length shorts (bottom of shorts may be no higher than 3 inches from the top of the knee) are required.
- For women, shorts and/or skirts may be no shorter than 5 inches above the knee.
- Men and juniors must always wear a collared shirt or a 'mock' neck shirt, with sleeves, that is tasteful. Ladies may wear a sleeveless shirt provided it has a collar, or a collarless blouse provided it has sleeves and is tasteful. Collared shirts are preferred for women but tops with inset sleeves that are appropriate golf attire will be allowed.
- No tee shirts or tank tops.
- Men and juniors must tuck shirts into pant line.
- Hats are to be worn as designed, with the bill of the hat facing forward. Men are expected to remove their hat while dining or drinking under cover.
- Cargo shorts or anything similar are prohibited.

The professional staff is instructed by the Golf Committee to inform all members and guests of any dress code violations. Such violations will be reported to the Golf Committee if another member files a complaint regarding attire of any other member or guest.

### Non-Penetrating Spike Policy

Only specific, non-penetrating spikes are permitted on both the Flourtown and St. Martins courses. Permitted soft spikes are those that do not flare outwardly at the tip.

### Handicaps

All handicaps are maintained daily using the GHIN system. The professional staff is charged with overseeing the handicap administration, while the Handicap Committee sets policy and addresses all handicap concerns/issues. Members are required to post all scores. **For all plaque events, participants are required to have 10 posted scores in the prior 12 months unless otherwise specifically approved.** Additionally, members are expected to be familiar with the Handicap Parameters that are reviewed and published by the Handicap Committee. Intermediate golf members may pay for handicap services – the fee is \$50/year. Intermediate members who participate in any kind of events at St. Martins are required to maintain a handicap. 'Peer Review' provides the membership with the ability to help ensure the fairness and accuracy of handicaps on behalf of the entire membership. To start a peer review process, simply go to the club website and use the 'Peer Review' button. **Participation in tournaments is limited to those players who**



have a verifiable handicap history whereby a minimum of 80% of rounds played in the prior 12 months at PCC are posted via GHIN.

### Arranging a Game

We have many members in the Club who often do not have a scheduled game. Two tee times are held each Saturday, Sunday, and holiday, in the morning, and may only be booked by singles who call the golf shop. They are designed to accommodate members looking for a game. Unused slots are released to the membership 48-72 hours ahead of time. If you do not have a game, you are encouraged to contact the Golf Shop or Director of Player Services for assistance in arranging a game. Members who have an opening in their group are encouraged to accommodate members who do not have prearranged games. Singles will be moved out of a specific tee time and into the closest available spot up to 6 days in advance of play. Members booking a tee time are expected to accurately note the names of the players playing at the time of booking.

### Golf Shop and Lessons

A fully equipped Golf Shop is available to all members. It is staffed by the golf professional staff that can provide expertise in the selection and fitting of equipment. The Golf Shop is the full responsibility of the Director of Golf and the clothing and equipment displayed in the Golf Shop are the latest and best quality available in the marketplace. Members are encouraged to patronize the Golf Shop for their equipment and clothing needs. Special ordering for equipment and apparel is available to all members. Golf lessons are available from the professional staff, by appointment, and can be arranged by any member of the staff. Rates are available in the Golf Shop.

### Guest Policy

All members are required to register their guests prior to playing to help staff monitor guest usage of the facilities. Guest guidelines are as follows:

- Militia Hill
  - Weekdays – guests at any time
  - Weekends/holidays
    - 1 guest per member prior to 10am (booked by staff)
    - 3 guests per member after 10am
  - Off-season (December thru March)
    - Up to 3 guests per member during the week, booked up to 3 days in advance
    - 1 guest per member on weekends, booked up to 3 days in advance
- Wissahickon
  - Weekdays – guests at any time
  - Weekends/holidays
    - No guests prior to 10am
    - 1 guest per member from 10am to 1pm
    - 3 guests per member after 1pm
- Golf members may entertain up to 7 guests with the approval of the Director of Golf. Each course is limited to two 'member + 7' groups each day.

- Golf Members may arrange for unaccompanied guest play with the approval of the Director of Golf (restrictions apply). Unaccompanied play is not available on weekends but is available at any time during the week during slow periods, subject to approval of the professional staff. A maximum of 3 unaccompanied groups is permitted per day, per course (two sponsored; one unsponsored). Unsponsored unaccompanied play may only be booked up to 30 days in advance; sponsored unaccompanied play may be booked as far in advance as practical. Caddies are required in every group that does not have a member in it. Members entertaining guests are responsible for their actions. Guests are limited to 4 visits to the St. Martins course and 4 visits to the Flourtown courses (Wissahickon and Militia Hill, combined).

### **No Tipping Policy**

There is no tipping at Flourtown of the professional staff, Caddie Master, or Bag Room Personnel. Tipping of the Locker Room Attendant is permissible.

### **Tournaments and Other Events**

The rules and formats for all tournaments will be available in the Golf Shop and posted in the locker rooms. A complete schedule of events is made available to the membership each year, usually in January.

PRIMARY, ASSOCIATE, AND GIW MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN GOLF EVENTS THAT TAKE PLACE DURING THEIR ALLOWABLE PLAY PERIODS, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTION - ASSOCIATE AND GIW MEMBERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS; BETTER BALL OF PARTNERS CHAMPIONSHIPS; AND GAP/WGAP MATCHES, EVEN IF THOSE EVENTS OCCUR DURING PERIODS THAT WOULD NORMALLY BE RESTRICTED TO PRIMARY MEMBERS ONLY.

All tournament participants are required to take either a caddie or a cart (depending on the course).

All tournament participants must be available for the entire period of the scheduled tournament. Tournament and event participants must be cognizant of the rules of the event or tournament. Players may be defaulted for failure to abide by the rules. Participants in plaque events are required to have 10 scores posted in the prior 12 months, unless otherwise specifically approved.

*For any tournament where participants are given the option of arranging their own matches, deadline dates are to be adhered to. Should the golf course be closed on a deadline date due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances, the result of the match at the time of closure will stand. If the match is tied or has not yet started, the winner will be determined via a coin flip. If a match is being played prior to the deadline date and the course becomes unplayable, the participants have until the deadline date to resume and complete the match.*

## **Event/Activity Registration & Cancellation Procedures**

As the golf staff strives to properly execute the golf event schedule for the benefit of the membership, they need your assistance. One of the biggest challenges for staff is making sure they have accurate records regarding registrations and cancellations for events and programs. Given the large number of activities they administer, it is highly important that the event records are beyond reproach. Golf Genius will be used for the bulk of events, supplemented by Google Docs in some cases.

By centralizing golf activity signup procedures, the hope is to eliminate any issues that might arise from poor communication. Running golf events (tournaments, clinics, informal events, etc.) to the highest standards is the goal of the Committee and golf staff - having a standardized registration process provides a greater chance of success to achieve that goal. Staff will do their best to accommodate those members who may not have the ability to sign-up in the preferred manner, but the hope is to keep such situations to a minimum.

The Golf Committee has in place a standard event cancellation policy. Many programs that are offered have limited space available. Once all available spots in a program are taken the golf staff creates a waitlist. Late cancellations sometimes result in players from the waitlist not being able to arrange their schedules on short notice so the spot in the event goes unfilled. The Golf Committee has determined that holding a spot in an event and then cancelling can result in the exclusion of other interested members. Please be aware that players who are in that situation will be responsible for paying for the program/event unless another participant can be found to take their spot. This will only occur for events for which a waitlist exists or for an event that requires advance commitment (noted in the signups).

## **Medical Exemption From Walking Policy (Wissahickon)**

It is intention of the Committee and Board of Governors that Wissahickon be a “walking-only” course to the fullest extent possible. The purpose of this is to achieve two important objectives: 1) to do everything we can to protect the course from cart damage, and 2) to provide our members and their guests with a classic golf experience befitting the course’s position as an iconic example of 1920’s-era “Golden Age” golf architecture.

Generally speaking the use of carts is the number-one source of damage to golf courses. The objective of the recent restoration was to “restore” the course to its original 1922-design intent rather than to “modernize” it to accommodate golf carts. Unlike Militia Hill, Wissahickon was not designed or restored to accommodate golf carts.

In terms of the golf experience, very few clubs are fortunate enough to enjoy an A.W. Tillinghast-designed course, especially one restored with such care and commitment. Club leadership believes that the Wissahickon course’s restoration will continue to be celebrated and recognized as an excellent demonstration of golf’s “Golden Age”. We further believe (as do many of our peer group) that a hallmark and distinguishing characteristic of a great golf club is that the members and their guests walk the golf course.

To this end club leadership has further refined the rules on cart usage at Wissahickon as outlined below which we hope will 1) provide clarification to our golf membership and 2) reflect our goal

that all members and guests who are physically able enjoy the experience of walking the Wissahickon course.

### Cart Usage – Wissahickon Course

Wissahickon is a “walking-only” golf course with caddies required until 3pm. After 3pm, members and guests may carry their own bags or use pull carts.

To the extent that carts are not otherwise precluded due to course conditions, members and/or guests may be issued a waiver to use golf carts if they meet one of the following criteria. Please note that any waiver applies to the player receiving the waiver ONLY, non-qualifying member and/or guest playing partners are not permitted to “ride along” with a player receiving a waiver.

#### Category 1 Disability Waiver

A Category 1 Disability Waiver (“C-1”) may be issued to players who have a permanent disability that precludes them from walking the course. Players who are issued a C-1 will have access to the course at any time that carts are not precluded due to course conditions. To secure a C-1, players must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Player must have a handicap license plate and/or handicap card issued by the state in which the player resides.
- 2) Player must make a formal written request to the Golf Committee explaining why a waiver is required.
- 3) Player must sign a form agreeing to abide by all club rules and regulations regarding the operation of a golf cart on the Wissahickon course and agree that such privilege is dependent upon adherence to such club rules.

#### Category 2 Disability Waiver

A Category 2 Disability Waiver (“C-2”) may be issued to players who suffer from temporary handicaps; are recuperating from injury/operation; or from any other acceptable form of discomfort. Players who are issued a C-2 will have access to the course at any time that carts are not precluded due to course conditions. Requests for a C-2 are subject to Committee approval, subject to the following criteria:

- 1) A letter (on letterhead) from a doctor outlining the reason for the waiver request.
- 2) If approved by the Committee the C-2 is good for a period of 60 days.

#### General Waiver – Players 65 and Older

The Committee recognizes that some players over the age of 65 may from time to time prefer to take a cart. Accordingly, players 65 and older are granted a general waiver to use a cart at any time that carts are not precluded due to course conditions. The committee encourages General Waiver members to keep in mind the spirit of the cart policy that all players are requested to walk the course to the extent that they can do so comfortably.



\* ALL GUESTS ARE SUBJECT TO THE SAME CART ELIGIBILITY RULES AS MEMBERS AND WILL BE REFUSED A CART IF THEY DO NOT MEET THE CRITERIA AS OUTLINED ABOVE. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR GUESTS ARE AWARE OF THE POLICY BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE CLUB AND THAT APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE WITH THE PRO SHOP IF YOUR GUEST REQUIRES AND IS ELIGIBLE FOR A CART.

# **The Philadelphia Cricket Club**

## **Quality of Play Guidelines**

### **Introduction**

The game of golf is unique among athletic endeavors in many ways. The defining characteristics of golf separate our game from such team sports as football, baseball, basketball, etc. as well as from other more individual pursuits. The unique characteristics of the game of golf contribute greatly to an almost mystical allure that the game holds for those who play and love it, and though they are many and varied the basic tenets are easily grasped. Specifically:

- 1) Golf is not contested over a standard playing field or surface, but rather over widely varying natural “courses”, the aesthetic beauty and enjoyment of which are intrinsic parts of the game. The care of the course is, to a great extent, the responsibility of the players.
- 2) The game of golf is not played in a vacuum. Rather, an enjoyable golfing experience is a cooperative endeavor among all players. This extends not only within a particular playing group but also among all groups playing on a given day, and in a larger sense among all members of a golf club.
- 3) The heritage of the game of golf is one of a certain etiquette, courtesy and consideration. Golf is a game of sportsmanship. Unlike other sports, these courtesies remain an intrinsic and vital part of the game from the club level to the highest levels of professional competition.
- 4) These basic concepts can be summarized by the phrase “quality of play”. The purpose of this “Quality of Play Handbook” is to discuss and provide a reference regarding these issues as they relate to play at The Philadelphia Cricket Club. Any questions or comments regarding quality of play issues are welcome and may be addressed to the Club’s professional staff or Golf Committee members.

The Philadelphia Cricket Club  
Golf Committee

## Care of our Golf Courses

Cricket Club members are justifiably proud of our courses and the club is uniquely blessed as the only club in America to three distinct courses, each of which opened for play in a different century:

**The St. Martins Course** – Designed by architectural pioneer Willie Tucker and opened for play in 1895, the St. Martins course played host to the U.S. open in both 1907 & 1910. Today, 9 holes of this historic course remain open for the enjoyment of our membership. The St. Martins course has recently undergone a sympathetic (period correct) restoration under the guidance and supervision of architect Keith Foster and grounds superintendent Dan Meersman.

**The Wissahickon Course** - Designed by legendary Philadelphian and Cricket Club member A. W. Tillinghast, Wissahickon opened on Labor Day, 1922. Throughout the years this acknowledged masterpiece has been consistently regarded as one of the finest examples of the “Philadelphia School” of golf course architecture and has been repeatedly sought as a venue by the Golf Association of Philadelphia and the United States Golf Association. The Wissahickon course has recently undergone complete renovation and restoration under the guidance and supervision of architect Keith Foster and grounds superintendent Dan Meersman.

**The Militia Hill Course** - Opened in 2002 and designed by Dr. Michael Hurdzan & Dana Fry, has assumed a place among the top courses in Pennsylvania and one of the finest modern designs of its kind.

The Club views itself as caretakers of these important pieces of golf history and is dedicated to maintaining the playing conditions at each of its courses. As part of our commitment to providing the finest course conditioning possible, it is incumbent upon the members to do their part to ensure the continued maintenance of the golf course during the course of play.

Please remember to:

- **Repair ball marks properly on our greens.** A good rule of thumb is to try to repair not only your own ball mark but also one other. Ball marks left unrepaired require 2 weeks to heal.
- **Replace divots or use seed mix on fairways and tees.** Replacing your divot with the divot itself or with seed mix provided on each cart is a key to maintaining our fairways and tees.
- **Enter and exit bunkers at a low point.** Many of our bunkers feature steep sand or grass faces. Virtually all of the greenside bunkers display this characteristic to some degree due to the "push up" style of green complexes executed by Tillinghast and Hurdzan/Fry. **Please do not climb up or down bunker faces when entering or exiting.**
- **Rake bunkers consistently and properly.** Raking bunkers each time we use them is a prime consideration to those playing behind us. We have all known the frustration of finding our ball in a terrible lie in an un-raked bunker. Every footprint should be erased by raking, and sand should be raked up the slopes of steep faced bunkers. Rakes should be placed outside of bunkers, close and parallel to the edge.

## Use of Golf Carts

It is important to remember that classic golf courses were not constructed with cart use in mind. As such Wissahickon offers very few cart paths and St. Martins virtually none. Proper use of carts is of critical importance with regard to maintenance of the course. Improper or careless use of carts is the #1 contributor to course damage during member or outing play.

During the Wissahickon restoration the Club made the decision to keep the addition of cart paths to a minimum in order to preserve the integrity of the Tillinghast's work. To further protect this historic gem the Club has instituted a walking-only policy for Wissahickon with certain exceptions for older players and for those members or guests who are unable to walk the course due to a medical condition.

At each of our courses it is incumbent upon the membership to protect our course from cart damage. Please remember to:

- **Keep carts on paths where they are provided.** A good rule of thumb for cart use is that carts should be kept to 1) cart paths where provided, 2) in the absence of paths, in fairways wherever possible and, 3) to the minimum amount practicable, roughs. **Carts should never be taken into native fescue areas or hazards of any kind.** At Wissahickon there are a limited number of areas where paths are provided. These are generally near the tee and green complexes and areas of steep grade. At Militia Hill, a continuous cart path is provided on each par-3 whereas on par-4's and par-5's a cart path is provided from the approach to the each green to the teeing area of the following hole. Please use these paths at all times.
- When riding the fairways "scatter" carts.
- **Keep carts a minimum of 30 feet from tees, greens and bunkers.** The degree of slope around these areas renders them susceptible to cart damage. In addition, the short game playing characteristics around greens and bunkers are compromised if carts are repeatedly driven over these areas. **As a general rule, if you find yourself not on a cart path and behind a green or with the tires up the slope of a tee or bunker you are in the wrong place!**
- **Obey posted signs and roped-off areas.** Doing so will avoid entering areas such as those behind many greens.
- **Avoid wet areas and casual water.** It is not possible for our grounds staff to post every area of casual water during periods of wet weather. Therefore, recognize and avoid driving carts through such areas. In particular, low-lying parts of the course are where additional caution should be used.

Finally, please remember that the use of a cart on the courses is a privilege rather than a right. It is the responsibility of all players to exercise care and to adhere to the guidelines set forth above. Repeated failure to show consideration for our course in the use of carts may result in the suspension or loss of cart privileges.



## Pace of Play

Pace of play is a major concern of the Club's Golf Committee and professional staff. Perhaps no other issue impacts as greatly on day-to-day quality of play than the pace of play. As such, it is incumbent upon each Club member to understand Club policy regarding pace of play and to ensure compliance with these guidelines by their playing group.

**Four-Hour Foursome** - During moderate to heavy play, the Club's goal is for play in the "four hour foursome." Members and guests are requested to play as foursomes to the extent practicable. The pro shop and starter will assist in "pairing up" smaller groups to encourage play as foursomes. Foursome play is expected to be at a four hour pace at Wissahickon and a not more than a 4:15 pace at Militia Hill, whether walking or riding. Foursomes have preferential standing on the golf course over twosomes and threesomes. Singles are by definition practicing and have no standing.

**Playing Through** - Slower groups are expected to invite faster groups to play through under conditions where there exists one or more open holes ahead. **However, the option to allow faster groups to play through does not justify slow play. A foursome playing at a 5 ½ hour pace that allows several groups to play through negatively impacts the experience of all groups playing behind it over the entire course of the day.** Conversely, while twosomes and threesomes may be invited to play through a scheduled foursome as circumstances allow, such smaller groups do not have the "right" to do so. Just as a slow playing foursome can disrupt the pace of play for all groups playing behind, so can a fast moving "pushing" twosome diminish the quality of play for numerous scheduled foursomes. On days of heavy play (weekends in season, for example) twosomes and threesomes are expected to regulate their pace to keep their standing on the course representative of the "four hour foursome".

**Arriving at the tee for your tee-time** - It is the group's responsibility to arrive at the first tee prepared to tee off for their allotted tee time. Groups that are late to the tee for their tee time will not be permitted to tee off and will be given the next available open time on the tee sheet. It is the golf staff's responsibility to maintain the integrity of the tee sheet and late groups cannot be allowed to impact the tee times of groups to follow.

Taken as a whole, the components of pace of play listed here can be viewed as a sort of "contract" between all groups playing on a given day. By arriving on time for our scheduled tee-time, encouraging play as foursomes, and adhering to the four hour standard, we can best ensure the quality of play for all players. Compliance with these standards are a requirement for maintaining golf privileges at Flourtown.

## Etiquette

Sportsmanship and courtesies, which all players show to one another, are intrinsic to the game of golf and to the experience of playing our courses. This spirit of cooperation and awareness of others manifests itself in innumerable small ways during the course of our golfing day through the consideration we show others, whether in our playing group or not. Although most golf course etiquette issues can be addressed simply by adhering to the concepts of "awareness" and "consideration", certain frequently discussed topics may serve to illustrate the point.

**Dress Code** - The concept of “acceptable golfing attire” has changed over the course of the game’s history, and may well change in the future. Bobby Jones wore heavy wool “plus fours” and starched shirt and tie in winning the 1930 US Amateur to complete his historic “Grand Slam”. 24 years later Arnold Palmer wore khakis and a collar-less “golf tee shirt” on his way to victory in the 1954 edition of that same Championship. At our club, the rules regarding dress are similar to those at other private clubs and can be easily summarized:

- No Jeans or Cargo Pants
- No Warm-Up Suits or “Gym-Type” Shorts
- Men’s Shirts Must Have Sleeves and a Collar
- Shirts Tucked In
- Caps Worn with Bill Facing Forward
- “Bermuda-Length” Shorts Only (no “short” shorts)
- No Cut-Off Shorts
- No Halter or Tank Tops

As noted, these guidelines are typical of clubs such as ours and reflect the current view of “acceptable golf attire” by the Golf Committee, GAP, and the WGAP. When in doubt, a good rule of thumb is “if you can buy it in the pro shop it is acceptable to wear out on the course!”

**Cell Phones** - The Club has restricted the use of cell phones on the golf course and in common rooms at the Club. Cell phones can be annoying and distracting to members and guests. Consequently, the Club has restricted cell phone use to the following areas only:

- Men’s Locker Room
- Ladies’ Locker Room & Lounge
- Parking Lots
- Driving Range Parking Lots

The Club recognizes that cell phone use in “off limits” areas under certain circumstances may be entirely appropriate, and expects the membership to recognize such times. For example, the imminent delivery of a baby is an appropriate circumstance, the imminent delivery of a dining set, contract or business deal is not.

**Children on the golf Course** - Golf is more and more becoming a family game. The Club encourages this change and takes justifiable pride in our very successful junior golf program both at Flourtown and St. Martins. Within this context it is important that we understand and respect the limitations on children on the Flourtown courses. Flourtown Junior Golf Members under the age of 18, when certified by the golf staff, may play unaccompanied by an adult member anytime on weekdays, after 11:30am on Saturdays, and after 9:30am on Sundays with the permission of the professional staff. Flourtown junior members under the age 18 who are **not** certified may play at any time on weekdays, after 11:30am on Saturdays, and after 9:30am on Sundays if accompanied by a golf member. Non-Flourtown junior members under the age 18 may play at any time on weekdays, after 11:30am on Saturdays, and after 9:30am on Sundays if accompanied by a golf member, up to a maximum of 4 times per year. Exceptions to this rule will be granted for juniors playing in Club sponsored tournaments or matches. To become certified a junior must demonstrate an acceptable level and speed of play, knowledge of the rules and etiquette of the game, and an

ability to care for and respect the golf course. Children age 8 and younger must be accompanied by an adult at all times at the Flourtown facilities. Babies are not permitted to accompany their parents on the golf course at any time. Small children may accompany their parents only with permission from the Golf Committee and/or the professional staff. Absolutely no strollers, baby joggers or other such equipment are permitted on the golf course at any time.

### **The Role of the Golf Committee**

The Golf Committee is charged with preserving and enhancing the golfing experience for all Cricket Club members. The Committee is dedicated to serving the need and desires of the membership to the fullest extent possible, and values and seeks the input of the membership. If you should have questions, comments or suggestions regarding quality or any golf-related issue, please feel free to contact any Golf Committee member.

## 2019 Master Tournament Registration Schedule

### Registration Dates - Men's Events

Reg. Opens	Tournament	Event Date
9-Mar	April Stag Day	9-Apr
13-Mar	Men's BB of Partners Qualifiers	13-Apr
15-Mar	Men's League	15-May
19-Mar	Spring Stag	19-Apr
1-Apr	SM Spring Match Play	1-Apr
1-Apr	Men's Super Sr./Sr. Champ.	1-Apr
7-Apr	May Stag Day	7-May
11-May	June Stag Day	11-Jun
16-May	Father's Day Champ.	16-Jun
22-May	Club Championship	June 22-23
25-May	June Stag Day	25-Jun
20-Jun	Tillinghast Cup	July 20-21
30-Jun	July Stag Day	30-Jul
1-Jul	SM Fall Match Play	Fall
3-Jul	Men's Member-Member	3-Aug
14-Aug	Hendrickson Memorial	14-Sep
17-Aug	September Stag Day	17-Sep
8-Sep	October Stag Day	8-Oct
11-Sep	Fall Classic	11-Oct
29-Sep	October Stag Day	29-Oct

### Registration Dates - Women's Events

Reg. Opens	Tournament	Event Date
11-Mar	St. Martins Opening Day	11-Apr
18-Apr	Women's Spring Kickoff	18-Apr
4-Apr	Women's BB of Partners Qualifier	4-May
12-Apr	Mother's Day Champ.	12-May
22-Apr	Women's Doe Day	22-May
23-Apr	Women's Twilight	23-May
13-May	St. Martins Member-Guest	13-Jun
20-May	Women's Twilight	20-Jun
22-May	Women's Club Champ.	June 22-23
26-May	Women's Super Sr Club Champ.	26-Jun
18-Jun	Women's Twilight	18-Jul
24-Jun	Lady-Caddie	24-Jul
27-Jun	Women's Member-Member	July 27-28
30-Jun	Play Day	31-Jul
29-Jul	Women's Twilight	29-Aug
4-Aug	ABCD Championship	Sept 4 & 8
11-Aug	Women's Member-Guest	11-Sep
2-Sep	Women's Sr. Club Champ.	Oct 2 & 5
10-Sep	St. Martins Closing Day	10-Oct
24-Sep	Women's Closing Day	24-Oct

### Registration Dates - Junior Events

Reg. Opens	Tournament	Event Date
18-May	SM Jr. Member-Guest	18-Jun
22-May	Club Championship	June 22-23
1-Jun	Jr. Tee It Forward/Big Hole Champ	1-Jul
24-Jun	Flourtown Jr. Member-Guest	24-Jul
30-Jun	SM Jr. Club Championship	30-Jul
23-Jul	Parent/Child Nitelite Golf	23-Aug
15-Aug	Junior Event	15-Sep

### Registration Dates - Mixed Events

Reg. Opens	Tournament	Event Date
17-Apr	May Nine & Dine	17-May
19-Apr	Mixed BB Partners Champ. Qualifier	19-May
27-Apr	Ryan Memorial	27-May
1-May	Putting Championship	1-Jun
15-May	June Nine & Dine	15-Jun
4-Jun	July 4th Mixed Golf	4-Jul
19-Jun	July Nine & Dine	19-Jul
21-Aug	Mixed Member-Guest	21-Sep
6-Sep	Husband/Wife Champ.	6-Oct
19-Sep	Pilling 4 Club	19-Oct



# **The Philadelphia Cricket Club**

## **Local Rules and Conditions of Competition**

**\*The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play\***

**OUT OF BOUNDS** - Defined by inside points, at ground level, of white stakes, fence posts and walls. Other items defining out of bound are as follows – white paint, roads, and/or clubhouses. The driving range and shortgame area are out of bounds.

**PENALTY AREAS** – Red lines and stakes define the margins of penalty areas. When such margins are defined by both lines and stakes, the lines govern. When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When penalty areas are bounded by out of bounds, the margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR** – Defined by white lines. Fire ant hills, prepared and maintained mulched flower beds and french drains are deemed to be ground under repair.

**AERATION HOLES** - Through the green in a closely mown area, a ball which comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. On the putting green, the player shall place the ball at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids such a situation.

**IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS NEAR GREENS** - All fixed sprinkler heads and the like are immovable obstructions and relief from interference by them may be obtained under rule 24-2. In addition, if a ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard and such an obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows: The ball shall be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay which (a) is not nearer the hole; (b) avoids such intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

**SOD SEAMS** – Except in a hazard, sod seams (not the sod itself) are deemed to be Ground under Repair and relief is available under Rule 25-1 if the ball lies in or touches a sod seam or the sod seam interferes with the area of intended swing. All seams within the sodded areas are considered the same seam.

**WHITE LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS** – have the same status as roads and paths, that of obstructions.

**INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE** – include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; liners in bunkers and artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in *Notice to Competitors/Players*.

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES** – For play in all Philadelphia Cricket Club events, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance. However, if during a stipulated round a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (i.e. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification of the side, regardless of whether any such additional functions are used. A multi-functional device, such as a Smartphone or PDA, may be used as a distance measuring device provided it contains a distance measuring application that meets all the above limitations (i.e., it must measure distance only). In addition, when the distance measuring application is being used, there must be no other features or applications installed on the device that, if used, would be in breach of the Rules, whether or not they are actually used.



Dear Visitor,

We are delighted to host you and our staff looks forward to being at your service! To help us make your visit the best it can be, please join us in observing some of the club's customs and courtesies:

**Check-In**

- Please check-in with a member of the golf professional staff in the golf shop and identify who your member host is.

**Cellular Phones**

- Out of respect for members and their guests, noise related to cellular/mobile phones and other forms of electronic communication is restricted to the locker rooms and/or parking lots. Use of phones for texting, checking email, and the like (provided it is discreet) is permitted.

**Attire**

- Proper attire is required on club property at all times. Shirts must remain tucked in at all times. No denim or warm-up suits are permitted. Collared shirts are required for men. Women may wear a sleeveless shirt provided it has a collar or a collarless blouse provided it has sleeves. Hats must be worn as designed and removed when in the clubhouse. Shorts must be Bermuda style in length for men and no more than 5 inches from the knee for women. Cargo shorts/pants are not allowed.

**Caddies**

- Unaccompanied players playing Militia Hill may walk with caddies or take carts and a forecaddie.
- All players playing Wissahickon must walk with caddies unless 65+ or a documented medical condition exists and a cart is approved by the Golf Committee in advance.
- Caddies are to be paid directly in cash.
- Players are asked to have suitable golf bags for carrying – 'tour bags' and the like are discouraged.
- Senior Caddies (Red or Black bib) – rate is \$55 + tip. The traditional total will range between \$70-\$100.
- Junior Caddies (Yellow bib) – rate is \$35 + tip. The traditional total will range between \$40-\$70.
- Forecaddie (any bib) – rate is \$30/pp for eighteen holes + tip. The traditional total will range between \$140 & \$200 depending on the performance of the caddie.

**Pace of Play**

- Players are expected to complete their round in 4 hours and 15 minutes or less. The Cricket Club takes pace of play very seriously – please take special care to ensure you play as quickly as possible so as not to disrupt the experience of players behind you.

**Course Etiquette**

- The Philadelphia Cricket Club takes great pride in the condition of our courses and we strive to maintain them in championship conditions at all times. Please replace divots, repair ball marks, rake bunkers, and knock the sand off of your shoes when exiting a bunker. Please follow instructions for hitting off of mats/grass at the practice facilities.

**Other Information**

- If signing something back to your club, please be sure your name and number are legible.
- Phone – (215) 247-6113.
- Wissahickon Course – 6025 W. Valley Green Rd, Flourtown, PA 19031
- Militia Hill Course – 405 Stenton Ave, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
- St. Martins Course – 415 W. Willow Grove Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118
- Club website is [www.philacricket.com](http://www.philacricket.com) and we invite you to learn more about our club in advance of your visit.
- Smoking is prohibited indoors and on patios.
- The use of metal spikes and softspikes with 'flared' tips are prohibited.

We look forward to helping make your day at The Cricket Club the best it can be!

Regards,  
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## Handicap Guidelines at The Philadelphia Cricket Club

Fundamental to providing all players an opportunity to compete on a 'level playing field' is a properly administered and monitored handicapping program. So important, in fact, is this mantra that the USGA requires that each club that issues a GHIN handicap be licensed. The process of becoming licensed requires mandatory attendance at one of several seminars the USGA conducts to review the handicap system and parameters. It also requires a commitment by the club to meet the handicapping guidelines established by the USGA.

To meet USGA requirements the club is required to have a handicap committee. The handicap committee is charged with enforcing USGA handicap guidelines. Additional functions of the committee include helping to create objective parameters to measure handicap fairness and accuracy; communicating those parameters to the general membership; overseeing 'peer review' on both an informal and formal basis; monitoring and maintaining handicaps per USGA guidelines; and reacting to problems relating to handicapping as they arise. This committee is required by the USGA and must be made up of club members in good standing. The committee is guided in their mission by the USGA Handicap System Manual. **The 2019 Handicap Committee at The Philadelphia Cricket Club consists of Tom Sheridan (Chair), Alison Rudolf, and Bob Wurtz. Executive Director of GAP, Mark Peterson, serves in an ex-officio capacity.**

At virtually every club, charges of 'sandbagging', unfair handicaps, 'reverse sandbagging', and the like permeate the air on a semi-regular basis. Various clubs deal with the issues in different ways and no two clubs administer the handicap system and parameters the same. The PCC handicap committee has discussed a variety of topics as it relates to handicapping and has agreed that it should be guided with the following goals in mind:

- 1) Protect the integrity of the handicap system in an objective manner. In this way, the enforcement of parameters can be achieved without the subjective emotion and bias that often affects decision-making.
- 2) Ensure that the parameters enacted are clear and consistent with USGA recommendations.
- 3) Educate the membership on an ongoing basis and be available to offer assistance to the club and membership in administering the handicap protocols established by the club and USGA.

### Basic Handicapping Parameters

In order to fairly administer the USGA handicap system the following parameters are in effect always. Failure to adhere to these parameters, if discovered during 'peer review', constitutes cause for consideration of a handicap adjustment. They include:

- a) Players are expected to post their scores EVERY time they play golf during the golf season (April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>). **THIS INCLUDES ALL SCORES MADE AWAY from The Philadelphia Cricket Club.** The ONLY exceptions to this rule would be if the player is playing a format that is not postable (ie. scramble; chapman; etc.) or if the player has played the round alone (see section "j" below). Pro shop staff is available to guide you on how to post a round if it is not completed; how to post nine-hole scores; how to post scores made in match play; what to post if a hole or match is conceded; whether a round is considered 'tournament'; and the like.
- b) Scores posted are expected to be 'adjusted' per USGA equitable stroke control (ESC).
- c) Players are expected to try to make the best score they can on EVERY hole.
- d) ***All scores posted are subject to 'peer review'. Any player, at any time, has the right to review the handicap history of any other player.*** A PEER REVIEW BUTTON IS AVAILABLE ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE WEBSITE – PLAYERS CAN

ANONYMOUSLY TRIGGER A PEER REVIEW SIMPLY BY CLICKING THE BUTTON.

- e) All scores made between November 16<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> in an active season location must be posted. The pro shop staff is available to inform you of which states are considered 'warm-weather'.
- f) While the pro shop staff can facilitate the posting of scores, it is up to each member to ensure that all scores are posted properly.
- g) Scores must be posted within 7 days of the round played.
- h) If 'preferred lies' are in effect the score must still be posted.
- i) Players may not 'manipulate' scores at any time (ie. posting erroneous scores; stopping play after 6 holes to avoid posting scores; repeatedly playing more than one ball to avoid posting scores; not adjusting scores using ESC; deliberately reporting more or fewer strokes than actually scored; or deliberately taking extra strokes to inflate a score).
- j) By decision of the USGA beginning in 2016, the posting of rounds played alone is disallowed. This change was brought on to support one of the pillars of the USGA Handicap System: peer review. The concept of peer review is an essential and crucial element of the handicap system. Without peer review, a handicap index loses its inherent value, and is just a number. The USGA is of the belief that by implementing this change, it will be supporting integrity, fairness and equitable play among all golfers. To ensure consistent enforcement of the USGA Handicap System, clubs do not have the choice of opting out of enforcing this policy. If a club were to allow solo round postings, we would be out of compliance with the Handicap System and could lose our license to issue handicaps, which would not benefit any of the parties involved.

### **Tournament Scores**

Players are to post their scores as a 'Tournament Score', unless otherwise noted, if the competition they are playing in meets the following definition: ***"A tournament score is a score made in a competition organized and conducted by the committee in charge of the competition. The competition must identify a winner(s) based on a stipulated round(s) and must be played under the principles of the Rules of Golf".*** For all club events listed in the Golf Calendar, the professional staff will collect and post all scores as Tournament Scores unless otherwise noted.

Examples of competitions that should be posted as Tournament Scores when they meet the tournament score definition include team matches; qualifying rounds for city, state, and national competitions; and competitions conducted by golf associations. If you are not sure as to whether a score should be posted as a Tournament Score, please consult with a golf professional staff member.

### **Peer Review**

Players may be subjected to 'peer review' to confirm their adherence to the defined handicap parameters. Among the reasons peer review may be triggered include, but is not limited to:

- 1) In the last twelve months, a player has two or more tournament score differentials that are at least three points better than their current handicap index.
- 2) In the last twelve months, a player has two or more tournament score differentials that are ten or more points worse than their current handicap index.
- 3) Of their most recent 20 scores a player has three or more scores where the odds of shooting such scores (as defined by a chart provided by the USGA) exceeds 100-1.
- 4) If a player wins an event in which handicaps are used.
- 5) If a player fails to turn in a score in an event at the club that is identified as a tournament score posting.



Should a player be subjected to 'peer review' by the handicap committee, that player will be held to the handicap parameters as described. Upon a complete 'peer review' by the handicap committee, any concerns/questions will be addressed, in writing, to the affected party as quickly as possible. The member under review, upon receipt of the letter from the committee, will have seven days to respond to such questions/concerns in writing, after which the committee will decide using all the facts at their disposal. The committee may request a face-to-face meeting with the member if needed. **All decisions made by the committee are final.** The committee's decisions will be consistent with USGA guidelines. NOTE – While the committee and pro shop staff will regularly review player's scores to see if any of the criteria noted above occur, members may also make the committee and/or staff aware of such criteria. Ultimately, the purpose of general 'peer review' is to ensure such situations are noted and addressed as soon as they arise. All such communication will be kept strictly confidential.

### **Penalties**

Should a player be subjected to 'peer review', they may be subjected to a handicap modification in addition to any effect the proper posting of scores may have on their handicap. The index adjustment will remain in effect for a period determined by the Handicap Committee and will be reviewed by the Handicap Committee periodically to determine if the player's handicap index should revert to the normal handicap formula computation pursuant to Section 10-2 of the USGA Handicap System. Should a handicap modification take place it will be in force always, including both competitive and non-competitive events, and the adjustment will be noted on the handicap sheets. If a player's handicap is modified more than once over a two-year period, their ability to accept net prizes in club events may be revoked subject to golf committee review.

### **Summary**

Each member must follow these handicap guidelines. It is the sole responsibility of each member to understand and comply with these guidelines. While handicapping is fundamental to enjoying competitive golf, it is the integrity of players who participate in events that is subject to greater scrutiny than those who don't play in matches and/or events. PCC's handicap parameters are designed to deal with concerns as they arise, and in such a way that is objective and clearly defined. The handicap committee is confident that in lieu of subjective modifications to the USGA handicap system, these handicap parameters will effectively deal with handicap issues as they arise without placing an undue burden on all members of the club.

### **Requirement to meet if winning an event**

Participation in any club tournament where prizes or 'prize' are at-stake requires the participating member to have at least 80% of their PCC rounds posted in the prior 12-month period to be eligible for such rewards. Rounds registered on Foretees will be compared with scores posted on GHIN to determine if the threshold is being met. While the staff will do their best to identify any players who do not meet such requirements in advance of the event being played, it is ultimately the responsibility of each player to know and ensure they are eligible to participate. Should a member earn a prize or recognition and it is later determined they did not meet the 80% threshold, they will forfeit such prize/recognition.

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