

Ocean Forest Guest Policies

What is the guest policy for golf?

The Member must inform their guests of the Rules and Regulation of Ocean Forest, and is responsible for the conduct of the guest.

Members may host up to three guests for golf on any day and at any time the course is open for general play. The Rule of 7 policy allows for a Member to host up to 7 guests at the “accompanied” guest greens fee rate when the course is open for general play, and is subject to special restrictions on time and caddie requirements. Guests are restricted during holiday weeks to house guests, Immediate Family Members and Extended Family Members only. When hosting guests, Members shall arrive at the Club in advance of or with their guests and depart the Club with or after their guests have departed. In the event that a Member is not able to arrive at the Club in advance of their guests, a call of courtesy to the golf shop is expected. Members should make appropriate guest hosting arrangements with the golf shop prior to finalizing details with their guests. Once on property, Members are expected to sign their guests into the new “guest ledger” in the Golf Shop and inform the golf shop staff of any deviations from the group’s original plans. All charges incurred by accompanied guests, with the exception of Golf Shop merchandise, will be billed to the hosting Members account. Subject to advanced notification to the golf shop and approval of the Member, a Sea Island Club account or credit card may be used to settle charges incurred by an accompanied guest. Members may sponsor unaccompanied guests by making arrangements directly with the Golf Staff. The Club limits unaccompanied guests groups to two per day and allows their access of the locker rooms only for preparing for their round or cleaning up after their round. Breakfast/Lunch is available for unaccompanied guests in the Clubhouse casual dining areas and Tee House only. All golf, food and beverage charges for unaccompanied guests will be billed to the sponsoring Member’s account.

(For details regarding the Golf Guest Policy, please refer to Rule 3.2 in the Club’s Rules and Regulations.)

What is the guest policy for Clubhouse dining?

Members and their Immediate Family and/or Extended Family Members must accompany guests when using the Clubhouse for dining. When hosting guests, Members shall arrive on Club property in advance of or with their guests and should depart Club Property with or following their guests. All charges incurred by guests for dining purposes will be billed to the Member account. Subject to advance notification to the dining room staff by the Member, a Sea Island Club account may be used to settle charges incurred by an accompanied guests. No other forms of payment will be accepted for food and beverage charges.

(For details regarding the Clubhouse Guest Policy, please refer to Rule 3.1 in the Club's Rules and Regulations.)

What is the attire policy throughout the Club?

Attire at Ocean Forest should always be "traditional" in nature and match the surroundings and atmosphere of Ocean Forest. Jackets are required in the Formal Dining Room at all times during dinner hours. Jackets are required in the Living Room after 7:00 p.m., but may be relaxed to fit the season. Currently, the Board of Advisors has voted to relax the jacket requirement in the Living Room from Memorial Day through October 1st. Hats are to be removed when indoors (including the Pavilion) and are otherwise to be worn facing forward at all times when on Club Property. Details of the dress code, including the prevailing jacket requirements, will be kept in the Club offices at all times.

(For details regarding the Attire Policy, please refer to Rule 4.3 and Rule 5.2 in the Club's Rules and Regulations.)

What is the cell phone policy?

At all times while on Club Property, cell phones must be set to vibrate or silent mode. All uses of cell phones are prohibited in the Living Room and Formal Dining Room. Elsewhere on Club Property, the use of a cell phone for conversation or voicemail retrieval must be conducted in private and out of eyesight and earshot of any other person. If one cannot find a place to conduct a conversation that is out of eyesight and earshot of others, he/she is expected to inquire with the Club staff and they will designate an area for your conversation. The use of a cell phone for silent features such as text message, email correspondence, web browsing, etc. is permitted. (Rule 7.17)

Are dogs allowed on property?

Dogs or other pets (with the exception of Seeing Eye, or other working guide dogs) are not permitted on Club Property except with the permission of the General Manager and his/her designee. Pets are not allowed in the Clubhouse (including the Pavilion) Tee House, golf course or practice facilities. When pets are permitted on the grounds, they must be on a leash at all times. Members are responsible for damage caused by an animal owned by the Member or under the Member's control. (Rule 7.6)

May I use the Golf Course for leisure activities or "sightseeing"?

Jogging, bicycling, fishing, hunting or recreational walking is not permitted on the golf course at any time. (Rule 7.13)

May I use my private golf cart at Ocean Forest?

Recreational vehicles (including private golf carts) and all-terrain vehicles are not permitted on Club Property, regardless of licensing, except to be parked in the vehicle parking lot in the same spaces as are marked for automobiles. Private carts may not be used on the golf course or parked at the practice facilities. The use of private carts or club carts for leisurely "sightseeing" on the golf course is strictly prohibited. (Rule 7.10)

May I play music while on the golf course?

Playing music on the golf course is not permitted. Audio devices are not permitted on Club property. (Rule 7.14)

What are the rules regarding “practice” areas?

Practice is not allowed on the golf course. The practice facilities should be used for all practice. The use of practice balls outside the designated areas, including the golf course, is prohibited and constitutes theft of Club property. The General Manager is authorized to suspend any Member and to terminate privileges of any Guest found using practice balls anywhere other than in the designated areas. Balls must be hit from designated locations. No hitting is permitted from the rough or sides of the practice range, with the exception of rough areas surrounding the north end practice green. Chipping at the south practice green is discouraged and chipping is prohibited from a distance of 10 feet or more from the putting surface.

(Rule 5.6)

