



Golf Regulations and Standards



Glenway Golf Course
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Odana Hills Golf Course
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Monona Golf Course
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Yahara Hills Golf Course
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City of Madison Public Golf Courses

The City of Madison Parks Division owns and operates four premiere public golf courses: Glenway, Monona, Odana Hills and Yahara Hills Golf Courses. Led by P.G.A. Professionals, each course offers an enjoyable and challenging level of play.

Written by the Golf Committee using input and recommendations from our customers, the Golf Procedures & Standards Manual has been adopted by the Madison Park Commission. The golf professionals and staff sincerely hope these standards and procedures will enhance your enjoyment of our courses. We welcome your feedback as we continue our commitment to provide affordable and high-quality courses.

General Standards and Regulations of Play

1. The playing season is from course opening to course closing, which is no later than Thanksgiving of each year.
2. Every person playing on the golf courses must pay the green fee. Your golf fees are the sole support of the City's golf program. No City of Madison tax money is used to run the golf program.
3. For safety reasons, walk-alongs are allowed only at the discretion of the golf pro.
4. Dog-walkers trespassers, bicycle riders, picnickers, or any other unauthorized persons are not permitted to walk, ride or rest on the golf course premises.
5. When necessary to protect the safety and enjoyment of our customers, the club pro, starter or club ranger may remove a golfer or golfers from the golf course for violation of course rules or standard golf etiquette. Examples of such violations include obnoxious behavior, intoxication, damaging the course, holding up play, or failure to follow course design on a hole-by-hole basis. The golf rangers have full authority on the course. Players not adhering to these rules and regulations may be asked to leave without a refund of fees.
6. Speed of play is important to all customers and players are expected to complete each 9-holes in no more the 2 hours and 15 minutes. We always welcome new golfers. The Clubhouse staff will be happy to work with you in ensuring you play under that maximum time limit.
7. To keep play moving at a reasonable speed, sharing clubs is not permitted. Each golfer must have at least four (4) clubs, a putter, and a golf bag.
8. Golfers are asked to keep the golf course in great condition for those who follow you. Golfers must replace all divots and fix ball marks on greens. It is your Course!
9. The Superintendent of Parks may restrict a golfer(s) from the course for a specified time for flagrant or repeated violations of golf course rules.
10. No person shall play golf on the golf course after the course has been closed.
11. Each golfer must have their green fee receipt in their possession. Cardholders must present their card at each time of play.
12. Golfers must play in foursomes when determined by staff due to busy time periods at the course. Fivesomes are allowed if approved by the pro.
13. The golf professionals, Golf supervisor and Superintendent of Parks will be permitted to provide reasonable use of the golf course on a promotional basis, and for customer compensation consistent with industry standards.
14. A concession will be operated at all courses for the convenience of the public.
15. Food item concessions will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., depending upon weather and amount of play. The clubhouse will be vacated by 11:00 p.m.

Dress Code

1. Golfers are required to be properly dressed for golf. Shirts, slacks and shorts are considered appropriate. Bathing suits are not permitted. Golf shoes or approved footwear are required at all times. The City of Madison Public Golf Course does not allow metal spikes.
2. Improperly dressed golfers will be asked to change before playing. Any misuse or disregard of these rules may be cause for forfeiture of privileges with no refund of fees already paid.

Golf Season – Times of Operation

1. All courses will open for play no earlier than 6:00 a.m. on weekdays and 5:30 a.m. on weekends. Courses will close at dusk. Later opening times may be necessary, depending upon daylight and conditions, as warranted by the greenskeeper or golf professional.
2. In questionable situations management will make the determination as to whether the course is playable.
3. The opening and closing of the course each season must come through the greenskeeper of the golf course and the Superintendent of Parks.
4. The official golf season will begin on April 1, depending on course condition, and close no later than Thanksgiving, unless the Superintendent of Parks instructs that it remain open later.
5. The Professional may lock up and leave anytime the course is officially closed.

Reservation Policies

1. For your convenience, reservations can be made for weekdays, as well as for Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. There is no charge for reservations at the City of Madison public golf courses.
2. Staff can refuse to accept a reservation from anyone due to failure to honor previous reservations.
3. Reservations can be made 8-14 days in advance via the City of Madison Golf website (www.cityofmadisongolf.com) or through the golf courses up to one week in advance.
4. Reservations can be made directly at the Pro Shop or by telephone. Staff will accept reservations rotating between Pro Shop customers and telephone customers on a first-come, first serve basis.
5. Each person is allowed a reservation for one foursome.
6. One player cannot make a reservation for him/her self alone.
7. Twosomes and threesomes may be paired with players to fill out the foursome.
8. All players must be present and paid in full 10 minutes prior to their tee time.

Rain Checks and Refunds

1. The Staff is responsible for all rain checks. The rain checks issued must be signed and dated.
2. No rain checks will be given to any golfer once he has begun play and has completed one hour.
3. If a player is unable to start play after purchasing a green fee, the Staff will issue a rain check or cash refund.
4. A rain check is good only on the course of issue and only for the current golf season.
5. Each Golfer is responsible for monitoring potential hazardous weather. Golfers are encouraged to seek shelter at the first sign of threatening conditions. Please remember LIGHTNING KILLS!!

Starting Rules

1. All players must obtain a green fee receipt prior to starting play.
2. All players are to start off on Number 1 tee unless directed differently. If a golfer or golfers wish to start off of a tee other than #1, permission must be secured from the golf shop staff so play will not be interrupted.
3. Any player stopping in the clubhouse coming from #9 may forfeit their right to continue in the order of play on #10 tee. All players must maintain their playing position without undue delay on the course at all times.
4. Golfers are expected to tee off at their assigned tee time after purchasing a green fee. At 9-hole facilities, players playing 18-holes are encouraged to make a tee time for the second 9 holes. Otherwise, after the first nine, players must stop in the golf shop to be placed on the waiting list for the next available tee time.

Pass Play

Unlimited Season Passes

These passes are valid for unlimited rounds of golf during the hours that the courses are open for play. Passes are valid for tournament play and leagues.

Restricted Passes

These passes are valid for unlimited rounds of golf during the restricted hours and when the courses are open for play. Passes are valid for league and tournament play being played during the restricted hours. Passes are valid weekdays until 2:00p.m. and after 2:00p.m. on weekends or holidays.

Season Junior Restricted Membership(under 18 years)

The Season Junior Pass is available to all juniors under the age of 18 as of June 1 of the current year. The pass is valid on weekdays between 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. and on weekends/holidays after 2 p.m. The weekday restrictions end the first Tuesday following Labor Day. The card is also valid for participation in Junior Programs at all four courses. At no time will restricted and season junior pass play interfere with a scheduled event.

Summer Junior Restricted Membership (Must be under the age of 16 by June 1.)

Pass is valid during restricted hours from June 1 through August 31st.

Weekdays until 2:00 p.m, weekends & holidays after 2:00 p.m.

Juniors are allowed to play at other times by purchasing an adult permit.

Pass valid for participation in junior programs.

At no time will junior hours interfere with any scheduled event.

Junior Rules, Regulations and Hours of Play

Junior Passes and special rates for nine holes are available to students 10 through 18 years of age. Children under 10 years of age will be extended Junior Golf rates if an adult accompanies them during applicable hours. Play days and hours follow.

Weekdays 10:00a.m. - 2:00 p.m., weekends and holidays after 2:00 p.m.

If a holiday falls on a weekday, the weekend restrictions apply.

Starting the first Tuesday after Labor Day, rate are valid at all courses anytime Monday through Friday. Weekend restrictions apply.

At no time will junior play interfere with a scheduled event.

Senior Rules, Regulations and Hours of Play

A senior permit for nine holes is available to anyone 62 years of age or over, or anyone under 62 who can document forced retirement because of health reasons. Weekdays until 2:00 p.m., weekends and holidays after 2:00 p.m. If a holiday falls on a weekday, the weekend restrictions apply. Starting the first Tuesday after Labor Day, rates are valid at all courses anytime Monday through Friday. Weekend restrictions apply. At no time will senior hours interfere with a scheduled event.

Pass Refunds

Season pass refunds will be granted at a rate of 75% if requested by April 1, 50% if requested by May 1, and 25% if requested by June 1. No refunds are allowed after June 1.

Golf Medical Cart Permits

1. Private golf carts are permitted on Municipal courses with permission based on medical need. Medical requirements are reviewed annually.
2. The Superintendent of Parks can only grant medical permission on an annual basis.
3. Requests for golf cart privileges are to be submitted to the Parks Division office with a doctor's statement of the medical condition. The applicant must also provide liability insurance, co-insuring the City of Madison. A fee is required. The permit is then extended to the individual, not the golf cart.
4. Upon approval, the applicant will be given written permission to operate a private cart and will be issued identifying decals to be placed on the cart.
5. Each course will be advised of all permits issued and will be responsible for checking cart usage and compliance of the applicable rules and regulations.
6. All golf cart use on municipal courses is based on operating rules and regulations, a list of which is available at the Parks Division office and all course pro shops. Nonconformance of rules and regulations, as determined by the golf professional, may result in termination of cart privileges.
7. When staff restricts or bans golf carts on the courses due to turf conditions, medical carts will also be banned from the courses when their use cannot be restricted to roughs only or if, in the opinion of staff, the use of the carts will have a negative effect on the course or other golfers. If available, alternatives, such as the use of a different course within our system, will be offered. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate those individuals that require the use of carts.
8. The Madison Golf Courses have a specialized ADA mobility cart available for rent. The cart is presently being kept at Yahara Hills Golf course, but the City will make this cart available at any of our four courses. To reserve the cart, please call the Golf Course in advance. 72 hour notification may be necessary to accommodate transporting the cart to a different facility.

Golf Cart Operating Rules

1. Must be 21 years of age to operate a riding cart.
2. MAXIMUM of 2 riders per cart.
3. MAXIMUM of 2 bags per cart.
4. MAXIMUM of 2 carts per foursome.
5. No pullcarts on riding carts, unless pro or designated course official grants permission.
6. No beverage coolers for any beverage allowed unless for medical reasons.
7. No children left unattended on the cart.
8. Keep carts 20 feet or further from tees and greens.
9. When approaching a green area, drive carts around sand traps, not between traps and the green.
10. No private carts parked in front of buildings or designated course professional parking areas.
11. Private medical cart permit is ONLY for permit holder.

12. If a non-permit holder uses a private cart, the permit will be terminated.
13. Private medical cart permit holders are responsible for all rules pertaining to golf cart use. If there is any violation of these rules, the permit holder will receive a warning. If the violation continues, the permit will be terminated. The course must be played in order, starting on #1 and proceeding through #9 or #18. Keep carts in the rough as much as possible.
14. Cart permit holders must check in with the starter before beginning play.

Walk-Along/Ride Along Policies

1. The walk-along/ride-along is a non-paying observer accompanying a paying golfer on the course.
2. Observers are allowed at any time by permission of the club professional, starter, or manager.
3. The observer must follow the play policy at the course. This will pertain to course rules, golf etiquette and general safety.
4. The club pro, club manager, starter, or ranger may remove an observer from the course for flagrant violations of golf course rules.
5. The club pro, or person responsible to the pro, may restrict observers. Examples of refusal for an observer would be intoxication, age factor, type of play, and time of play.
6. The golf pro, or a member of his staff, must grant permission for an observer to play golf.
7. An observer, riding in a golf cart, must remain in the cart except to attend a pin, rake a trap or look for a lost ball within the playing group.
8. For safety reasons children under the age of 5 years will not be permitted on the golf course.

Golf Leagues

1. A golf league is an organized group of golfers who have a common interest, such as employment by the same employer, or being members of the same social or fraternal organization. We greatly value our leagues and loyal customers.
2. League play reserved tee times on weekday schedules will have a minimum of 20, and a maximum of 40, players for afternoons, and a maximum of 60 players for mornings.
3. On an 18-hole course, when on rare occasions that a nine is closed for maintenance purposes, the remaining nine is available for open play. A league scheduled for that time will not be allowed to play.
4. Foursomes are required during league play.
5. Advance schedule and pairings will be required from all leagues before play is authorized.
6. Please be prompt and on time. Failure may result in the loss of tee times.
7. Starters reserve the right to insert regular public players in league time.
8. Clubhouse managers, Golf Course starters, or the P.G.A. pro, will be starters for all leagues. The golf professional or designee is the only one authorized to cancel league play.
9. League play will not begin earlier than May 1st. All leagues shall be a minimum of 16 weeks in length. The golf professional may grant league extensions. Golf professionals at each course will be responsible for reassignment of yearly league play.
10. Afternoon leagues at Yahara and all leagues at Odana are to make a single weekly payment for golf fees. Afternoon leagues at Yahara, Monona and Glenway and all leagues at Odana shall guarantee 100% attendance.

High School, College and Official School Golf Programs

1. Participating schools must file a report and schedule with the golf professionals no later than March 31st.
2. High School and College Play Rate: (See golf rate schedule) This rate is limited to practices, dual and triangular matches only. On weekends, regular rates apply.
3. The golf professionals will determine the course to be used, number of participants on any day and the number of play days per week.
4. Players must be accompanied at all times by a coach. For school events, coaches may play if time permits. For all matches, invitationals, sectionals and regionals, coaches are encouraged to monitor their players on the course.
5. This program is limited to the school year or to an official extension of the high school and college golf season.
6. High school play or college play will not be started by any school after 3:45 p.m. Leagues will have priority of reservation time.
7. Practice days and times will be restricted to two nights per week per school. The golf pro must make any exchange of practice days between schools. There is no practice on match nights. Invitationals, sectionals, and regionals must be approved by Parks staff prior to scheduling. (See golf rate schedule for fees.)

Cross-Country Regulations

1. No meets or practice will be permitted without proper authorization from the Parks Division. Scheduling fees will apply.
2. Specific meet particulars are to be provided to golf course officials sixty (60) days in advance of the scheduled meet. This will allow planning for course reservations and other specialized preparation.
3. All meet running areas are to be approved by the golf course professional and/or official from the City Parks Division. These areas will be established to provide for maximum safety to golfers and running participants.
4. Host school officials are to provide supervisory control of meets as spelled out by golf course staff officials. This will include particular emphasis on off-limit areas for pre-meet activity and satisfied clubhouse (locker room) supervision.
5. Yahara Course meets — State High School and/or University of Wisconsin regional or national meet only. Meets would only be authorized after closing of the East Course and with the provision that user regulation #4 is strictly enforced.
6. Monona meets (LaFollette High School). Dual and/or triangular meets only. Running area must be approved by City golf course staff.