

Rocky Bayou Country Club
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Rocky Bayou Country Club (RBCC) is a private club for use by its members, their family, and guests. RBCC is governed by its Board of Directors. This Member Guide sets forth the rules, policies and procedures.

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I. CLUB POLICY

- 1. RBCC strives to maintain high standards for the enjoyment of its members and guests. The rules, policies and procedures set forth in this Member Guide are for the express purpose of making the social experience as enjoyable as possible.
- 2. All members and guests are subject to the provisions in this guide. Failure to comply with them by the members, persons in their family, and / or their guests could result in disciplinary action and / or suspension of membership privileges.

II. MEMBERSHIPS

- 1. RBCC offers **Owner (Platinum) and several Non-owner (Non-Platinum) Memberships**. Please refer to rockybayoucc.com membership descriptions for the current membership categories.
- 2. All family memberships include a significant other residing in the same household as well as any dependent living in the member's home who is either (1) under the age of 21, or (2) is a full-time student under the age of 24 enrolled in 12 or more college credit hours each term.

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3. All fees and charges are subject to Florida sales tax with the exception of owner certificate fees, initiation fees and certain assessments. They are subject to change. See rockybayoucc.com.

III. GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. Daily operations of the Club fall under the exclusive purview of the RBCC General Manager.
2. See rockybayoucc.com for current guidelines. Interpretations of the guidelines will be left to the discretion of the General Manager.
3. RBCC is not responsible for the loss or damage of the personal property of members or non-members.
4. **PAYMENT OF MONTHLY CLUB BILLS:** Membership dues are billed in advance on the first of each month. **Late charges will apply if the bill is not paid by the twentieth (20th) of that month.** Members must pay with check, cash, ACH (automated charge), or credit/debit card. As of March 2024, all new members must pay monthly bills via ACH or credit / debit cards only. Credit / debit cards incur a convenience fee.
5. **DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS:** If an account is two-month's delinquent, the member is considered "not in good standing" and may be subject to suspension by the Board (RBCC Bylaws, Article IX). After the account is delinquent 90 days, the Board may consider turning the debt over to collection agencies. For all accounts that are two or more month's delinquent, and after the member settles their debt and is "back in good standing," they must be placed on ACH payment for all future bills.
6. To cancel a membership, two-week notice must be submitted to the Accounts Manager. Members who resign will not be allowed to re-join RBCC for 6 months from the date of resignation. No partial membership dues will be refunded.
7. Fishing in RBCC golf course lakes is open to all members and their guests. Fishing must not interfere with or disrupt golfers. Fishing in any of the RBCC lakes is done at your own risk and RBCC is not responsible for any injuries you may incur while fishing on the property. Boats, kayaks, or other watercraft are strictly forbidden on RBCC property.
8. Club employees are not to be reprimanded or directed by members. Any complaints should be directed to the General Manager or Assistant GM.
9. Unsupervised dogs and other pets are not permitted on RBCC grounds at any time. Pets are not allowed in the clubhouse at any time unless they are a certified service animal.

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10. Club members may jog / walk on the RBCC grounds but must not interfere with or disrupt golfers. Running / Jogging / walking is permitted on cart paths and in those areas classified as rough within the tree line. Running / jogging / walking on the course is done at your own risk, and RBCC is not responsible for any injuries you may incur while jogging / walking on the property.
11. Bikes (as a means of transportation to and from the course) may only be ridden in the RBCC parking lot. Skateboards are not permitted anywhere on RBCC grounds.
12. Lightning and Severe Weather Warning System: There is no severe weather warning system on the Rocky Bayou Country Club grounds. Accordingly, anyone on RBCC grounds must take personal responsibility for their actions during inclement weather. We encourage everyone to be mindful of severe weather and to exercise due caution when lightning is observed in the area.

IV. GOLF COURSE USAGE RULES

1. **TEE TIMES:** Any member may make a tee time up to seven (7) days in advance. Owner (Platinum) members may make a tee time up to fourteen (14) days in advance. Tee times for member guests must be made by the member unless the guest is playing during a time approved for outside play. Tee times are made by calling, booking online, or visiting the pro shop. To facilitate group play, one member may reserve up to three tee times for one day. This limit may be increased at the discretion of the General Manager. Only RBCC members and their guests are permitted to golf on Friday and Saturday mornings before 12:00pm, and tee times are required to be in groups that are twosomes or greater.
2. **CHECK IN:** All players must check in at the pro shop prior to playing golf and after each round if they want to continue playing.
3. **MINIMUM AGE:** Minimum age for accompanied children on the golf course or practice facilities is **6 years old**; minimum age for unaccompanied children on the golf course or practice facilities is **14 years old**. Exceptions may be allowed by agreement between parents and the General Manager.
4. **GUESTS:** A “guest” must be a friend or acquaintance of the sponsoring member. Guests of members may receive a discounted rate in accordance with current Club policy. For more information, please check with the pro shop desk.
5. **RANGE BALLS:** Range hours are established by the RBCC General Manager. The range closes early on Sundays to allow for clean-picking in advance of mowing on Mondays. Range balls and buckets are not to be removed from the range / practice areas.

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6. **RBCC GOLF CARTS:** Member Cart Rental: Golf carts are available for rent from the pro shop. They are rented for each 9 or 18 holes: **not** by the day.
 - a. Carts may be driven on RBCC property only by individuals who are age 16 or older and who possess a valid driver's license or by those with a learner's permit with an accompanying licensed adult riding in the same cart as they youth driver. **This rule applies to members and guests and to RBCC carts and private carts without exception.**
 - b. Members who pay per-round cart fees will be charged accordingly if riding in another member's private cart.
 - c. To maximize cart availability, all golfers who pay a per-round cart fee are required to ride two to a cart. If a golfer insists on riding singly, that golfer will be charged two cart fees. Exceptions to this rule: threesomes, singles playing in walking groups, and Platinum members with unlimited monthly cart plans.

6. **PRIVATE CARTS**
 - a. Platinum Unlimited Monthly Cart Plans and private cart use are privileges only available to platinum members and those included on their memberships. See rockybayoucc.com for current fees associated with these privileges.
 - b. If a platinum member's private cart breaks down, the member may use a club cart until repairs are complete.

7. **CART USE RULES**
 - a. Carts must remain on cart paths when paths are present.
 - b. Do not drive between a cart path and a green.
 - c. Carts will not be driven between the white "No Cart" poles and the greens.
 - d. Do not drive between a green-side bunker and the green. Keep carts at least **10 feet** from all bunkers.
 - e. Do not drive within **30 feet** of a green.
 - f. Observe the 90-degree rule and drive in the rough as much as possible.
 - g. Avoid high traffic / worn areas.
 - h. Keep carts on cart paths after crossing the bridge on #9 and #14.
 - i. Walking golfers have the same responsibility as cart users to maintain the quality of the course.

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- j. Golf carts may **not** be parked under the **entryway** in front of the clubhouse as this is a fire lane. During inclement weather, carts may be parked under the entryway for safety; however, members must be available to move the cart in case of emergency.
- k. Violation of these rules is subject to progressive disciplinary action up to and including:
 - i. Warning(s) by the course marshal(s) or RBCC management staff
 - ii. Counseling by the RBCC General Manager (verbal or written)
 - iii. Formal disciplinary action by the Board (suspension or termination of membership)

8. FLAGS FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

- a. Members requesting special consideration with regards to these cart rules may request a handicapped flag to be displayed on their cart. Those members possessing a valid **Florida (or other State) Department of Motor Vehicles Disabled Persons Parking Permit** may request a handicapped flag from the General Manager. A fee will be charged to the member for the cost of the flag.
- b. Those who do not possess a Disabled Persons Parking Permit must make a special request in writing to the Board of Directors which will consider their request and make a final decision. A fee will be charged to the member for the cost of the flag.
- c. The handicapped flag allows for some easing of the cart rules regarding roped-off areas, staying on the cart path, etc. People with a handicap flag must still **remain at least 15 feet** from the greens at all times, not drive between the lake and the green on Holes 9 & 14, and not drive between a bunker and a green.
- d. Once the member is physically back in the cart, the member will depart the green area in the most direct path and maintain all distances described earlier in the guide.
- e. Members possessing a blue flag will sign a letter acknowledging the less-restrictive rules for driving a cart on the course. This letter will be maintained in the GM or AGM's office. Since not all reasons for a flag are permanent, all approval letters will be reviewed annually and re-signed by the member.

9. PULL CARTS: Pull carts and electric hand carts shall be kept **at least 10 feet** from greens.

- a. Do not pull walking carts onto a green.
- b. Do not pull walking carts between a green and a bunker.

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10. **SANDING DIVOTS / REPAIRING BALL MARKS / RAKING BUNKERS:** Divots should be repaired by filling the divot with sand on the course. All rental and private carts must carry a container with sand for filling divots. Walkers should carry a sand bottle with them. Sand is available during the round for refills. Ball marks on the greens should be repaired with an appropriate divot repair tool. Bunkers **MUST** be raked after use to include ball striking area and footprints in and out of the bunker, to smooth the surface for other players. Bunker rakes should be placed with the teeth side in the bunker and the handle left outside the bunker. Place the rakes where they are least likely to affect play.
11. **SLOW PLAY:** Any group that is at least **one clear hole behind the players in front of them should allow the group following them to play through** if that group is waiting. Courtesy and consideration of other players should always be encouraged.
12. **SINGLES AND TWOSOMES:** At busy times, single players / twosomes should not expect to play through. Even twosomes should not expect to play through on weekends.
13. **FIVESOMES: Member fivesomes are allowed only at the discretion of the pro shop.** Fivesomes are requested to keep up with the group in front of them. If a fivesome is not able to keep pace, they must **split up or allow faster groups to play through**.
14. **PLAYER CLUBS:** Each player must have a set of golf clubs and bag which are adequate for playing.
15. **WALKING THE COURSE:** Golfers may walk the course at any time. Rocky Bayou is a soft spike facility. Metal spikes are not allowed.
16. **OWNER AND NON-OWNER MEMBERS' CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN:** 12 and under may play free (**after noon only**) with accompanying paying members (1:1 ratio). Others must be allowed to play through if the child cannot keep up the place of play.

V. USGA RULES OF GOLF AND LOCAL RULES

1. The rules as established by the **United State Golf Association (USGA)** will prevail. However, these rules may be modified by local rules at the discretion of the Golf Committee via the Board of Directors.
2. The rules of golf etiquette as set forth in the USGA Rules of Golf booklet are in effect at all times.
3. Local rules are available in the pro shop.

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VI. GOLF ACTIVITIES AND FUNCTIONS

1. The **Rocky Bayou Men's Golf Association (MGA)** is dedicated to enriching the golf experience of our members. MGA membership is open to all male members in good standing, age 21 and older. There is a small annual fee to be a member. The MGA hosts one of the largest annual tournaments at RBCC (The Dwight Mills Memorial Member-Guest), hosts several monthly 9-hole events for MGA members only, and funds many golf course, clubhouse, and practice area improvements. Inquire at the pro shop desk if interested in becoming a member.
2. The **Rocky Bayou Ladies' Golf Association (LGA)** is dedicated to promoting interest, fair play, and fellowship in the game of golf. The LGA is open to all female members over the age of 18—both golfers and non-golfers. The LGA offers tournaments throughout the year: Member-Member, the Memorial Tournament, the Queens of the Bayou Invitational, and the LGA Championship. Ladies who are non-golfers are invited to join as LGA social members: the LGA offers many opportunities to attend luncheons or social events. Every (non-federal holiday) Tuesday morning is 'Ladies' Day' at RBCC. Please check with the pro shop staff for more details.
3. **RBCC SPONSORED TOURNAMENTS: All tournaments must be requested and approved through the Golf Committee** and then approved by the Board. No tournaments of any kind will be scheduled on Labor Day or Memorial Day weekends, nor on any holidays that coincide with a weekend. The weekend period includes the three days preceding each holiday. To receive preferential pricing, all events associated with MGA or LGA tournaments must be held on RBCC grounds.

VII. CLUBHOUSE FUNCTIONS

1. The Crooked Tree Grille provides daily food and beverage service and hosts special events by advance reservation. Please contact Clubhouse staff for more details. The Crooked Tree Grille is open to the public except during special events designated by management.

VIII. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1. **No outside alcohol is permitted on RBCC grounds.** Violation of this policy will be grounds for immediate removal from the course with no refund for any remaining holes yet to be played.
2. State and local laws regarding alcohol service are strictly enforced. RBCC reserves the right to refuse service in accordance with current Florida statutes and will strictly abide by all state and local laws and regulations that are defined in that license class.

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IX. SWIMMING POOL

1. The swimming pool is open-to all members, their families, and guests from May through October. During this season, 6:30 am to 8:00 am is reserved for adult exercise only.
2. Members that use the pool are required to maintain a release of liability form on file with the pro shop. Members with guests must come to the pro shop, let the desk attendant know the number of guests they have, and their account is charged at that time. Owner Members are not charged a guest fee.
3. **No glass or china** is allowed in the pool area. You may bring non-alcoholic beverages and food into the pool area. All food must be in non-breakable containers, and the member is solely responsible for clean-up.
4. No pets are allowed in the pool area.
5. Children **14 years of age and younger** must be **accompanied** by an adult at all times.
6. **There is no lifeguard on duty in the pool.** Use of the pool and accompanying facilities is done at your own risk, and RBCC is not responsible for any injuries you may incur while utilizing the pool or accompanying facilities.
7. Popping towels, pushing, dunking of others, running, and general 'horseplay' are prohibited in the pool area. Violators will be asked to leave the pool area and repeated offenders will face disciplinary action.
8. If pool maintenance contractors are at the pool or arrive to work on the pool, they will have priority over all pool activity.