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2026
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
GOLF OPERATIONS

GOLF POLICIES & PROCEDURES MANUAL

FRANCIS BYRNE GOLF COURSE, WEST ORANGE

HENDRICKS FIELD GOLF COURSE, BELLEVILLE

WEEQUAHIC GOLF COURSE, NEWARK

Essex County Golf Operation Mission Statement

Pursuing an atmosphere that enhances the enjoyment of the game of golf through the protection of our environments natural resources, delivering excellent customer service, and providing opportunity to all clientele who seek to play the game of golf

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ESSEX COUNTY GOLF DIRECTORY

Essex County Department of Parks Main: 973-268-3500
Director: Dan Salvante

Golf Administration Office
220 Franklin Ave
Belleville, NJ 07109
Golf Administration:
Jacqueline Martinez, Golf Administration 973-302-4587
Dell Johnson, Golf ID 973-302-4362
Tim Christ, Director of Operations 973-751-0384

Automated Tee Time System:
https://foreupsoftware.com/index.php/booking/22527/11077#teetimes

Web Site: www.essexcountyparks.org

Francis Byrne Golf Course
1100 Pleasant Valley Way Clubhouse: 973-736-2306
West Orange, NJ 07052
Clubhouse Manager: Larry Pallante

Hendricks Field Golf Course
220 Franklin Avenue Clubhouse: 973-751-0178
Belleville, NJ 07109
Clubhouse Manager: Zachary Ebel

First Tee Complex (@Hendricks Field)
461 Joraleman Street
Belleville, NJ 07109

Weequahic Golf Course
1 Thomas Carmichael Drive Clubhouse: 973-926-2520
Newark, NJ 07112
Clubhouse Manager Jerry Mays

Crisis Management
Emergency Medical Services 9-1-1
Essex County Sheriff's Department 973-688-3000

Local Police (non-emergency):
Weequahic (Newark) 973-733-6000
Francis Byrne (West Orange) 973-325-4020
Hendricks (Belleville)) 973-450-3333

HOURS OF OPERATION – 2026

All courses will close at sunset unless specific closing hours are designated. The time of sunset will be the time specified by the US Weather Bureau for the Essex County area.

Date	Doors Open	First Tee Off Time	Register Close
Opening Day			
March 02,	7:30 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	1½ hour before sunset
Season Time Change			
March 28,	7:00 A.M.	7:30 A.M.	1½ hour before sunset
April 11,	6:30 A.M.	7:00 A.M.	1½ hour before sunset
May 02,	6:00 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	1½ hour before sunset
May 23,	5:30 A.M.	6:00 A.M.	1½ hour before sunset
August 08,	6:00 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	1½ hour before sunset
September 5,	6:30 A.M.	7:00 A.M.	1½ hour before sunset
September 26,	7:00 A.M.	7:30 A.M.	1½ hour before sunset
October 10,	7:30 A.M.	8:00 A.M.	1½ hour before sunset
December 01,	8:30 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	1½ hour before sunset

Closing Day

Hendricks Field Golf Course	December 20
Francis Byrne Golf Course	December 20
Weequahic Golf Course	December 20

Twilight Time Periods

November, December, January, February after 2 P.M.
March, and October, after 3 P.M.
April, May and September after 4 P.M.
June, July and August after 5 P.M.

HOLIDAYS (Observed during the Golfing Season)

[Holiday/Weekend Rates Apply]

Good Friday, April 3rd
Memorial Day, May 25th
All Fridays between Memorial Day and Labor Day are considered Weekend Rates
Independence Day, July 4th
Labor Day, September 7th
Columbus Day, October 12th

Periodic Days Late Starts or Closings

Each of the Counties three golf facilities will close or open late periodically. Notification will be posted at the minimum of 7 days prior to any closure or late starts. The maintenance of our facilities is of the utter most importance in keeping our courses in desirable condition.

Please check website calendar!! **www.essexcountyparks.org/golf/caledar**

Directions to Golf Courses

FRANCIS BYRNE GOLF COURSE

From New Jersey: Take Route 280 West to Exit 7/Pleasant Valley Way. Turn left onto Pleasant Valley Way. Continue approximately ½ mile. Course is on the left.

From New York: George Washington Bridge or Lincoln Tunnel to New Jersey Turnpike South. Take Exit 15W for Route 280 West. Follow above directions.

Use the intersection "Pleasant Valley Way and Mt. Pleasant Avenue" when obtaining driving directions from the Internet.

HENDRICKS FIELD GOLF COURSE

From Garden State Parkway North: Take Exit 150. Turn right onto Hoover Avenue. Turn right onto Joralemon Street. Turn right onto Franklin Avenue. Course is on the left.

From Garden State Parkway South: Take Exit 149. Turn right onto John F. Kennedy Drive. Turn right onto Belleville Avenue. Turn left onto Franklin Avenue. Course is on the right.

Use the intersection "Belleville Avenue and Franklin Avenue" when obtaining driving directions from the Internet.

WEEQUAHIC GOLF COURSE

From New Jersey: Take Route 78 West. Use Elizabeth Avenue Exit. Turn right onto Elizabeth Avenue. Turn left onto at Grumman Avenue/Weequahic Park Drive. Drive into the Park and go over the bridge. The Course is on the right.

From New York: Take Holland Tunnel to New Jersey Turnpike West to Route 78 West. Follow above directions.

Use the intersection of "Elizabeth Avenue and Grumman Avenue" when obtaining driving directions from the Internet.

2026 Golf Fee Schedule Weequahic and Hendricks Field Golf Course

Green Fees*	Cardholder	Non-cardholder
Adult – Weekday	$40.00	$55.00
Adult - Weekend/Holiday (Friday from Mem-Labor Day)	$50.00	$65.00
Senior, Junior, Disabled, Active – Weekdays	$35.00	$55.00
Twilight Weekday	$30.00	$45.00
Twilight Weekend/Holidays	$35.00	$50.00

Golf Carts		
18- Hole, Adult, per person	$25.00	$25.00
Twilight/Senior Golf Cart	$20.00	$25.00

Tournaments (Monday thru Thursday only and no holidays)	
Francis Byrne	$100.00
Hendricks	$85.00
Weequahic	$85.00
One Day Outing-Weequahic only (Must be 501C3) Full Day	$8,000.00

County ID Card		
Adult	$79.00	$249.00 Gold
Early Bird Special Adult until February 28th	$74.00	$239.00 Gold
Senior, Junior, Disabled, College Student	$49.00	$199.00 Gold

Senior Seasonal- Only individuals who held this status as 2021 are grandfathered in
Monday thru Thursday anytime all three courses, no weekends, no holidays
*$5 Surcharge Per Round at each Course $1,200.00

Out of County Resident- ID card Holder

Weequahic, Hendricks, & Francis Byrne –3 Courses (10 Day res.)	$249.00
Lockers	$100.00
No Show Penalty	$20.00
GHIN Card	$55.00
High School Practices or Matches NA	$20.00

* $5.00 of each green fee goes to the golf beautification fund

Gold Card allows golfer 14-day reservation access, enrolls golfer into New Jersey State Golf Association Golf Handicapping Information System

2026 Golf Fee Schedule Francis Byrne Golf Course

Green Fees*	Cardholder	Non-cardholder
Adult - Weekday	$55.00	$65.00
Adult - Weekend/Holiday (Friday from Mem-Labor Day)	$65.00	$85.00
Senior, Junior, Disabled, Active ID- Weekday	$45.00	$60.00
Twilight Weekdays	$35.00	$50.00
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GOLF PROGRAMS

The Department of Parks has long been at the forefront of efforts to provide exposure to and broaden the understanding and enjoyment of the sport of golf. We provide unique opportunities for all genders of all ages and abilities. Our mission is to make golf an affordable and accessible sport to anyone who wishes to play.

Our golf schedule introduces anyone and everyone to the sport of golf in an educational, recreational, instructional and competitive environment, or any combination of these formats. All the participant need bring is an interest in the sport of golf.
Organizations may apply for either a tee time or a shotgun outing at one of the county courses. (See outing guidelines later in this document).

Group Golf – Tee Time Outing

The Group Golf program is for all groups interested in an 18-hole event with 20 golfers or more. Open to all organizations. Limited dates, courses and times available. Please call Golf Administration to schedule available times at select course.

Junior Golf

Essex County Parks Department feels it is important to grow the game of golf and we believe there is no better place to start than with the Junior Golfers. We have special junior golf rates and have developed a partnership with the First Tee program promoting leadership initiatives and positive life skills in our community's youth. Children between 11 years of age and 15 years of age are required to have a parent or guardian supervisor over the age of 18 years. Children under the age of 11 that have participated in the Essex County First Tee program and have passed their course readiness program are able to play all three county courses. The same as all children under 15, they still need a parent or guardian per child to supervise while on the golf course. (Each child must have an adult, meaning only 2 children per foursome or one child one adult). There will be no circumstance that more than 1 child will be allowed on course with less than 2 adults, unless taking part in the First Tee Program and have achieved PAR level status.

Hole-in-One Program

The Hole-in-one program brings recognition to individuals who have accomplished their shot of a lifetime. If you have scored a hole in one during your round of golf and have a witness, please notify the cashier. All County I.D. holders will receive a (used) Essex County Golf Flag. The County will do our best to provide the flag from the hole it was scored upon, but this will be based upon supplies.

USGA Handicap System

The Department of Parks, in cooperation with the NJSGA, offers the USGA GHIN handicap program. A free smart phone app allows instant access. We encourage interested individuals to subscribe to the service for a nominal fee and receive handicap updates.

Policies

Golfer Responsibility

Golf is a game of honor and tradition. Safety, consideration of others, pace of play and care for the course are integral parts of the game. Golfers who play on the Essex County golf courses agree to follow the guidelines and policies set forth in this document. If a golfer chooses to disregard the rules and regulations set forth the county resolves the right to suspend golfing privilege. Multiple offenses can be subject to permanent suspension of these rights. Golfers also assume all risk associated with playing a round of golf.

Etiquette

The player shall be cautious and courteous. Players must respect the rights and safety of the golfers playing ahead of them. Inappropriate conduct such as loud or profane language, abusive behavior or destruction of parks property will not be tolerated.

Identification

Players must have proper identification when checking in at the cashier area. A registered resident must present a current Essex County Golf ID Card to be eligible for the discounted rates. See Essex County Golf Card Policy for further explanation.

All players must purchase a greens fee and present the proof of receipt to a golf course employee upon request.

Dress Code

Proper golf attire is required at all times, including golf shirts, slacks or mid-length shorts. Clothing items not appropriate for the golf course include, but are not limited to: tank tops, fishnet shirts, short shorts, sweat pants, baseball pants, spandex or bike shorts, and jeans. Golf shoes and sneakers are the only acceptable shoe permitted for play. Metal spikes are not permitted. Refer to the Dress Code Policy

Errant Golf Ball Damage

The striker of the golf ball is responsible for any damage or bodily harm caused by the ball or club. Please inform a golf course employee if an incident occurs.

Maintaining The Course Conditions

The Essex County Department of Parks has made a concerted effort to keep the courses in the best possible condition. Golfers have a responsibility to aid that effort. Please leave the course in better condition than you found it by replacing divots, repairing ball marks and raking bunkers. Keep all trash in golf cars or use receptacles located near each tee.

Pace of Play

Slow play is the enemy of all golfers. Players should play “ready golf” and keep up with the group ahead, limit the search for a lost ball to three minutes, practice continuous putting and be ready to hit the ball when it is your turn. Refer to the Pace of Play Policy.

Safety

It is up to individual golfers to protect themselves during severe weather. The Department of Parks golf courses do not have a lighting detection system nor do they have an evacuation plan. Golfers play at their own risk.

Policies

Automated Tee Time Policy

The Automated Tee Time service offers a quick and easy way to reserve, confirm, modify or cancel reservations at the three Essex County Golf Courses. When a golfer Registers for a golf ID card they will be given access to the automated Tee Time Service.

Access to this service is included with the purchase of an annual Essex County Golf ID Card with a credit card on file. Upon completion of the registration procedures, for the current golf season, access to the Automated Tee Time service will be granted through the use of the golfer's ID Number.

Automated reservations are accepted starting Ten (10) days in advance, for registered Essex County resident ID card holders. 14 days in Advance for Gold Card holders. Reservations can be made through the reservation system for any tee time as long as it remains available. If a Tee-time is reserved and the golfer does not show, they will be charged a $20 fee for every time that was a "no-show". Times can be cancelled up to two hours before, through the tee time service or the course cashier.

Once an ID cardholder has 8 "no show" charges they will be suspended from the reservation system for 30 days. After reinstatement if the ID holder has 4 more "no shows" they will face permanent suspension.

Cancellations

Tee times must be honored or cancelled. Cancellations and modifications must be made through the reservation system or cashier of the course the reservation was made up to 12 hours prior to tee time. Failure to do so will result in the golfer being classified as a "no-show". A confirmation number will be provided for both reservations and cancellations.

No-Shows

Failure to cancel a reservation will result in a "No-Show" classification. When a registered golfer is listed as a "No-Show", he/she is automatically deactivated from the automatic tee time reservation system until the "No-Show" fee is paid.

A "No-Show" is defined as:

- Anyone who fails to cancel a reserved tee time.
- Anyone who fails to modify a reserved tee time and arrives at the course with fewer than the number of players reserved.
- Anyone who makes a reservation and fails to appear for the tee time.
- Anyone not checking in 20 minutes before the reserved tee time.

Golfers should take into consideration the weather forecasts on the day prior to play. Poor weather, in itself, does not release a golfer from their obligation to honor their tee time reservation unless extreme circumstances exist (See Weather Policy).

A group that fails to appear at the cashier 20 minutes prior to the reserved tee time can be considered a no-show and the tee time can be sold to someone on the standby board. "No-Show" Fee will be charged automatically to customer credit card.

Transfer of Reservation

Tee times are not transferable. The person, who holds the reservation, must appear at the appointed tee time and play in the group. If the reservation holder is ill and cannot make the tee time his/her playing partner may be allowed to play only with prior knowledge of the Golf Administration Office or the Superintendent/Manager. Abuse of this provision will result in the suspension of Essex County Golf ID Card privileges.

Essex County Golf ID Cards

Eligibility

Essex County residents may obtain the Essex County Golf ID Card for a nominal price. Proof of residency is required at the time of registration. The following are acceptable forms of identification:

- A New Jersey photo driver's license.
- In the absence of a driver's license a photo ID must be provided with <u>two</u> of the following: Issued in the past 30 days
    - PSE&G, (issued in the past 30 days, name and address must be on the bill);
    - Residential Property Tax Bill (the lot and block number and golfer's name and address must appear on the bill);
    - Deed (the book and page number for recording must be indicated on registration card);
    - Current Lease (with the date and term of the lease with the landlord's name);
    - Current W-2 or 1099 statement.

Golf ID Card Types

There are eleven types of Essex County Golf Cards:

- Adult Resident (018-61yrs/age) $79 Gold $249.00
- Senior (62+ yrs/age) $49 Gold $199.00
- Junior (11-17 yrs/age) $49 Gold $199.00
- Active College student (Must prove active status) $49 Gold $199.00
- Disabled Resident $49
- Senior Seasonal (Unlimited Rounds Monday thru Thursday) $1,200($5/rd.)
- **Non-Resident** Weequahic, Hendricks, & Francis Byrne (10 Day res.) $249.00

Gold Card allows golfer 14-day reservation access, and enrolls golfer into New Jersey State Golf Association Golf Handicapping Information System

Use of Card

Golfers who have an Essex County ID Card, but do not present it at the cashier window, will be charged the non-resident rates. Anyone who falsifies their address or loans their registration card to others or uses a borrowed card will be suspended for a year. Cards and the cardholders must be present at the cashier area when an individual is paying for more than one greens fee. An Essex County Golf ID Card is not transferable, and its use does not include friends, guests, or family of the cardholder. Anyone inappropriately using a card will be subject to suspension of all privileges. The card will be confiscated and can only be redeemed by the card owner appearing at the Golf Administration Office.

Disability Card

See Disability Policy on next page

Caddies

Caddies for hire are prohibited unless authorized by the Golf Administration Office.

Course Closed

The opening and closing of a golf course is at the discretion of the Superintendent/Manager. When the golf courses are closed for the winter or for inclement weather, all practice areas are also closed. No play is allowed during this time period. If a course closes due to inclement weather or poor playing conditions all reservations are cancelled without penalty.

Continuous Play Policy

Stopping for lunch between nines is not permitted. A reasonable time (5 minutes) is allowed to visit a restroom or snack bar. Any group, which stops for more than a reasonable time, will forfeit its opportunity to continue on to the 10^{th} tee until there is an appropriate opening.

High School Play

All High School Golf Teams can play matches or practice between 3 and 4 pm at all County Golf Courses Monday-Thursday. All Tournaments or Outings at other times must have Administration approval (973-302-4587 Jacqueline).

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Disability Policy

Disability Golf Card

If a golfer can show proof that he/she is fully disabled, they will be extended a discount on their greens fee. The roughly 40% discount is a proactive response to the fixed income situation existing for those on permanent disability. A Disability Golf Card can only be purchased at the Golf Administration Office. The following are considered proof of eligibility:

UNDER AGE 65 - Social Security Administration "Award Letter."

AGE 65 OR OVER - A letter from a doctor verifying a permanent disability in accordance with the definition specified in Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act. In Section 504 the term "disability" refers to one whom:

A. Has a mental or physical impairment which substantially affects one or more of the major life activities of that person; or
B. Has a record of such an impairment; or
C. Is regarded as having such impairment.

Major life activities are those physical activities that an individual carries out in the course of a day such as; dressing, eating, manipulating objects, speaking, seeing, driving, walking or hearing and cognitive activities such as understanding, problem solving or remembering.

ADA Golf Car Availability

To accommodate the physically challenged, specialized golf cars, will be available, weather permitting. Due to limited availability ADA Carts must be reserved at least a week in advance. Handicap classification requires Legal Handicap Identification (Federal, State or Local) or a doctor's prescription or note dated for the current golf season.

Handicap golfers will be instructed as to the special instructions that apply to the use these golf carts. This would include the 90-degree rule, driving the golf car within thirty feet of the greens and adhering to the same rules set for all other golf carts. The cart does allow a little leniency with respect to the posted golf car rules. However, it in no way allows for the total disregard of the Golf Car Policy.

Dress Code Policy

Proper dress is required at all times. Golf attire includes; golf shirts, slacks or mid-length shorts and skirts. Clothing items not appropriate for the golf course include but are not limited to: tank tops, fishnet shirts, short shorts or short skirts, sweat pants, baseball pants, spandex or bike shorts, and jeans. Golf shoes and sneakers are the only acceptable shoe permitted for play. Metal spikes are not permitted. This policy applies to both male and female golfers.

Management reserves the right to refuse access to the golf course to anyone deemed to be inappropriately dressed. Failure to comply with this dress code may result in loss of golfing privileges. It is the responsibility of the cashier, starter and ranger to enforce this policy. First offense - warning. Second offense – suspension from play.

Golf Cart Policy

Eligibility

Every golfer who rents a golf cart must be at least 17 years of age and have a valid driver's license. Whoever rents a golf cart agrees to abide by the rules, if the golfer does not, they can face suspension of privileges.

Rules

When a golfer pays to rent a golf cart it is assumed, they take full responsibility for the proper care of the golf cart. Golfers renting a motorized golf cart must adhere to the Superintendent's/Manager's directive concerning golf cart regulations. Golf carts must always stay on paths around tees and greens. If no other directive is posted the 90-degree rule will be in effect. Under this rule golf carts must be kept in the rough or on existing golf cart paths and cross the fairway only at a right angle. Keep all golf carts 30 feet or the designated spacing, from greens and tees. Carts are to have all four tires on path around green and tee areas. Rangers and Starters will monitor golf cart usage. Players who disregard golf cart rules may be required to leave the golf course. Golfers will be paired up in carts whenever possible; when a threesome play and one person chooses to walk the two other golfers must then share a cart. **If you need to request a solo cart for any reason you will be charged for 2 cart fees.**

Last Sale

Golf carts may be rented up until the close of the cashier window. However, there is no guarantee that a golfer will complete nine or eighteen holes. All golf carts must be returned to the clubhouse one half hour before sunset. Cashiers will inform golfers as to when golf carts are to be returned.

Single Walk-Up Policy

Singles that walk in are either asked to join in with other golfers that may not fill up a foursome or if there are no groups to join, they will be in standby for 15 minutes. If no other golfers come in within the holding period, the single player will be allowed to play. We ask that the single have discretion when asking to play through groups on the golf course.

Gift Certificates

Gift Certificates may be purchased at all Essex County golf courses. They are available and may be used for all fees associated with the Essex County golf courses. An Essex County Golf ID Card is not required when using Gift Certificates to pay fees. However, appropriate fees will be charged with regard to residency status.

Gifts & Gratuity

The County of Essex believes that the accepting of gifts or gratuities is not only unnecessary and undesirable but also contrary to the public interest served by County Employees. Hence, the soliciting or accepting of money and/or gifts from firms, organizations, their employees, agents or other individuals with whom the County does business is prohibited.

Non-Players/Spectators/Pedestrian Traffic

Non-Players are not permitted on the golf course unless they are part of a special event sponsored by the Essex County Parks Department and/or have special approval from the Golf Administration Office.

Outings/Group Golf

The Essex County golf courses are available for outings on Mondays through Thursday. Non-profit organizations can arrange an outing to raise money for charity. Group Golf is available for small groups (minimum of 20 players) at certain times based on golf schedule. Reservations must be made well in advance through the Golf Administration Office (973-302-4587). Outing/Group Golf participants are subject to all Essex County golf course rules and regulations. All conditions of the contract for Outings and Group Golf must be adhered to and any violation of the terms, conditions, rules, regulations or any misrepresentation by participants shall constitute grounds for revocation of the permit by the Department of Parks. A deposit of $250 will be taken to reserve a date specified in advance. In an effort to satisfy all groups of desired dates parties must schedule as early as possible. Payment for outing must be paid in full 10 days prior to outing, no exceptions.

A shotgun start shall begin at the groups designated time. A group's right to the golf course will end five hours after the scheduled start time. Players not finished with their rounds may be asked to vacate the course at this time.

Pavilions at all courses are not intended for private parties. The pavilion is to be utilized as part of the golf outing packages. Golf Outings at all courses include the utilization of the pavilion.
Beer/Wine permit is available for one day outings. All parties are required to pay $150 Fee and abide by the special requirements in the permit.

Parking

Parking of visitor's cars is limited to designated areas and to such additional parking places as may be made available when needed. Blocking of roads, safety zones, other parked cars, and spaces reserved for employees and spaces reserved for authorized disabled persons can lead to a summons and towing of the offending car at the owner's expense. Cars are not to be left in the golf course parking lots overnight.

Pace of Play Policy

All golfers must learn to play at a good pace for their own benefit and for the pleasure of those around them. Golfers will play at the proper pace if they focus on staying with the group ahead of them. A group is out of position when they fall more than 10 minutes (one stroke) behind the group in front, regardless of their relation to the group behind. Any group that falls out of position must take immediate steps to catch the group ahead.

Golfers who do not keep pace with the group ahead are subject to a penalty and/or disciplinary procedures. Our goal is to have every golfer play 18 holes in 4 1/2 hours or 9 holes in 2 hours and 15 minutes, all day, and every day. If a group is slow the Ranger will speak with the group and advise them that they are obligated to keep up with the group ahead and that failure to do so will require that they pick up their ball and move up into position. The Ranger will return to the group in twenty minutes to see if progress was made. If the group continues to remain behind a second warning will be given and they will be asked to pick up their ball and move to catch up with the group ahead. If a third warning is needed and the group refuses to pick up their ball or cooperate with the Ranger, the Ranger will contact the Superintendent/Manager for assistance. The Superintendent/Manager may ask the group to leave the golf course.

All players must respect the rights and safety of golfers by not hitting until they are out of range. Slow play should be brought to the attention of the golf staff, who will take action to remedy the situation.

Putting and Practice

Any golfer interested in practicing on putting greens at the three County golf courses must possess a Essex County Golf ID Card or have paid a greens fee for the particular day that the customer is utilizing the putting green. If a person does not possess either of these items, they may be asked to vacate the premises.

Refund and Reimbursements

An Essex County golf course may be closed due to dangerous weather or unplayable conditions at the discretion of the management staff. **There are <u>NO</u> refunds or rain checks issued to anyone who has teed off.** (See Weather Policy).

No Sledding/Snow Boarding/Ice Skating/Cross Country Skiing

Sledding, snowboarding, cross-country skiing, and ice-skating are not permitted on the Essex County golf courses. Violators can be prosecuted for trespassing if they do not adhere to these rules.

Standby Policy

The following regulations apply to the Standby Board:

- Each morning the Standby Board must be cleared one half hour before the first tee time.
- A golfer must appear in person to be placed on the Standby Board.
- Only cashiers on duty may add or remove names from the Standby Board.
- The golfer, whose name appears on the standby list, must be present at all times. It is a common occurrence that the standby is needed on the tee immediately. If a player is not present or is not able to proceed to the tee immediately, he/she will be passed over and the next person on the list will be chosen. If this occurs twice the player's name will be moved to the bottom of the Standby Board list.
- If a standby does not take the time offered, they lose their turn and their name and card are moved to the bottom of the list.
- Clubhouse Employees may not be on the standby list while they are working.

There is no guarantee as to when a walk-on will get to play. It is impossible to judge how long the wait will be. Estimated wait times are not guarantees. The golfer must be ready to play whenever called.

Suspension/Revocation of Privileges

The golfers' cooperation and consideration of these rules and policies of the Essex County golf courses is critical to the enjoyment of their experience. If the conduct of any golfer is deemed by the management to be inappropriate or in violation of any written, verbal, implied, generally accepted or acknowledged rule, it may be grounds for immediate expulsion, suspension or revocation of golf privileges at all of the Essex County golf facilities.

Typical Steps to Suspension	
First Offense	Verbal warning,
Second Offense	Verbal warning, Management - possible expulsion from course
Third Offense	Suspension of playing privileges – 30-60 days
Fourth Offense	Suspension of playing privileges - one year

Grounds for suspension include but are not limited to: Falsification of address, using another player's card, loaning a card to someone, damage to parks property or inappropriate behavior. Should a player be abusive to the golf staff, he/she may be denied the privilege of playing golf until a sufficient apology is made to the managements' satisfaction. Essex County golf employees must use good judgment in each situation.

Weather Policy

The Essex County golf courses do not necessarily close during inclement weather. At the discretion of management, a golf course may be closed, play may be suspended, or opening may be delayed due to dangerous weather or unplayable conditions. During severe weather, such as thunderstorms, greens fees are not sold, and players are not permitted to tee off. **No refunds or rain checks will be issued to anyone who has paid for their round of golf.** When the course is closed all reservations are cancelled without penalty.

Frost Delay

When a frost delay is in effect, golfers are not permitted on the course, putting green or any grassed area. After a frost delay, or any delay, the tee sheet will be followed in sequence, excluding walk-on times. The amount of tee times the golf course falls behind is generally how long it will take to make them up. All walk-on times will be eliminated until the reserved times are back on schedule. Reserved golfers always have preference over golfers on the Standby Board.

If a golfer cannot make their time due to the delay, he/she will not be charged the reservation fee nor will they be deactivated from the system.

Open/No Golf carts

The golf course may be closed to motorized golf cars if the conditions dictate. Any golfer wishing to cancel his/her reservation because of this condition will not be charged a no-show fee and will not be deactivated from the reservation system.

Suspension of play/Resumption of play

If play is suspended golfers may be asked to leave the course. At the Superintendent's/Manager's discretion play may resume and players can return to where they stopped or where golf course staff positions them.

Lightning

The County of Essex golf courses do not have a thunderstorm warning system.
Golfers should abide by the following safety tips during a thunderstorm:

- Immediately leave the golf course, seek shelter or take the appropriate action to ensure your safety.
- If unable to reach safe shelter, stay away from tall trees, metal objects, individual trees, standing pools of water and open fields.
- Avoid being highest object in area; proceed to a low place such as a ravine or valley. Assume a crouched position on the ground with only the balls of the feet touching the ground, wrap your arms around your knees and lower your head. Lightning current often enters a victim through the ground rather than by a direct overhead strike. Minimize your body's surface area and minimize contact with the ground! Do not lie flat!
- Seek lightning shelters, clubhouse, and maintenance building, on course buildings or automobiles. We do not recommend returning to or remaining in the golf car.

Golfers already on the golf course who elect to remain on the course during a lightning event do so at their own risk.

Local Rules

Local Rules include any additional restrictions particular to an individual golf course. These rules apply only where listed. Each golf course has specific rules that pertain to the general play on course. Please refer to the golfer's scorecard for each course's local rules. If changes made pertaining to these rules a staff member in the golf shop will notify players of these changes.

Senior Seasonal Pass Holders

Grandfathered status applies exclusively to those who held membership in 2021 and have maintained it annually without interruption.

All pass holders are entitled to unlimited golf play Monday through Thursday for $5.00 per round any time {NO HOLIDAYS} at any of the three County Courses. ***There is no Weekend Play utilizing the Pass.

Pass holders can however book a round at the normal rate on Fridays, Weekends and Holidays but cannot use the pass for the reduced rate.

The (5) Holidays on page 4 are not eligible days for the Senior Seasonal Pass!! These days will be treated as a weekend /holiday rate.