



We have received an increasing number of complaints from the membership about the rules and regulations regarding the use of handicap flags on golf carts and personal carts. At the August 2021 Board of Directors meeting, the board discussed the previous rules and made the proper changes to bring them into the current year and situation of the golf course.

The handicap flag system was originally designed to allow members with temporary or permanent disabilities greater capabilities of access to the golf course in order for them to enjoy their experience. The board recognized that some special exemptions could be made for some individuals to assist them in playing their round of golf. However, the handicap flag rule was not implemented as blanket coverage for members to take their carts “wherever they want”.

Please be informed of the following changes that have been made to the handicap flag system and understand that all members must adhere to these changes.

1. The handicap flag is for the specific individual, not the golf cart. If other members or guests are riding with this individual, they are not permitted to use these exemptions and must abide by the current cart rules of the day.
2. Handicap flag exemptions are not permitted if the course superintendent decides playing conditions warrant a “cart path only” situation.
3. Individuals using a handicap flag will need to utilize a 90* rule if they need to drive into the rough to get to their golf ball. Carts may not and will not be driven wherever they want in the rough. Individuals using a red flag will be allowed to utilize the fairway both beyond and before the enter and exit stakes to gain better access to their golf ball.
4. Carts may not be driven onto or near any of the tee boxes.
5. Other restrictions include:
 - a. Carts must remain no closer than 20 yards of all greens, unless there is a cart path in the vicinity.
 - b. Carts will not be allowed on any grass berms or around any ditches.
 - c. Carts are not allowed on any grass on hole #13 AT ANY POINT. This hole is always cart path only.
 - d. Carts are to stay on the cart path on all Par 3s AT ALL TIMES.
6. Red flags can be picked up from the golf shop prior to your round and must be returned to the golf shop when your round is complete.

If there are any suggestions, comments, or clarification needed, please contact the clubhouse manager, head golf professional, or a board of directors member at your convenience.

Lastly, in order to obtain a handicap flag, there are certain documents that are needed for this exemption:

1. The individual must submit a letter with the following criteria:
 - a. A detail of the impairment.
 - b. Provide the name of your current doctor.
 - c. Provide a letter from that doctor that states and describes the impairment in detail.
2. Once this information is obtained, the aforementioned individual will then be allowed to utilize a handicap flag.
3. Temporary Impairments – If an individual requires the use of a red flag due to a temporary impairment, a doctors note will still be required in order to obtain a red flag.

Conditional approval/disapproval will be given immediately upon completion of all the above information. Final approval will be given after consideration from the Board of Directors.

Waiver for Red Flag Access

I, _____, am submitting this paperwork in order to obtain a red flag for increased access to the golf course while riding in a golf cart. I have read the updated rules and regulations attached and will abide by them at all times.

Please find attached, my doctors note detailing my impairment and need for a handicap flag.

Members Signature _____

Members Printed Name _____

Date _____

For office use only:

- Waiver has both printed and signed name
- Doctors note is attached
- Signature of Manager _____

