

Mt. Sterling Golf & Country Club
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BY-LAWS

MT. STERLING GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE I

Certificates of Membership

Section 1. Pursuant to authority granted in the Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the issuance of certificates of membership to individuals applying therefore who have been elected to membership in the club by the Board of Directors and who pay to the treasurer of the club \$1,500.00 for each certificate so issued. An individual may apply for and be issued one or more certificates of membership upon payment of the subscription price of \$1,500.00 for each certificate, but each certificate member of the club shall be entitled to only one vote in all matters concerning the club regardless of the number of certificates of membership issued in his name. Certificates of membership shall be issued in the name of one individual only, and shall be transferable only as herein provided.

Section 2. In the event a certificate member in good standing no longer wishes to continue as a member of the club, he may submit his resignation in writing to the Board of Directors together with his certificate or certificates of membership duly assigned to the club. If at such time of resignation, an immediate family member wishes to become a member of the Club, the resigning member may transfer his certificate of membership to such family member for a transfer fee of \$150.00. Thereafter, the certificate of membership and all benefits and responsibilities of membership shall be transferred to the family member. "Immediate family member" as used in this section means spouse, mother, father, son, daughter, brother or sister.

Section 3. Upon the death of a certificate member in good standing his personal representative may deliver his certificate(s) of membership for transfer and re-issuance in the same manner as a resigning member. Upon the request of the surviving spouse, child, sibling or parent of a deceased certificate member in good standing, the Board of Directors may transfer and re-issue the certificate(s) of membership of the deceased member directly to such surviving spouse, child, sibling or parent without the payment of a transfer fee or without making any refund to the estate of the deceased member.

Section 4. In the event a certificate member in good standing, owning more than one certificate of membership, desires to maintain his membership in the club, but to dispose of excess certificates of membership, such member may deliver his excess certificate(s) of membership to the Board of Directors, duly assigned to the club, with the written request that such certificate(s) of membership be re-issued to a designated member of his immediate family. If such designated person applies for and is elected to membership in the club by the Board of Directors, then upon payment of a transfer fee of \$150.00 such certificate of membership will be re-issued to the designated person. "Immediate family member" as used in this section means spouse, mother, father, son, daughter, brother or sister.

ARTICLE II

Membership Classifications

Section 1. The membership of the club shall consist of the following classes (Please see General Manager for current dues schedule):

A. Certificate Members

Certificate members shall be persons who are approved by the Board of Directors and who personally own at least one certificate of membership in the club, and who pay the annual dues fixed by the Board of Directors for such members. This class of membership shall own and control the real and personal property of the club and shall have exclusive voting privileges in the election of the Board of Directors of the club. There shall not be more than 400 active certificate members of the club. This number may not be changed except by affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Board.

Certificate members who are single may receive a discount of their dues, however, all married certificate members must pay the dues set for a family membership. (See General Manager for current rates.)

B. Junior Members.

Junior Members are those resident members not otherwise qualified as members who are over 18 and under 35 years of age who have been elected as members of the Mt. Sterling Golf & Country Club by the Board of Directors and who have paid the dues and initiation fees fixed by the Board of Directors for such members.

Junior members shall automatically be elevated to the status of certificate members on December 31st following the Junior member's attaining the age of 35 years. At such time, a Junior member shall be required to purchase a certificate in the Mt. Sterling Golf & Country Club, Inc. upon such terms and conditions then in effect as provided in these By-laws, Club Rules or in the Articles of Incorporation of the Mt. Sterling Golf & Country Club, Inc. In the event a Junior member does not elect to accept elevation to the status of certificate member by the purchase of the certificate, the membership shall be converted to a non-certificate membership.

C. Non-Resident Members.

Non-Resident Members shall be persons who are elected by the Board of Directors and who do not reside in or have a place of business in Montgomery County, Kentucky and who pay the dues and initiation fees fixed by the Board of Directors for such members.

D. Corporate Members.

A business, corporation or other entity may purchase a certificate for the amount of \$1,500.00. A corporate certificate shall convey the same privileges and responsibilities as any other class of certificate members. A corporate certificate holder may have up to ten (10) associate members who shall each pay dues in the same amount as any other certificate member.

The corporate certificate holder shall have only one vote regardless of the number of associate members it has.

E. Non-Certificate Members

F. Social Members

Social members shall have all privileges of a regular certificate member except golfing privileges.

G. Senior Social Members

Social members who are also over the age of 65.

Section 2. Each applicant for membership in the club shall make a written application therefore upon a form approved by the Board of Directors and shall be proposed by one sponsor, and seconded by one endorser. The application form after being completely filled out shall be delivered to the Chairman of the Membership Committee. The Chairman shall submit the application to members of the Board. The election of all applicants for membership in the Club shall be by majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. The following persons shall be entitled to the privileges of the club:

- (A) The certificate or non-certificate member in good standing.
- (B) His or her spouse.
- (C) All unmarried children of the certificate/non-certificate members under 21 years of age.
- (D) All unmarried children (up to age 25) of the certificate/non-certificate member who are attending school (including post graduate and professional schools). A child is considered to be attending school if the child attends school at any time during the fiscal year.

Section 4. Privileges of the club shall be extended to guests of unmarried members who hold a family membership without regard to the number of visits to the club, but only one guest at a time shall be so provided. The guest must be of the opposite sex from the member and the guest must pay all greens fees and other fees applicable to members.

Section 5. A membership may be placed in escrow if it meets the following criteria:

- 1) Membership must be paid in full for the fiscal year
- 2) Membership must be in good standing with club and golf professional
- 3) Reason for leaving membership must either be medical, transient or multiple certificates.

ARTICLE III

Initiation Fees and Dues

Section 1. Members shall pay initiation fees, dues and assessments to be established by the Board of Directors and which may be changed from time to time. All membership dues and assessments are due and payable upon the member's receipt of invoice from the Club. (Please see current year pricing schedule which can be obtained from the Golf Professional.)

Section 2. All initiation fees and subscriptions for newly issued certificates of membership shall be due upon the election of the member to the club.

Section 3. The liability of any member for annual dues shall continue until his resignation is accepted, or until his expulsion by order of the Board of Directors. No resignation of any member will be accepted until all dues and indebtedness of such member shall have been fully paid. All resignations must be made in writing to the Secretary of the club and such resigning member shall be liable for all dues current and outstanding at the time of his resignation.

Section 4. The Club shall operate on a fiscal year beginning March 1st and ending on the last day of the following February. All members, as of March 1st of any given year, are responsible for the full balance of the annual dues applicable to their membership classifications. The Board of Directors, in its discretion, may allow individual members to pay their annual dues on a monthly basis via automatic monthly withdrawals from an approved bank account. However, even if a member resigns during the fiscal year, all remaining dues for the fiscal year are due and payable immediately upon such resignation.

Section 5. Member's charge accounts, including but not limited to accounts at the Pro-Shop and Club House, shall be due on the first day of each month for all bills previously incurred. Dues and taxes are considered indebtedness. All accounts must be paid on or before the final day of the month.

Section 6. Any member whose charge account(s), shall remain unpaid at the expiration of sixty (60) days from the date the bill was initially mailed shall be suspended from all charging privileges of the club and shall have his/her name posted at the Club House and/or Pro Shop until his/her account is paid in full. The member shall also be subject to expulsion at the option of the Board of Directors. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to notify all members who have been posted as well as those suspended under this bylaw.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings and Elections

Section 1. The annual meeting of the certificate members of the club shall be held on the second Wednesday in March at such hour and place as the Board of Directors shall provide, and at least one week's notice in writing shall be mailed to each member giving the time and place of

the meeting. Only certificate members in good standing shall have the right to vote and each certificate member may cast one vote in person or by proxy at all annual meetings of the club. Ten percent (10%) of the certificate members in good standing present in person or represented by proxy shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the certificate members for the transaction of business.

Section 2. Special meetings of certificate members may be held at any time upon order of the Board of Directors, or upon the written request of twenty-five per cent (25%) of the active certificate members, who are not members of the Board of Directors, delivered to the secretary of the club who shall give all certificate members five days written notice of special meetings. The request for and the notice of each such meeting shall specify its purpose and no other business, unless specified shall be transacted at such meeting.

Section 3. The President of the club will appoint a nominating committee of three certificate members four weeks in advance of the annual meeting, who shall nominate candidates to fill the vacancies in the Board of Directors created by the expiration of terms of office, or by death or resignation of any members of the Board of Directors. The nominating committee shall nominate at least one and not more than two candidates for each vacancy and shall report to the President of the club no later than two weeks before the annual meeting. The President shall direct the Secretary to mail a ballot to each certificate member listing the nominees and providing blank spaces for additional names to be written in by the member. The ballots shall be returned to the Secretary and counted at the annual meeting.

Cumulative voting shall not be permitted in elections for vacancies on the Board of Directors, in that no certificate holder shall have the right to cumulate his or her vote so as to give one candidate a number of votes equal to his or her vote multiplied by the number of directors to be elected, or by distributing such votes on the same principle among any number of such candidates.

Section 4. At the annual meeting of the club the order of business shall be:

1. Reading of Minutes
2. Reports of Officers
3. Reports of committees
4. Elections
5. Miscellaneous Business

Section 5. The fiscal year shall commence on March 1 of each year.

ARTICLE V

Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of twelve members in good standing. As the terms of the directors expire, vacancies on the Board shall be filled by election at the annual meeting of the certificate members of the club. Directors thus elected shall serve for a term of four years or until their successors are elected and qualified. Vacancies on the Board occurring

during the year shall be filled by the Board until the next annual meeting.

The Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, may appoint up to two (2) additional directors to serve on the Board and to provide legal and/or accounting services, as such need(s) may arise. Any such specially appointed director must be considered a qualified attorney or accountant by his respective professional board. Directors appointed pursuant to this section shall be voting members of the Board. The term of such directors shall be within the discretion of the Board but may not exceed the maximum term allowable by regularly elected directors.

The Board of Directors shall have general control of all business and affairs of the club as its governing body and it shall be the duty of the Board to exercise such control for the best interests of the club and its members.

No member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms on the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Immediately following the annual meeting of certificate members there will be a meeting of the duly constituted Board of Directors for the purpose of electing a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 3. In addition to the regular annual meeting, the Board of Directors shall hold meetings once a month at a specified hour and place of which notice shall be given each director by the Secretary. Any business may be transacted at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The order of business at meetings of the Board of Directors shall be:

1. Roll Call
2. Report of Minutes
3. Report of Treasurer
4. Report of Secretary
5. Report of Committees
6. Election of New Members
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

Section 5. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6. The Board of Directors may appoint at their discretion, an executive committee of not less than five members from their own numbers, who shall have charge of the day to day management and affairs of the club and generally discharge the duties of the Board of Directors. Such executive committee shall at all times act under the direction and control of the Board of Directors and shall make a report of their transactions to the Board, which shall form part of the records of the club.

ARTICLE VI

Officers and Their Duties

Section 1. The President shall be the executive officer of the club. He shall preside at all meetings of members and directors. He shall have the management of the affairs of the club and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect.

Section 2. The Vice-President, in the absence or disability of the president, shall perform the duties and exercise the power of the president, and shall perform such duties as may be imposed upon him by the Board.

Section 3. The Secretary shall attend all sessions of the Board and meetings of the members, and act as clerk thereof, and shall record the minutes of all proceedings in a book to be kept for that purpose and shall perform like duties for any committee of the Board when required. He shall cause to be given notice of all meetings of certificate members and directors and shall perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall report to the Board of Directors at each regular meeting the state of his accounts, submitting a classified statement of all receipts and a detailed list of all expenditures since his last report. He shall pay no bills not approved by the chairman of the committee authorized to make the expenditure. He shall report all amounts due to the club by members which have remained unpaid for one month, shall post on the bulletin board the names of all members whose accounts have remained unpaid as provided in the bylaws and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. All payments or checks issued in the name of the Club which exceed the amount of \$1,000.00 shall be signed by two (2) authorized signors. If the amount of any payment or check exceeds \$5,000.00 it must be signed by two (2) members of the Board. The relevant financial institution's signature card for authorized signors shall be reviewed at least annually by the President. If necessary to include new Board members and/or remove prior Board members, the President will have the signature card updated.

ARTICLE VII

Standing Committees

Section 1. The president, with approval and consent of the Board, shall appoint Board members as Standing Committee Chairmen for (1) the golf course, (2) the swimming pool, (3) the Clubhouse/restaurant, (4) entertainment/events (5) membership (6) and such other committees the Board in its discretion believes would be beneficial to the Club and its members.

Section 2. Each committee chairmen shall report monthly to the Board regarding the status of each committee.

ARTICLE VIII

Expulsion or Suspension of Members

Section 1. The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of a quorum, shall have the power to censure, suspend or expel any member for conduct considered to be improper or prejudicial to the interests of the club.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

Section 1. These bylaws, except as hereinbefore provided, may be repealed, altered or amended by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE X

Club Rules And Regulations

Section 1. The Board of Directors may make from time to time rules and regulations governing the conduct of the club and its members provided they shall not be inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation or the Bylaws of the club.

Section 2. The Board of Directors have adopted the following policies for Clubhouse, Golf Course and Swimming Pool as to serve as the governing rules and regulations for all MSGCC members and guests. Policies may be changed at any time by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the Board of Directors.

MOUNT STERLING GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB CLUB HOUSE POLICY

CLUB HOUSE POLICY

The Club House Policy has been established with the primary objective of providing the Members and guests of Mount Sterling Golf & Country Club, with the highest level of membership services, including courtesy, convenience, professionalism, and quality food and beverage.

BEHAVIOR

Members and guests are expected to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for Mount Sterling Golf & Country Club. Profanity and loud offensive behavior is strictly prohibited. The Board of Directors shall have authority to suspend members for violating Club Rules.

RESERVATIONS

Please make reservations for dining and club events. This will result in improved food and beverage service for our members and guests and allow the Food and Beverage Manager to properly staff and maintain costs.

CANCELLATION

When members make reservations for Club events and it is necessary to cancel, please notify the Club at least 24 hours prior to the event. This will assist in planning and expense controls. In the event that members do not cancel their reservations for a group of 20 or more within at least 24 hours of the planned event, the member may be assessed a 50% charge of the event expense. The member may appeal the charge to the Board of Directors if extenuating circumstances exist for the failure to timely cancel.

MEMBER FUNCTION RESERVATIONS

The Board of Directors requires the Food and Beverage Director to obtain and file a form containing information regarding member function reservations for parties of more than twenty – four (24) persons unless 75% or more are members. A list of persons attending the function must be attached to the form.

NOTICE: THIS FORM MAY BE EXAMINED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE WHEN THEY ARE EXAMINING BUSINESS OR INDIVIDUAL RETURNS.

Guests at private functions are expected to follow the Club House Policy. The Food and Beverage Director will provide to the member responsible for the function a copy of said policy. Banquet policies and procedures are available in the business office. Specialty menus are available upon request.

CHARGES

Members are expected to sign charge tickets for themselves and their guests in the Club House, Pro Shop, Snack Bar and other designated areas. Children of members who sign charge tickets must sign their parent's name and number, followed by their name. Employees are not permitted to sign member tickets. If this occurs, the employee is subject to disciplinary action and termination.

CLUB PROPERTY

No property belonging to Mount Sterling Golf & Country Club may be removed from the Club premises without the written approval of the President of the Board. Any member or guest causing loss or damage to Club property will be held responsible for the cost of the replacement or repair of such property.

DRESS

Members and guests are requested to dress in good taste and in a manner befitting the dignity of the Club. Casual dress is allowed in the Club House. Apparel such as tennis/swim warm-ups

and sweat suits are not permitted in the dining room. Blue jeans and other casual dress are allowed if worn in good taste. Swimsuits are not permitted in the Club House.

It is important to use good judgment in dress as a courtesy to other members and guests. Members are responsible for the appropriate attire of their family and guests in the Club House.

EMPLOYEES

Suggestions, compliments, comments and complaints are encouraged. Members are requested to make these in writing to the Food & Beverage Manager, President or Board of Directors, and the member will receive a response. Members shall not reprimand or give orders to employees and/or Club professionals unrelated to routine services or directions.

GUESTS

Unless otherwise specified in these rules or the Club By-laws, guests are permitted in the Club House only when accompanied by a member of Mount Sterling Golf & Country Club.

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION/LIABILITY POLICY/BEHAVIOR

Alcoholic beverages may not be brought into the Club House or onto the Club property, but must be purchased from the Club. The Club is not permitted to sell package liquor. Violation of this policy may subject the Club to the loss of its liquor license. Servers/employees may not willfully or knowingly dispense alcoholic beverages to a minor or an intoxicated member or guest. If in the judgment of a server/employee, a member or guest is considered to be intoxicated, the member or guest will not be served alcoholic beverages, and will be requested to leave the Club. Alternate transportation will be provided to avoid the operation of a vehicle by an intoxicated member or guest. Our primary concern is the safety of our members and guests, as well as the legal liability of the Club.

GAMBLING

Gambling in any manner or form is strictly prohibited on all Club property.

LOST ARTICLES

Mount Sterling Golf & Country Club is not responsible for the damage or loss of members' or guests' property while they are on the Club premises.

PARKING

Members and guests shall use designated parking spaces. Parking is not permitted on grassy areas or drives near the Club House unless designated parking is no longer available. The Club is not liable for damage to or by vehicles on Club property.

PETS

No dogs or other pets are permitted in the Club House at any time.

SNACK BAR (POOL)

Snack Bar hours will be determined by the Golf Professional and the Food & Beverage Director.

MT. STERLING GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB GOLF POLICY

GOLF POLICY

The most valuable physical asset of Mt. Sterling Golf & Country Club is our fine golf course. Our Golf Policy has been designed with the objective of providing a first class facility, first class service, and maximum enjoyment of our golf course by members and guests. Your cooperation in following the Golf Policy will be appreciated by your fellow members, and make your play an enjoyable experience.

Golf course privileges are available to those covered under the membership provisions outlined in the General section, with the following exceptions:

- A. Members of other private golf clubs with a valid membership card may play by paying greens fees.
- B. Non-members may be eligible to participate in certain special events such as the Gate City, Member-Guests, etc., pursuant to the rules for these events as outlined by the Golf Professional. (Non-member guests may also be eligible to utilize golf privileges as outlined below in the "Guest Fees" section.)

RULES OF PLAY

- Unless otherwise covered by local rules, USGA rules will apply.
(Copies of the USGA rules are available in the Pro Shop.)
- Hazard stakes:
 - (a) White stakes indicate out of bounds.
 - (b) Yellow stakes indicate water hazard.
 - (c) Red stakes indicate lateral water hazard.
- Balls striking electrical wires or poles from anywhere may be replayed, or played as is, with no penalty.
- Observe rules of etiquette at all times.
- Carts must stay on the cart paths when present at all times.
- Each player must have a set of clubs and a bag.
- All members and guests must register before beginning play.
- Members are expected to pay their Pro Shop expenses when they are due. Delinquent members will be reported to the Board of Directors and appropriate action will be taken.

RESTRICTIONS TO PLAY

- A. The Golf Course Superintendent, or his assistant, in conjunction with the Golf Professional, has the responsibility for determining when the course is open or closed for play.
- B. The Golf Course Superintendent or his assistant shall be responsible for determining when carts are permitted on or off the cart paths and the course configuration for play.

- C. Tuesdays – Ladies’ Day. Women have right away on the course.
- D. Thursdays - no ladies or children may tee off the 1st tee after 1:00 pm

Check your monthly bulletin and club bulletin boards for any other play restrictions due to any function

BUNKERS

Members should rake bunkers after use, and leave rakes in the traps.

DRESS

All members and guests are requested to dress in good taste, and in a manner befitting the dignity of the Club. On the Golf Course, golf slacks/shorts, and golf type shirts (with collars) for men will be considered appropriate. Casual attire for women includes golf skirts, Bermuda length shorts and golf type tops. Certain apparel such as jeans, warm-ups, sweat suits, short shorts, athletic or jogging shorts, cut-off slacks, any type of t-shirts, tank tops, halter tops and fishnet tops are considered inappropriate on the Golf Course and are not permitted. Members and guests should change clothing in our locker rooms and not in the parking lot.

Members are responsible for the appropriate dress of their family and guests on the Golf Course. Please remember to discuss our dress code policy with your guests to avoid embarrassment to you and/or your guests.

EMPLOYEES

Suggestions, compliments, comments and complaints are encouraged. Members are asked to make these in writing to the Golf Professional, President, or Board of Directors and the member will receive a response. Members shall not reprimand or give orders unrelated to normal services or directions to employees and/or club professionals, at any time or under any circumstances.

ENFORCEMENT

The Golf Professional, or his assistant, is authorized to enforce the Golf Course Policy, and report any violations to the President and the Board of Directors. The Golf Professional will communicate our Golf Course Policy in writing to outside groups and organizations using our Golf Course for private functions, which will be attached to the contract, and which they will be required to follow.

Members are encouraged to notify the Golf Professional in writing of observed violations of Golf Course Policy, including the infraction, date and time, and the name of the member or guest committing the infraction. This information will be communicated to the President and the Board of Directors for appropriate action.

Provisions have been made to enforce the Golf Course Policy of Mt. Sterling Golf & Country Club, including the following –

The Golf Professional will notify the Member and/or guest of Policy infractions and explain the

Policy, documenting the infraction. If the infraction occurs a second time, the Golf Professional will notify the President and the Board of Directors who will issue a written warning. Members will receive one warning; additional infractions will receive disciplinary actions at the discretion of the Board of Directors, which could result in suspension of club privileges.

GOLF CARTS

- A. Liability - cart operators shall be responsible for damage to the cart, to the course, or injury to persons or property while carts are in their possession. (Possession means from the Pro Shop registration to Pro Shop return.
- B. Operation - for liability and insurance reasons, children without drivers' licenses are not permitted to drive golf carts.
- C. Only two (2) players and two (2) bags to a cart.
- D. Carts are not permitted within 30 feet of greens or tees unless on the cart path.
- E. Carts and Turf Damage - Please drive your cart in the fairways. Please attempt to avoid all worn or damaged turf areas by **'SCATTERING.'**
Please use the cart paths to the maximum extent possible to avoid damage and preserve the beauty of the Course. Signs posted by Course Superintendent must be obeyed in order to protect the Course.

GOLF BAG STORAGE

The Board of Directors encourages members to store their golf bags at the Pro Shop, however, the Club's insurance only provides coverage for casualty losses to any golf bags and their contents or other personal property, it does not provide coverage for theft. The Club will not be responsible for any lost or stolen property. (Please contact your local insurance agent for information regarding possible homeowners' coverage.)

FOURSOME PLAY

It is appreciated if smaller groups combine into foursomes on Saturday, Sundays, and holidays, or any other day that traffic is heavy. No more than four (4) players may play in one group 'during golf season'. During 'off season', more than four (4) players may play in one group with the permission of the Golf Professional, and under the condition that they respect the players behind them. The Golf Staff may amend this policy under special circumstances.

GOLF SEASON

Where used in these rules, the term 'golf season' shall mean from April 1 through the last Sunday in October. The term 'off season' shall mean the Monday following the last Sunday in October through March 31.

GUESTS

In town Guests, including former members who are in good standing, may use the course only four (4) times per year, and must be accompanied by a member. All golf events except Monday

outings count against the policy. Guests playing in multiple-day, Member-Guest or Invitationals will only be considered to have played once. A member will be limited to a maximum of three (3) guests at any time unless approved by the Golf Professional or the Golf Committee. Guests must sign the guest registry at the Pro Shop before teeing off.

GUEST FEES

The guest fees for local and non-local members are \$35.00 for 18 holes (\$22.00 green fee and \$13.00 cart fee). Members of the Winchester Country Club may play for the reciprocal rate of \$25.00. (See Golf Professional for off-season rates.)

HANDICAPS

Most of our tournaments are played on a handicap basis, and it is to your advantage to turn in all scores played at MSGCC. Handicaps are processed by the GHIN system. Enter your adjusted score using your membership identification listed in the chart next to the computer. New handicap cards are printed whenever updates are made and are available for members. Members will be responsible for updating or otherwise entering data regarding their scores into the system. Scores should be posted in the computer located in the Pro Shop. The Golf Professional will monitor scores entered and considered penalizing members who fail to enter scores. We will use the USGA equitable stroke control method when posting scores for handicaps.

LIGHTNING DANGER

Most deaths caused by lightning occur in open fields, under trees and on golf courses. In order to protect yourself from a lightning strike please adhere to the following advice: Move indoors at the first sign of lightning. Do not stand under tall, isolated trees as they can be natural lightning rods. Avoid the highest point or you could become a lightning rod. If caught in flat open field and your hair starts to stand on end, drop to your knees. Do not lie flat on the ground. All members are responsible to protect themselves during inclement weather and the Club will not be responsible in the event of injury to a member or his/her guest.

Please be advised the Club does not have a siren or horn to warn of possible lightning or other inclement weather conditions.

MISCELLANEOUS

A. Play the course as “marked”...to alter is against USGA Rules. The Golf Course Superintendent in conjunction with the Golf Professional has the responsibility of “setting the course.”

B. Observe the “ROPED AREAS” as they indicate ground under repair or no passage area.

C. Observe flower beds, newly staked tress or planting, etc. “no shot making” is allowed in these areas. Follow USGA Rules as they apply.

D. Putting Greens – all ball marks are to be repaired by each player. Putters are never to be used to retrieve a “holed” putt as they do severe damage.

E. Play pine seeding areas as normal “rough” and “as the ball lies.”

F. General Course Conditioning is expected and appreciated from all players, bunker raking, litter pick-up, etc. You should hit your sand shot first. Then locate rake and rake out all tracks made. Please replace the rakes in the bunker.

G. Practice On Course – is permitted. However, please do not hold up play behind you and remember to repair any ball marks and rake bunkers. (Cart fees are required for practice play.)

H. Fishing is reserved for members and accompanied guests only in designated areas on the hole #5 lake. No fishing is permitted on lakes/ponds located on hole # 10 or hole #15. No boating, swimming, sunbathing, etc. is permitted on MSGCC lakes. Fishermen must check with the Pro Shop for approved fishing areas and times.

I. Other usage of properties such as hunting, trapping, target shooting (rifle or arrow), snow skiing, ice skating, motor or bicycling, recreation vehicles or any other activity except golf, is not permitted on the MSGCC golf course. Any defacing, changing of, or damage to shrubbery, trees, flowers, buildings or grounds is not permitted, Violators are subject to MSGCC Board action.

J. Children under age 9 are not permitted on the golf course, or practice area without parental supervision.

K. Waste from tobacco products should be properly disposed of in trash containers, not on the club grounds or placed in the trays of golf carts.

OUTINGS

Major outings (including dining room and bar service) must be scheduled and approved by the Golf Professional and the Board of directors. The fee for major outings is determined by the Golf Professional and the Board. The outing sponsor must sign an Outing Contract and sign a hold harmless clause waiving MSGCC of any liability. All food and beverage must be purchased through MSGCC unless otherwise approved by the Board of Directors.

Smaller outings are available to members and guests during periods of reduced play only. These outings must be approved in advance by the Board of Directors, if under twenty-four (24) guests, and by the Golf Professional. These outings will be scheduled so as not to inconvenience the general membership.

The Golf Professional and/or Club Manager will notify (in writing) the people responsible for Outings, of our Club Rules and attach a copy of our Golf Policy to the Outing Contract. The Golf Professional will also advise of the Board's expectation that the rules be strictly followed.

PLAY

No player may tee off No. 10 without the approval of the Golf Professional, or his assistant. Players starting on No. 10 do not have the right-of-way at No. 1 when starting on the second 9 holes. Golfers finishing the 9th hole have right-of-way on No. 10 tee, if they desire to play through other players who go into the Club House.

Speed of play is important for the enjoyment of golfers at MSGCC. Please stay up with the group

in front of you. Under the normal circumstances, an 18-hole round of golf should be complete in 4 ½ hours or less. 4 ½ hours constitutes 15 minutes per hole, which is a respectable pace.

REGISTRATION

All members and guests must register before beginning play. No one should go to the 10th tee for starting without the approval of the Pro Shop.

SLOW GROUPS AND LOST BALLS

You and your group are responsible to maintain the pace of play. If your group has lost ground to the field (fallen 1 hole or more behind), please ask the group behind you to play through. The Ranger, Golf Professional, or his assistants have the authority to ask golfers to make up 'lost time', and if this doesn't occur, the group will be asked to pick up their balls and move to the next tee. Golf is a game of etiquette, including enforcement of this Policy. Playing 18 holes of golf in four (4 ½) hours or less is a good guideline to follow.

Please observe the USGA 5-minute rule when looking for lost balls.

Walking policy - All players who are walking shall give way to players in golf carts.

PLAYING TIMES

GOLF SEASON (April 1st – last Sunday in October)

Weekday Opening Time (Monday through Friday) – 8:00 a.m.

Weekend and Holiday Opening Time – 7 a.m.

OFF SEASON (Last Sunday in October – March 31st)

Weekday Opening time (Monday through Friday) - 9:00 a.m.*

Weekend Opening Time – 8:00 a.m.

*inclement weather and frost may delay opening of the Club or prompt closing. The Golf Professional may close the Club and golf course in his discretion due to inclement weather.

MT. STERLING GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB SWIMMING POLICY

POOL POLICY

***Notice: The Club is not responsible for accidents or injuries arising from swimming or any other pool related activities. Please use caution and swim at your own risk.**

Pool privileges are extended to all Club members in good standing and (1) their spouse, (2) all unmarried children/step-children of the member under 21 years of age, (3) all children residing with the member under 21 years of age for whom the member is the primary caregiver and/or

custodian, (4) all unmarried children (up to age 25) of the member who are attending school (including post graduate and professional schools). A child is considered to be attending school if the child attends school at any time during the fiscal year.

Pool privileges are also extended to any out-of-town guest. All guests must be accompanied by a member or other person listed in the preceding paragraph.

When caring for the child(ren) of a member, a babysitter or such other caregiver may also utilize pool privileges. (As used in this section, “babysitter” and/or “caregiver” does not include any family member of the member or member’s child(ren) who is not themselves a member of the Club.)

Members who provide babysitting services for children whose parents are not members of the Club may bring such non-member child to the pool with approval of the Board of Directors and the payment of \$200.00 per child each pool season.

Pool privileges of the club shall also be extended to guests of unmarried members who hold a family membership, but only one guest at a time shall be allowed to utilize this privilege. The guest must be of the opposite sex from the member and the guest must pay any applicable fees.

In-town guests may accompany members to the pool only on certain designated days to be determined each pool season.

POOL HOURS

Season Opens: Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.

Summer Hours: Pool is open from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Lifeguards are on duty from 10:00 a.m. – 6 p.m. *except during times of inclement weather

Season Closes: Tuesday after Labor Day.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Read the MSGCC Newsletter for Special Events information.

GUESTS

Out of town (those not residing in Montgomery or adjoining county) guests including visiting grandchildren and married children no longer living at home, are welcome any day the pool is open as long as they are accompanied by a member. Local guests are only permitted on special Guest Days, which will be posted in the MSGCC Newsletter. A charge ticket should be signed for all guests.

PRIVATE PARTIES

Private parties may be arranged with the General Manager. The charge for two hours is \$75.00 (1 to 30 people, and \$100.00 (31 to 50 people). Special food and beverage needs can be arranged through the Food & Beverage Director.

DRESS CODE

Swimming attire is not permitted in the Club House at any time. Proper swimsuits must be used

at the Pool. No cutoffs or gym shorts are allowed at any time. Persons wearing a swimsuit must have a cover-up in order to enter the Club House. When using the pool, members and guests shall use the pool bathrooms.

POOL AND SUNDECK

The Pool and Sundeck are available for swimming and recreational purposes. Only beverages are permitted in the Pool and Sundeck areas and must be in unbreakable containers. Baby food is permitted if in unbreakable containers.

SNACK BAR AND TERRACE

The Snack Bar is available to members and guests and serves “short-order” food and beverages. Outside seating is available on the pool deck. All members and guests must sign a charge ticket upon ordering. Please see Golf Professional or Food & Beverage Director for hours of operation.

Members and guests should remember to dispose of waste properly. All beverages consumed in these areas should be in unbreakable containers.

SPECIAL RULES FOR POOL AREA

Pool personnel are authorized to stop and penalize improper behavior and unsafe activities. For the safety of everyone, the following Pool Guidelines will apply to all members and guests:

1. Anyone swimming after 6 p.m. must be accompanied by another adult.
2. Glass items on the Pool Deck are not allowed at any time.
3. Pushing, shoving, striking anyone, snapping of towels or dangerous behavior is prohibited, and may result in a permanent suspension from the Pool.
4. Members, children and guests should not talk to or bother Lifeguards when they are on duty.
5. Floatation devices, rafts, etc. are permitted unless the Pool is crowded and with the approval of the lifeguard on duty.
6. No ball with a diameter of more than 4” will be permitted unless the pool is not crowded and with the permission of the lifeguard on duty.
7. Running on the Pool Deck or any improper behavior is prohibited.
8. Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children.
9. Members or guests having a contagious or infectious condition will not be permitted in the water. Admission to the pool area shall be refused to persons with skin abrasions, colds, coughs, inflamed eyes, or infections requiring the wearing of a bandage(s).
10. Suggestions, compliments, comments and complaints are encouraged. Members are asked to make these in writing to the General Manager, Food & Beverage Director, President, or Board of Directors and the member will receive a response if so desired. Members shall not reprimand or give orders unrelated to normal services or directions to employees and/or club professionals, at any time or under any circumstances.
11. No swimming in the deep end of the Pool is allowed when diving boards are in use, except with the permission of a lifeguard.
12. Lap swimming is permitted with the approval of the Pool Manager or the lifeguards and must be done before the pool opens.

13. All children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult or babysitter over the age of 16.
14. All persons using the Pool and its equipment do so at their own risk. MSGCC will not, under any circumstances, be responsible for lost or stolen property, injury, or accidents suffered by persons in or about the Pool.

POOL MANAGER AND LIFE GUARDS

1. The Pool Manager or lifeguards are in complete charge of the Pool at all times and have full authority to order anyone from the Pool premises. Failure to comply with directions shall be considered cause for suspension of Pool privileges.
2. All lifeguards on duty scheduled by the Pool Manager must be located in strategic areas of the Pool, and no socializing with members or guests will be tolerated.
3. Lifeguards are to use a whistle for warning persons and institute disciplinary action, which may encompass having a member's child sit by the lifeguard and review the Pool Rules.
4. Only Pool personnel are permitted in the lifeguard office or on the lifeguard chairs.

DIVING BOARD

1. You must be able to swim one width of the Pool to use the diving board unless accompanied by a parent or guardian in the water.
2. Only one person at a time is allowed on the diving board.
3. Be sure the area is clear before diving.
4. Only one bounce is permitted on the diving board per dive.
5. Dive straight off the front of the diving board.
6. Swim directly to the ladder.