



Frequently Asked Questions

Executive Golf

What is Good Golf?

- 1- Consideration for others on and off the course.
- 2- Care of the golf course.
- 3- Safety on the course.
- 4- Respect for the game of golf.

Is there a lightning safety policy for the Executive Golf Courses?

Courses do not close due to lightning, nor will the staff ask you to leave the course. It is recommended that you leave the course if you witness lightning. If you choose to continue, please PROCEED AT YOUR OWN RISK.

Is there a dress code?

Women – shorts and skirts are allowed but the majority of the thigh should be covered. Golf fashion tops (with or without a collar) can be worn but stomach should not be exposed. And straps should be at least 2 inches wide. NO T-SHIRTS.

Men – denim pants are allowed. All shirts need to have a collar and sleeves. Turtlenecks, mock turtle necks and blade collars are all acceptable. NO T-SHIRTS.

Can I use my personal golf car?

Yes. Golf cars must remain on the golf cart path. Silver Lake is the only exception, where golf car traffic is allowed on the fairways of all holes.

What is the “Tire Policy”?

Tires on the golf cars to be used on any of The Villages fairways must meet these requirements:

The manufacturer of the tire must refer to the tire as a “golf course tire”.

The tires must have a rounded vertical tread with a maximum depth of ¼ inches.

Total tire width must be a minimum of 8 inches.

Tire pressure must not exceed 28 psi.



Are there Golf Cars for rent if we do not own one?

Golf cars and clubs may be rented from any country club for use at an executive course. It is recommended to seek out the closest club to the course one wishes to play.

For example, if you are planning on playing at Silver Lake or Hill Top, you would rent a car from Orange Blossom Hills Country Club.

Are guests allowed to play the Executive Golf Courses?

Guests of Villages residents whose home address is outside of the Lake, Sumter and Marion counties are eligible to use select recreation facilities, which include the executive golf courses. * Fee will apply*

Children under the age of 10 wishing to play golf must see one of the PGA Professionals at the championship golf course for proficiency approval before play.

Guests under the age of 19 must be accompanied by a resident or guest of The Villages 19 years of age or older with a valid Guest and photo ID.

Where can I practice?

Practice putting greens are available at all country clubs and most executive courses. Golf shots (chip shots) knee high or lower are allowed as long as they do not cause damage to the greens or are potentially causing harm to others. Some courses have two greens; one designated for putting and one designated for pitching. A practice bunker is available at Sarasota.

What happens if there is a delay or closure after I've made a tee time?

In the event of frost, the golf course will be closed until such time that play will not injure the grass as determined by the golf course superintendent; all tee times prior to the opening time will be forfeited.

In the event of heavy fog, the golf course will be closed until the golf course team determines play can safely start from the first tee; all tee times prior to the opening time will be forfeited. It is highly encouraged that all residents sign up for e-Notifications on the District webpage for closure / delay notice alerts. To sign up, please click on the following link:

[E-Notifications](#)

What is the policy on playing or retrieving a ball from the yard of a resident?

Please NEVER play or retrieve a ball from the yard of a resident. Report any damage of private property to the homeowner.



What is the proper repair method on Divots, Ball Marks and Bunker Care?

- Sand should be used to replace divots taken during a swing.
- Ball Marks should be repaired using a tool to close the mark and then smooth with the putter or your foot.
- Before leaving a bunker, a player should carefully smooth over all holes and footprints with the provided rake.

How does the tee time point system work?

Please refer to the Golfing in The Villages brochure from any of the Country Clubs or the Tee Time Office. This information can also be reviewed at www.golfthevillages.com.

How can I find the closure schedule for the Executive Golf Courses?

This information can be found on www.golfthevillages.com and www.DistrictGov.org

What does R-E-S-P-E-C-T the game of golf stand for?

- R- Responsibility
- E- Etiquette
- S- Safety
- P- Pace of Play
- E- Educate
- C- Condition
- T- Tradition

What is the spectator policy on the Executive Courses?

- Spectators are allowed on the golf courses.
- No charge for resident/guests with a valid resident/guest ID card.
- Spectator tags will be issued; if a spectator is caught playing, they must pay the appropriate fees and golfing privileges will be suspended for 30 days.
- Spectators must be at least 10 years old and be accompanied by a resident/guest.
- Spectator golf cars must remain on path.
- One spectator limit per person with a maximum of four spectators per foursome. Not to exceed four total golf carts.