

THE LITTLE BOOK OF GOLF RULES

Answers to all of your
questions related to golf at
Cottonwood Palo Verde at Sun
Lakes



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Introduction

This rules handbook was prepared to give homeowners answers to their questions concerning golf in Cottonwood Palo Verde at Sun Lakes. The information that follows is a compilation of all the rules and policies related to golf.

This handbook addresses what you need to know to play golf at the Cottonwood or Palo Verde golf courses. It was developed using all current HOA documents including Board Policies, the Homeowners Handbook, and the Cottonwood/Palo Verde Golf Club Information Booklet.

Golf in our community is organized and managed through our two Golf Shops. One shop is located at the Cottonwood Golf Course, and one is at the Palo Verde Course. Each shop is managed by a PGA Head Golf Professional who is supported by two Assistant Professionals.

The Cottonwood course is an 18-hole, par-72 championship golf course, and the Palo Verde course is an 18-hole, par-62 executive course. Either Golf Shop will assist you in meeting your golfing needs.

The maintenance of the golf course and all common areas are managed through the course superintendent's department. All issues and questions related to golf course care are addressed through his office. The superintendent works closely with the

golf pros to keep our courses esthetically pleasing as well as golfer friendly.

All rules and policies quoted in this manual are considered the official authority and supersede any previously printed documents.

Who can play golf on our courses?

Any home owner and their guest may play golf on either of our courses. All homeowners must purchase a golf annual membership, 25 play cards, or pay a daily green fee. Any guest of a homeowner can play with the homeowner at either course without a guest card by paying the appropriate green fee. One homeowner **MUST** be in every foursome when a guest does **NOT** have a guest card. **ALL** guests **MUST** pay a daily green fee.

A guest with a valid guest card may play golf at either course by paying the daily green fee. Fees are posted in the Cottonwood and Palo Verde Golf Shops. A valid guest card allows the guest to play without the homeowner playing with them. All guests playing without a homeowner MUST have a guest card issued by the HOA through Homeowner Services at Cottonwood. A guest may NOT bring a guest who does NOT have a guest card.

Any renter with a valid renter's card may play golf by paying the appropriate fees at Cottonwood or Palo Verde. A renter has all the rights and privileges of a homeowner and is entitled to bring guests to play golf on either of our courses.

Any Sun Lakes Country Club or IronOaks resident may play golf at

either Cottonwood or Palo Verde on a space available basis. Reservations to play by Sun Lakes Country Club and IronOaks residents MUST be made after the daily draw has been completed. Both Sun Lakes Country Club and IronOaks residents must pay the appropriate daily green fee. A Sun Lakes Country Club or IronOaks homeowner may bring guests, but the guests MUST play with the Sun Lakes Country Club or IronOaks homeowner.

Sun Lakes Country Club or IronOaks residents may play either the Cottonwood or Palo Verde courses by purchasing an annual membership or paying the daily fee. A limited number of such annual memberships are available and can be purchased at either the CW or PV Golf Shops. A Sun Lakes Country Club or IronOaks resident with an annual membership

may bring guests. The guest must pay the daily green fee and play with the annual membership card holder.

ALL players must have a valid homeowner's card, a guest card or a renter's card with them at all times. Picture ID's are required for all players.

What is an annual golf membership?

Annual golf memberships may be purchased starting October 15 of each year. They entitle the card holder to play on either the Cottonwood or Palo Verde golf courses, or both courses if a combination annual membership is purchased. An annual membership allows the player to use either course without paying the daily green fee. The cost of this annual membership is

set each year by the Board of Directors of Cottonwood Palo Verde at Sun Lakes. All Cottonwood Palo Verde at Sun Lakes residents are entitled to purchase an annual membership. A limited number of annuals are available to Sun Lakes Country Club and IronOaks residents. The number of available annuals and the cost of those annuals for Sun Lakes Country Club or IronOaks residents are set each year by the Board of Directors of Cottonwood Palo Verde at Sun Lakes.

25-PLAY CARDS are available for purchase in either the Cottonwood or Palo Verde Golf Shops. This card allows for 25 rounds of golf, at a reduced rate, for either golf course. A 25 PLAY CARD holder CAN use ONLY one punch for ONE GUEST each time the card holder plays, as long as the card holder plays with the guest.

Annual golf memberships are pro-rated ONE time ONLY for new Cottonwood Palo

Verde Homeowners. The proration is on a daily basis from the date the membership is purchased to the end of the golf calendar year.

Other than for a new homeowner, annual memberships will NOT be prorated or refunded for any reason other than death of the member or the sale of the property with the member relocating outside of the greater Sun Lakes Community. A member moving from Cottonwood or Palo Verde to either Sun Lakes Country Club or IronOaks will NOT be given a refund of any kind.

The sale or transfer of annual golfing memberships is strictly prohibited. Should a member become injured or ill, NO proration or refund shall be allowed nor will credit be given for any subsequent year.

How do I make a tee time?

Golf tee times are scheduled through the Chelsea Computerized T-Time Reservation System. A detailed explanation of how to use the Chelsea system is available in either the Cottonwood or Palo Verde Golf Shops. This system may be accessed by phone or through a home computer or the touch screen computer in the Golf Shops. The golf pros at either Golf Shop can also assist you in scheduling a tee time. NO rain checks are given. No refunds are given after play commences.

Who can use the Driving Range and/or the Putting Greens?

Both the driving range and chipping green at Cottonwood are restricted to

Cottonwood Palo Verde homeowners and their guests, annual golf membership card holders and their guests, 25 play card holders and their guests, and daily green fee players.

Both the practice putting greens at Cottonwood and Palo Verde are also restricted to Cottonwood Palo Verde homeowners and their guests, annual golf membership card holders, 25 play card holders and their guests, and daily green fee players.

Anyone wanting to use the driving range MUST purchase ball machine tokens or credit keys from the Cottonwood Golf Shop. The ball machine will NOT accept cash!

You must show an appropriate homeowner card, a valid annual golf membership sticker, or a current daily

green fee receipt to purchase tokens or credit keys. A picture ID is required.

What is the proper attire/dress for playing golf?

Proper dress applies to those playing and/or using any of the practice facilities including the driving range, chipping greens, and the putting greens.

Men may wear pants or golf shorts no shorter than mid-thigh. Men **MUST** have a collared shirt with sleeves. Mock turtlenecks or turtlenecks are permitted. Absolutely **NO** collarless shirts, tank tops, tennis attire, swim wear, or athletic shorts are allowed. Denim pants, shorts, and shirts (regardless of color) that are uniform

in color, do not have holes or tears and are not frayed or raveled are permissible.

Women may wear slacks, or shorts/skorts/skirts no shorter than mid-thigh. Collarless and/or sleeveless shirts, blouses, sweatshirts, and sweaters are allowed. Athletic shorts, swim wear, cut-offs, midriff-exposing tops, halter tops, revealing tank tops, and tennis attire are NOT considered proper dress for golf. Denim pants, shorts, and shirts (regardless of color) that are uniform in color, do NOT have holes, or tears, and are not frayed or raveled are permissible.

All participants **MUST** wear shoes. Cottonwood and Palo Verde golf courses are soft spike **ONLY** facilities. Metal golf spikes are **NOT** permitted. Golf shoes, golf sandals, sneakers or

rubber soled shoes **MUST** be worn on the courses and practice areas. Any footwear that would damage the greens is strictly prohibited.

What is the policy for alcoholic beverages on our golf courses?

Cottonwood Palo Verde at Sun Lakes has a private club liquor license that allows for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages **ONLY** within a defined area that includes the Cottonwood and Palo Verde club houses, the pools, and patios adjacent to the club houses.

NO alcoholic beverages are sold on either of our golf courses.

It is permissible for golfers to bring their own alcoholic beverages onto the

courses for consumption. Alcohol brought to the course from home may also be consumed on the covered patios that are immediately adjacent to the CW or P.V. Golf Shops. Alcohol brought from home CANNOT be consumed in the areas designated under our liquor license. A map defining the areas that fall under our liquor license is posted at each club house, at each Golf Shop, and on bulletin boards throughout the community.

Can I drive my personal golf cart on the courses?

Any golfer allowed to play on either course may use his/her personal golf cart. Golf carts must be electric carts. NO gas carts are allowed on the golf courses. Carts with front wheel drive

must remain on the cart paths at all times unless the cart has a designated "turf gear." All carts **MUST** have appropriate "turf tires." the Golf Course Superintendent will approve exceptions to the cart path only restrictions.

What are the Cottonwood Palo Verde Men's and Women's Golf Clubs?

Cottonwood and Palo Verde have golf clubs for men and women who want to participate in scheduled, organized golf play. Membership information for each golf club can be obtained in the appropriate Golf Shop.

What are the Rules of Play?

All of the following rules apply to homeowners, guests and renters.

No more than four (4) individuals shall be in any golf group at any time, and any tee time made on Chelsea will require that green fees be paid. The ONLY exception to this rule is the special events sponsored by the Palo Verde or Cottonwood men's and women's golf clubs, the Cottonwood Lady Niners, or events sponsored by the Golf Shops. No more than two (2) carts shall be used at any time. The ONLY exception to this rule are those events sponsored by the Cottonwood or Palo Verde men's and women's golf clubs or those events sponsored by the Golf Shops. ONLY licensed drivers may drive a golf cart on the golf course.

All members MUST obey all posted signs on the golf course. Cart Path ONLY signs mean carts MUST remain on the cart path for the entire hole so designated. Carts are NOT to be driven on the adjoining fairways or roughs or in the desert areas that

surround holes at the Cottonwood course. Players **MUST** walk to their ball from the cart path.

ALL players need to adhere to the pace of play designed for each course. ALL groups should keep up with the group in front of them.

Unattended golf carts **MUST** be parked in one of the courses' parking lots and **NOT** left on the golf course.

ALL golf carts **MUST** be kept 50 feet from all greens, except for green #5 at Palo Verde where carts are allowed to park behind that green.

All guests under the age of 16 **MUST** have golf shop approval to play either course.

Please note that you are personally responsible for any damage to any home or property that is caused by your errant shot. It is your responsibility to contact the proper owner.

Golf carts should be parked on the cart path when teeing off. Do NOT drive up to the tee box.

If you are in doubt about any golf rule or have a question, please check with the professionals in either *Golf Shop*. Knowing the common golf courtesies and the rules of golf will speed up play and help everyone have a more enjoyable golfing experience.

A VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE RULES OF PLAY MAY RESULT IN THE SUSPENSION OF YOUR GOLF

PRIVILEGES. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN IF GOLF PRIVILEGES ARE SUSPENDED.

Rules Violation Enforcement

First violation: The player receives a warning and explanation of the violation from a golf professional.

Second violation: the player receives a letter from the General Manager outlining the violation and the potential consequences if the violations continue.

Third violation: The player will receive an immediate suspension of playing privileges until a hearing with the Board of Directors.

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

HOA Office 480-895-3550

Maricopa County Sheriff

Non-emergency 480-876-1011

CWPV Patrol 480-895-9277

San Tan Gate 480-895-6846