



Sulphur Springs Country Club

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GENERAL RULES:

Sulphur Springs Country Club was organized as a private Club, solely for the benefit and enjoyment of its Members, their immediate families, and guests. The Club's Members and their families shall be entitled to the use of the Clubhouse with all its rights and privileges and in exercise of the privileges all are expected to conduct and to attire themselves as ladies and gentlemen and to conform to all the by-laws and other rules and regulations as may be adopted by the Board of Directors and Management. It is the intent of the Club to limit these Rules and Regulations ("Rules") to ensure the enjoyment of the Club by all members and their guests. The obligation of enforcing these Rules lies primarily in the hands of the staff, whose principal responsibility is to provide Members with all the courtesies, comforts and services to which they are entitled. It is also the duty of the membership of the Club to know these Rules and to cooperate with management and staff in the enforcement of these Rules.

The terms "SSCC" and "Club" refer to Sulphur Springs Country Club, doing business as Sulphur Springs Country Club. The term "Membership" is all individuals included in the SSCC membership account (i.e., husband, wife, dependent children). The term "Member" is any individual included in an SSCC membership account.

- 1) The General Manager (GM), or the person hired by the Owner, shall have full and complete charge of the Clubhouse and grounds associated with the Clubhouse. If the Club is without a GM or designated person, then the President will serve as the acting GM until one is hired. The golf course shall be controlled by the Superintendent. The practice course is controlled by the Golf Pro.
- 2) Member resignation must be submitted in writing to the Club thirty (30) days prior to resignation. Resignation shall not relieve the Member of any obligations or indebtedness of theirs to the Club, and they remain responsible for all charges, including but not limited to unpaid initiation fees. Upon resigning, former Member must wait one (1) year before eligible for rejoining OR pay back dues from date of resignation if the Member left the Club in good standing.
- 3) Any upgrade or downgrade of membership requires a one (1) year commitment to the new designated level of membership that has been selected, unless otherwise authorized by the membership committee.
- 4) Dependent children are defined as unmarried children age eighteen (18) years of age or under and all unmarried full-time students less than twenty-four (24) years of age, permanently residing in the household of a Member. Dependents of Members over 18 years of age who are not full-time students are considered guests and are subject to the provisions for guest use of the Club facilities. Children under 12 years of age are expected to behave properly when visiting the Clubhouse. While using the Club, they are always to be accompanied and not allowed to roam about the Clubhouse. Children under 6 and infants also must maintain decorum and not be disruptive while at the Club. The Club



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reserves the right to ask Members to remove children from the Clubhouse who fail to abide by these rules. The Clubhouse is open to Members six (6) days per week. Hours of operation and the day on which the Club is to be closed are as approved by Management and will be posted in the Clubhouse. The golf course is open 6 days a week and closed on Mondays, unless approved by Management.

- 5) The 511 Bar & Grill, 511 Chophouse, Claret Pub and Simulators are open for use at posted hours. They can be reserved for exclusive use if approved by Management.
- 6) All gambling on Club property must be approved by Management, and the activity must comply with state regulatory statutes.
- 7) All food and beverages served or consumed on the premises must be obtained from the Club and at the published prices. Exceptions may be made in case of a large function by special arrangements made in advance with the General Manager.
- 8) Members with charging privileges shall sign all charge tickets for food and beverages or cash may be collected for such purchases.
- 9) No property of the Club shall be removed from the premises. All Club property lost, damaged, or broken, except under conditions of normal wear and tear, shall be promptly paid for or replaced by the person responsible.
- 10) All private property, including automobiles, on the premises shall be there at the owner's sole risk, and the owners of any such property, in exercising the use and privileges of the Club, release and discharge the Club from all claims, damages, and reparations of every kind and character. The Club will endeavor to take all reasonable precautions to safeguard and preserve private property on its premises, but in doing so assume absolutely no responsibility whatsoever.
- 11) The playing of games of all kinds or engaging in certain other activities shall be regulated by Management, who is specifically empowered to stop or prohibit the game when such is inappropriate or prejudicial to the best interest of the Club.
- 12) **Dogs and other pet animals are not allowed on the premises unless they are always leashed and supervised by the owner.**

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES:

When any of the rules are breached by any Member, Management will investigate on a case-by-case basis. Management will decide whether the Member and/or Membership is at fault. The decision process shall be as follows:

There are two types of disciplinary processes to be use by the Club:

- Progressive disciplinary action
- Immediate disciplinary action

Progressive discipline is the use of increasingly more severe actions to help improve a



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Member's behavior problem. In cases where behavior problems are too severe for progressive disciplinary action, immediate disciplinary action can be taken **without** counseling or a written reprimand first.

Steps Used for Disciplinary Action

SSCC uses the following types of disciplinary action, either as part of the progressive disciplinary process or as an immediate disciplinary action, depending on the circumstances.

- 1) Verbal Reprimand: A verbal warning for correction of a performance will be given to the Member. Management will write up the Member's behavior, and the Verbal Warning will be placed in the Member's file. No disciplinary action is required.
- 2) Written Reprimand: A formal warning for correction of a performance or behavior problem. All reprimands will be documented and included in Member's file. This is a stand-alone disciplinary action and may require punishment up to a three (3) month probation.
- 3) Disciplinary Probation: A formally-established period intended to give a Member the opportunity to improve behavior. The probation period will not be less than three (3) nor more than twelve (12) months in duration. A formal end-of-period review of a Member's performance is required to end a probationary period, and it will be completed by Management at the end of the established timeframe set for probation and placed in the Member's file.
- 4) Suspension: A suspension from the Club shall be for a minimum one (1) month and not more than six (6) months. The Member shall not be present for any reason on the SSCC's property during any time or event during the suspension unless a scheduled meeting is set with Management. Also accompanying a suspension can be disciplinary probation. A formal end-of-period review of a Member's suspension shall be placed in the Member's file.
- 5) Termination of Membership: Termination is dismissal from membership at SSCC as a result of disciplinary action. Termination requires approval of Management and the Owner. A written statement shall be prepared by the General Manager explaining the circumstances which contributed to the Member's termination and filed in the Club's business office and the Member's file.
- 6) Some disciplinary actions will include a monetary fine.

The basic steps in the progressive disciplinary process are:

- Verbal Reprimand
- Written Reprimand



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- Probation
- Suspension
- Termination

A Membership may be terminated or suspended by the Club if, in the sole judgment of Club Management, the Member:

- 1) Submits false information on the Application for Membership Privileges.
- 2) Exhibits unsatisfactory behavior, conduct, or appearance.
- 3) Fails to pay any amount owed to the Club in a proper and timely manner.
- 4) Fails to abide by these Rules.
- 5) Treats the personnel or employees of the Club in an unreasonable or abusive manner.
- 6) Exhibits any other conduct warranting termination of membership, as determined by the General Manager or Owner.
- 7) Commission of any felony or misdemeanor theft at the Club.
- 8) A sixty (60) day delinquency or failure to pay any amount owed to the Club in a proper and timely manner (see Club Accounts section).
- 9) Degrading another person's race, gender, or religion.
- 10) Willful destruction of Club property, property of a staff member, Member, his or her family member, or their respective guests, or the property of any person at the Club.
- 11) Fighting or other physical abuse and/or gross verbal abuse of staff, Members, family members, or guests.
- 12) Continued and repeated violations of these Rules and Regulations.
- 13) Following suspension, if a Member or family member again violates the rule that led to the previous suspension within twelve (12) months of the infraction, or if the Member or family member violates any other rule that would result in suspension within twelve (12) months of the infraction, their Membership may be terminated.

Breach of By-laws / Member Conduct

The Club may at any time, and from time to time, restrict or suspend, for cause or causes described in these rules, any Member's or Membership's right to use any or all Club Facilities. Dues and other charges shall continue to accrue during the restriction or suspension period of a Member and shall be paid in full prior to the reinstatement. When the conduct of a Member on Club premises or elsewhere, in the judgment of Management, is prejudicial to the Club or likely to endanger the welfare, interest, or character of the Club, or when a Member willfully commits a breach or a violation of any by-law or rule or regulation of the Club, the Member and/or Membership may be expelled or suspended from membership at the discretion of Club Management. No Membership shall be expelled other than for non-payment of fees, dues, and other accounts without first having been notified of the date, time, and place of the hearing to consider his or her expulsion and, at such hearing, being given the opportunity of being heard by Management. A Membership being considered for expulsion shall be warned of such hearing by notice given in writing delivered or mailed by prepaid registered post to



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such Member. The decision of Management, subject as hereinafter mentioned, shall be final.

REPORTING PROCEDURES:

Improper service should be reported in writing immediately to the General Manager so that responsible persons may be identified and the problem corrected. Reports of rule violations shall also be reported in writing immediately to the General Manager. Serious complaints made in writing will be investigated and handled accordingly by a Committee appointed by the President that will answer directly to said President.

- 1) Members and employees of the Club are requested to report any violation of the Rules and Regulations in writing with a signature.
- 2) Anonymous emails will be considered invalid and discarded upon receipt.
- 3) Members violating same violations will be subject to such action as deemed necessary in accordance with the Rules & Regulations, including an appearance before Management.
- 4) All written complaints will be responded to in writing within 30 days.

It is unbecoming, and shall be grounds for disciplinary action, for any Member or guest to abuse, verbally or otherwise, any of the Club's employees. No Member shall discipline any employee, nor shall a Member request an employee leave the Club facilities for any purpose whatsoever. Members are requested to report misbehavior or violations of these Rules committed by employees, other Members, or guests to the General Manager, and all violations will be subject to disciplinary action as deemed necessary by Management.

Violation of these Rules or conduct in a manner prejudicial to the best interests of the Club will subject the violator to disciplinary action in accordance with the Rules, including, without limitation, fines, suspension, or termination of membership privileges.

CLUB ACCOUNTS:

- 1) All Members in good standing are entitled to credit and charge privileges at Club facilities.
- 2) Monthly statements are closed on or around the 10th of each month, are usually emailed or mailed within five (5) working days, and are due and payable upon receipt. Members are required to keep a current email address on file for electronic statements. Statements not paid within **thirty (30) days** after the due date of the statement are deemed delinquent.
- 3) Delinquent accounts will accrue a late fee of \$75.00 (minimum) **and/or** up to 10% of the balance due from the date of the delinquency until paid in full.



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- 4) When any account becomes **sixty (60) days** past due, your membership will be suspended and your account will be turned over to the General Manager. Your membership will not return to good standing until the outstanding balance is paid in full. During the suspension period, you will have NO Club privileges and will not be able to make any charges to your membership. Your account will continue to accrue interest charges as stated in No. 3 above.
- 5) Any account that is **ninety (90) days** past due will cause your membership to be canceled, and the Club will seek legal recourse against you for all monies due and all costs associated with the collection thereof. In the event you default on your account, you have acknowledged and agreed to be responsible for all third-party collection fees, legal fees, and court costs when you signed and submitted your application.
- 6) Members with any questions regarding their statement should contact the accounting office. All bills must be paid in full, and any credits due to the Member will be credited on the following month's statement.

MEMBER RESTRICTIONS:

- 1) **Members are not permitted in the kitchens, service areas, behind bars, or in any storage or maintenance area operated by the Club at any time.**
- 2) **TABC Rules state that no person(s) may possess a firearm inside the Clubhouse, facilities, or golf course at Sulphur Springs Country Club.**
- 3) **No food or beverage shall be consumed at SSCC facilities unless purchased from the Club or approved in advance by the Club. All alcohol must be purchased from Sulphur Springs Country Club per TABC rules.**
- 4) **Failure to abide by these restrictions will result in disciplinary actions, up to and including monetary fine.**
- 5) **All SSCC canned beer will be wrapped with a Proof of Purchase. Any member or guest caught with outside alcohol will be subject to a monetary fine.**
 - a. **First offense \$100**
 - b. **Thereafter, \$100 per beverage**

GOLF GUEST RULES:

Guest Definitions

- 1) Non-resident (Out of County) is defined as a person who lives outside of Hopkins County and not a member of SSCC.
- 2) Resident (In County) is defined as a person who lives within Hopkins County and not a member of SSCC.
- 3) Non-resident family is defined as a relative of the family who lives outside of Hopkins County.



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Golfing Accompanied Policy

- 1) An unaccompanied resident will not be allowed to play golf at SSCC unless approved by the General Manager or Golf Professional.
- 2) A Non-resident may play golf on weekdays/weekends, paying the appropriate fees associated with their round, if they are sponsored by a Member.
- 3) Any certificate for golf will be honored by the Golf Professional with or without being accompanied by a Member. All certificates expire on the last day of the year they were issued, unless otherwise noted.
- 4) The General Manager and Golf Professional may issue guidance and grant waivers regarding the scheduling of guest play at SSCC (i.e., family).

Corporate Members may have unaccompanied guests, depending on tee time availability. Corporate Members must contact the GM or Golf Professional by email or telephone to reserve tee times for their unaccompanied guest(s). Standard green fees and cart fees apply.

GENERAL GUEST RULES:

- 1) Any person known or declared to be a "persona non grata" or any individual who is no longer welcomed or favored by Management is denied access to any part of the Club premises. A Member who willingly contributes to the presence of such a person is subject to disciplinary action by Management.
- 2) The privilege of any guest may be temporarily withdrawn without notice at the discretion of the General Manager or Management. Management shall decide final disciplinary action against the sponsoring Member.
- 3) Any damages incurred as a result of a guest shall be paid by the Member who sponsored said guest.

Certain conduct will not be tolerated by guests or green fee golfers at SSCC. These actions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Fighting on Club property
- Theft or misuse of Club property
- Abusive verbal confrontation with another Club Member or employee
- Actions that are a danger to other Members or employees
- Degrading another person's race, gender or religion
- Acts of insubordination
- Recurrence of problems that guest(s) have previously been disciplined for.



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LOCKER ROOM RULES:

- 1) Members and guests are expected to conform to the same principles of cleanliness and sanitation as practiced in their respective homes.
- 2) Lockers are available to Members upon a monthly rental basis and will be assigned upon request. Locker fees will be set by Management. The Club and employees assume no responsibility for safekeeping of private property, although reasonable precaution will be exercised.

BARS, LOUNGES, RESTAURANTS:

- 1) Operation of the Club is in accordance with the rules of the Texas Alcohol and Beverage Commission (TABC), where applicable. These rules shall **not** be modified or waived.
- 2) Alcoholic beverages are to be consumed in designated Club areas only.
- 3) Guests in the bar and lounge area must be accompanied by a Club Member in good standing, or they must purchase a temporary membership as set by the TABC.
- 4) Liquor law violations are not permitted at the Facilities. It is illegal for any Person to bring alcoholic beverages onto the Facilities for the purpose of consumption or storage.
- 5) The Club, at its sole discretion, may refuse to serve alcoholic beverages to any Member, his or her family members, or their respective guests for any reason.
- 6) Minors may not purchase or consume alcoholic beverages anywhere at the Club.

SIMULATOR RULES & REGULATIONS:

All persons using SSCC simulators will be required to sign a Liability Waiver prior to use. Minors must be accompanied by an adult authorized to sign the Liability Waiver on Minor's behalf.

- Please ensure that you have CLEAN SHOES and CLEAN CLUBS.
- During wet or rainy outdoor conditions, no shoes worn outside are allowed in the hitting area. Please bring a clean pair of dry shoes.
- Use the balls and tees provided to you at check-in and return them after your session is complete. You will be charged a fee of \$20 for each unreturned golf ball.
- Outside food and beverage is not permitted on Sulphur Springs Country Club property. Food and beverage service is available through the Club's restaurants and bars only.

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- All food and drinks must remain in the spectator space. NO FOOD OR DRINKS ARE ALLOWED INSIDE THE SIMULATORS or near the computers at any time.
- Indoor smoking or vaping is prohibited.
- Drug possession/use on Sulphur Springs Country Club property will result in your removal from Club property and may be reported to appropriate law enforcement.
- No more than 5 golfers per Simulator bay.
- Be respectful of other guests.
- No children under the age of 15 without supervision of a non-golfing adult are permitted in the Simulator area.
- Players are responsible for the equipment inside the Simulator bays. No swinging clubs outside the Simulator bays, for safety reasons.
- Only 1 person is permitted in the hitting area at a time. Everyone MUST keep a safe distance and keep watch of the person golfing.
- Before you swing any club, check your surroundings to ensure no person or obstacle is within your range of swing.
- Be aware of your backswing and follow-through at all times.
- Your shot must be directed towards the hitting screen.
- Swinging should always take place near the hitting area of the mat.
- Be aware of where you stand or walk, and stay clear of the golfer's range of swing.
- Report any accidents to a Sulphur Springs Country Club manager immediately.
- Simulator users (including spectators) are financially responsible for **any damage** caused by failure to follow these Rules and Regulations.
- Simulator users and spectators acknowledge that Sulphur Springs Country Club's Simulators are under video surveillance. Tampering with a camera system or damaging equipment by not following procedures outlined in these Rules and Regulations will result in financial compensation being paid by you to Sulphur Springs Country Club.
- Simulator users and spectators acknowledge that photography and/or video may be recorded and used for promotional purposes, without compensation.
- We would love for you to be able to finish your "last hole", but if another group is booked after you, we will transition the Simulator to the next group promptly at the end of your reserved time.
- Failure to abide by any of the procedures and Rules and Regulations outlined here may result in the cancelation of the remainder of your paid Simulator time without compensation or refund to you.



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BALLROOM RULES AND DINING RESERVATIONS:

- 1) Reservations for use of the Ballroom or for meal service must be made with the General Manager, Administrative Office, or representative. Please make any inquiries as early as possible to avoid potential conflicts. Club-sponsored functions shall have scheduling priority.
- 2) All exclusive reservations shall include a rental fee unless waived by Management. There will be no outside catering unless it is approved by the General Manager.
- 3) Approval of exclusive use of the ballroom must be obtained from the General Manager, Administrative Office, or representative.
- 4) A Special Event Contract must be completed and submitted with event deposit to the Club and approved prior to scheduled party.

SWIMMING POOL RULES:

Normal Hours of Operation: Tuesday through Sunday, 11:00am to 7:00pm.

Pool Season: Memorial Day through Labor Day.

No lifeguard will be on duty at SSCC. Please note that swimmers always swim at their own risk. All persons using the pool or pool area shall adhere to the pool rules posted at the pool. All persons using the pool or pool area also assume responsibility for their own safety, shall be deemed to have assumed the risk of using the pool or pool area, and agree, by their presence in the pool area, that neither the Club, Club owner, nor Club employees shall be held liable for any loss, injury or death arising out of use of the pool or pool area.

- 1) Persons under the age of eleven (11) and all minors who are unable to swim are not permitted in the pool area unless accompanied by a parent or other person sixteen (16) years of age or older who agrees to assume responsibility for the child's safety and behavior.
- 2) Pool attendants/servers shall have the authority to enforce all rules and regulations and to supervise the general conduct of all persons in the pool area. Pool attendants shall have full authority to maintain order, reprimand, discipline, restrict, and evict any individual not complying with the rules and regulations.
- 3) Running, wrestling, pushing, dunking, and excessive noise or other hazardous activity will not be permitted in the pool or pool area.
- 4) No glass containers of any kind will be permitted within the pool enclosure.
- 5) Lifesaving and pool cleaning equipment should be used only for the purpose intended.
- 6) Please do not unnecessarily talk to or distract the pool attendant(s) on duty.
- 7) Swimmers are not allowed in any part of the Clubhouse in their swim attire.



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Swimmers must be dry and wear a cover-up and shoes or must be fully clothed when entering the Clubhouse.

- 8) Members and their guests are responsible for properly disposing of their trash in the pool area.

Illness and/or Medical Conditions

- 1) Persons are not permitted in the pool if they have a cold, cough, fever, infection of any kind, skin rash, inflamed eye(s), or are wearing bandages.
- 2) Persons with physical or neurological disabilities or a responsible adult accompanying that Person must advise the pool attendant of such conditions.

Pool Attire

Persons must wear suitable bathing attire while swimming; no cutoffs, dungarees or Bermuda shorts will be permitted.

Guest Pool Privileges

- 1) Guests are entitled to use the pool facilities upon registration with the pool attendant and purchase of a daily pool pass at rates determined by the Club.
- 2) No Member may sponsor more than two (2) guests for admission to the pool area per day. Permission from the Club must be received for having three (3) or more guests. Guests need to be accompanied by the sponsoring Member when using the pool facilities; however, Members must obtain prior approval from the Club in the event the sponsoring Member will not be accompanying the guest.
- 3) Guest privileges may be limited during peak periods as determined at the sole discretion of the Club.

LAKE AND FISHING RULES:

The lake is provided for the fishing enjoyment of Club members. Fishing rules are those of the Texas Parks and Wildlife and the State Legislature as applicable, with local rules established by Management.

- 1) Guests can use the lake facilities when accompanied by a member.
- 2) The use of a motor with a maximum of five (5) hp is permitted on the lake.
- 3) Water skiing, speed boating, jet skis, swimming, or wading are not allowed on or in the lake.
- 4) No hunting is allowed on the Club grounds. Use of firearms is strictly prohibited.



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- 5) Trailer homes (mobile homes) are not allowed on Country Club grounds.
- 6) No overnight camping is permitted on Club grounds.
- 7) All damage to Club property in any respect shall be the financial responsibility of the member, or members, involved, or the sponsoring member or members in the case of guest involvement.
- 8) The Club will not be responsible for any injury or accident occurring to anyone using the privilege of the lake.

GOLF COURSE RULES:

- 1) A tee time is required for all play.
 - a. Players may make tee times in the Pro Shop, by phone at (903) 885-4861, or via the SSCC App.
 - b. Please provide every player's name (if possible) when making tee times.
 - c. Tee times can be made two (2) weeks in advance.
- 2) All Members, Guests, and Private Cart Owners must check in at the Pro Shop prior to play.
- 3) All play must begin off Hole #1, unless approved by the Pro Shop.
- 4) No groups larger than five (5) players allowed on the golf course. (Club-sponsored tournaments will be the **ONLY** exception to this rule.)
 - a. It is the golfer's responsibility to maintain pace of play on the course and to allow faster groups to play through (if holes are open ahead of your group).
- 5) A valid driver's license is required to rent an SSCC cart.
 - a. No more than 2 adults are allowed in a cart at any time.
 - b. Players using SSCC carts **MUST** pair up 2 per cart when applicable.
 - c. All rental cart fees are per rider. If you get on a cart that has already been rented, you are responsible for checking in at the Pro Shop and paying the applicable fee.
 - d. All SSCC rental carts must be returned to the Pro Shop by sunset.
 - e. SSCC carts are available to rent for 9, 18, or unlimited holes. If you play more holes than the cart was originally rented for, it is your responsibility to check in with the Pro Shop and pay any additional fees.
 - f. Beginning in May 2024 (estimate), SSCC carts will be programmed to stay in permitted areas only. Failure to stay within those perimeters will result in cart's automatic shutdown.
- 6) Private carts may be used only by the owner (or dependents) of that cart.
 - a. Anyone who drives or rides in a private cart without the owner present will be charged fees equal to SSCC rental cart fees.
 - b. Any guest riding in a private cart must pay guest fees. It is the responsibility of the private cart owner to ensure that any guests riding in



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their cart have paid the applicable fees. If unpaid, the private cart owner will be billed the applicable fees.

- 7) The Driving range will be open normal Pro Shop hours.
 - a. Range balls are the property of SSCC and meant for range use only. Range balls are not permitted on the course, in private carts/sheds, or removed from SSCC property for personal use. Anyone violating these rules is subject to the SSCC disciplinary policy and monetary fine.
 - b. The driving range will close one (1) hour prior to close on Sunday for routine mowing.
 - c. The Pro Shop has the right to close the Driving Range if conditions warrant closing.
- 8) On-duty Pro Shop personnel will notify all golfers of any special instructions (i.e., cart path only, driving range closed, etc.) at check-in. Professional staff members are responsible for the daily operations on the course and will address them accordingly.
- 9) Two restrooms are available on the course and also on the driving range. Please utilize them.
- 10) **Absolutely no outside alcohol** is permitted on SSCC property.

Damage to Greens and Approaches

- 1) Under no circumstances shall a ball be placed on and hit off any putting green. If a ball lies on a green or its approaches, it must be lifted and placed without penalty to one side of the area, not near the hole being played.
- 2) A player shall not place a golf bag or cart on the surface of a putting green. This rule applies to a cart of any description. Players using individual pull carts should keep their carts an adequate distance from the green in order that the approaches will not be damaged by the wheels of the cart.
- 3) All fairway divots should be promptly and carefully replaced.
- 4) Ball divot marks should be carefully and neatly repaired.
- 5) After playing from sand traps, all depressions and footprints should be carefully smoothed. Sand traps should always be entered and left from the lowest point of entry to minimize damage to the sand. Those players following will appreciate this attention.
- 6) Players are requested to utilize litter baskets dispersed over the course. Containers of any kind must **not** be thrown on the course.
- 7) Any member found guilty of willfully cutting, mutilating, or defacing the greens, tees, fairways, or any equipment related to the club or golf course, shall be immediately reported to the Golf Professional or his representatives and Management.



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Practicing

- 1) Members, when practicing or receiving instruction, must always use practice tee, practice green, and practice grounds, and under no circumstances will they be permitted to use the regular tees, greens, or fairways when practicing or receiving instruction (unless approved by Golf Professional).
- 2) Golf course use at Sulphur Springs Country Club is intended primarily for the enjoyment of Members in good standing and their families. Exceptions permitting others to play the course is as follows:
 - a. Tournaments sponsored by or with the specific approval of Management.
 - b. Members of the area School Golf Teams under contract with SSCC should abide by the rules of the contract agreed upon with SSCC. All golfers, students and coaches must sign in with the Pro Shop before beginning play on the course, and failure to do so may result in expulsion.

Course Closing

The golf course, practice tees and/or practice putting greens may be temporarily closed when, in the opinion of the Golf Professional and/or Course Superintendent, the course is too wet or when playing conditions would adversely affect the golf course.

GOLF CARTS AND GOLF CART SHEDS:

- 1) Golf carts shall be assigned at the Pro Shop at the time of registration. Players are currently allowed, at the discretion of the Club, to walk and carry their clubs.
- 2) No vehicles other than golf course maintenance vehicles, golf carts, and private golf carts approved by the Club shall be permitted on the golf course.
- 3) Club-owned golf carts are restricted to use on the golf course and practice areas. No club-owned golf carts shall be removed from SSCC facilities at any time.
- 4) When, in the opinion of the superintendent, the use of golf carts will injure the course, said use shall be expressly forbidden (i.e., aggressive tires).
- 5) Golf carts shall remain on cart paths where directed. Drivers must observe and obey all signs, stakes, roped-off areas and other markers used to guide carts. Golf carts shall not be driven or parked within thirty (30) feet of any tee, bunker, green, or hazard except on cart paths. When driving golf carts on fairways, care should be taken to avoid soft areas.
- 6) The Club will not assume any property damage or public liability which may result from the use of golf carts.
- 7) You must have a valid driver's license to operate a Club-owned golf cart. No more than two people are allowed in a golf cart unless approved by the Golf Professional.



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- 8) Juniors under age are never allowed to operate a golf cart unless with parents.
- 9) Golf cart sheds are the exclusive property of the Club.
- 10) One SSCC-owned cart shed rented from SSCC may have a primary renter and a secondary renter. If a shed is occupied by a primary renter and a secondary renter, each shall pay full price for the use of that shed.
- 11) SSCC-owned sheds are the responsibility of the primary renter and are subject to any disciplinary action or extra cost associated with the cart shed.
- 12) If the primary renter of record decides to terminate their contract with SSCC, the SSCC-owned cart shed goes to the next available member on the cart shed waiting list, **NOT** the secondary renter.
- 13) The secondary renter has **NO** option to become the primary renter unless their name is next on the cart shed waiting list.
- 14) It will be the duty of the Golf Professional to report any non-compliance of private cart guidelines to Management. It will be the duty of the Club Professional to make recommendations to Management in cases of extreme non-compliance concerning private golf cart regulations.
- 15) General maintenance of Club-owned sheds rented to Members is the responsibility of the Member. (Club responsibility would be major repairs and electricity.)
- 16) Violation of these golf cart rules may result in immediate suspension of playing privileges and ejection from the golf course.
- 17) Privately-owned carts will be operated at the risk and liability of the owner. The Club shall not be held liable for damage or injury sustained as a result of the operation of a privately-owned golf cart. Private cart owners should properly insure their golf cart for liability.

CART OWNERSHIP AND USAGE:

- 1) A single golf cart may be owned by multiple members.
- 2) Each golf cart owner will pay SSCC an established fee to use the golf cart on Club property. If a cart is owned by two (2) members, SSCC collects twice the established fee from owners.
- 3) A non golf cart owner shall not use a golf cart owned by someone else. If a non golf cart owner is using a golf cart owned by someone else, the non golf cart owner will be required to pay the appropriate cart rental fee to the Pro Shop. Failure to pay can result in disciplinary action.
- 4) A golf cart owner may have a passenger in the side seat of the golf cart at no extra charge to the golf cart owner as long as the golf cart owner accompanies the passenger.
- 5) Private cart owners are responsible for not allowing the misuse of their carts on SSCC property or violation of Golf Cart Policy.



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PRIVATE CART SPECIFICATION POLICY:

- 1) The golf cart must have a tire tread greater than 8" and less than 12" in width. The tread of the tire must be designed for use on turf-like conditions. No knobby or specialty off-road type tires permitted.
- 2) The golf cart must be in good working order and free from defects that may cause injury or damage. SSCC golf staff may inspect the cart if they suspect non-compliance.
- 3) A maximum of two persons and two golf bags are allowed per cart on the golf course.
- 4) Owners of private carts must have the most current sticker on their cart so golf staff can easily identify it on the course.

Owners of carts that are regularly used on Sulphur Springs Country Club's facilities but do not meet the above specifications may request an exemption, which will be taken under consideration by SSCC Management, and an exemption may be granted, when warranted.

ATTIRE:

It is expected that Members will choose to dress in a fashion befitting the surroundings and atmosphere provided in the setting of the Club. It is also expected that Members will advise their guests as to the dress requirements of the Club. Shirts and shoes are required on the premises of the Club.

The following is considered appropriate attire for use of the Golf facilities and is required for all players:

- 1) **Men:** Slacks, denim jeans or shorts, golf shorts, approved walking shorts, and collared, sleeved shirts are considered appropriate attire. Tank tops, fishnet tops, cut-offs, jams, sweatpants, bathing suits, or other athletic shorts are not permitted.
- 2) **Women:** Dresses, denim jeans or shorts, skirts, slacks, golf shorts, mid-length shorts, blouses or sleeveless shirts are considered appropriate attire. Halter tops, fishnet tops, bathing suits, sweatpants, athletic shorts or cut-offs are not permitted.
- 3) **Shoes:** Appropriate golf shoes or approved shoes are required on the golf course and practice areas. Use of shoes other than golf shoes may be approved by the Golf Professional. No metal spikes are allowed.
- 4) Responsible dressing is required. Improperly-dressed Members and guests will be asked to change. Please check with Club Management if you are unsure about your attire.



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MISCELLANEOUS:

- 1) Balls hit into the lake become the property of the Club. Retrieving balls out of the lake, other than in the normal course of playing, is absolutely prohibited.
- 2) Non-Responsibility - Property or Injury - The Club shall in no way be responsible for any loss of or damage to property of Members or other persons, whether by fire, theft, or otherwise, occurring on Club property. Members are warned about carelessness with money and valuables, and it is suggested that Members contact the General Manager if they require temporary safekeeping facilities. The insurance of personal property is the responsibility of the Owner.
- 3) The Club reserves the right to amend or modify these rules whenever necessary. Members may access the Club's General Rules & Regulations on the Club's website or request a copy from the Club Manager's office.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY:

The objectives of SSCC's social media sites are to increase member engagement, raise awareness of Club events, increase web traffic to the Club's website, recruit new members, and increase awareness of Club facilities and other offerings among external markets.

For the purpose of this policy, "social media" refers to the use of web-based and mobile applications used for social interaction and exchange of Club- and Member-generated content. SSCC's social media sites may include, but are not limited to, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, WordPress, Foursquare, Google Places, TikTok, Yelp, and others.

We at SSCC love the comments and dialogue between our social media users. We encourage you to share, like, comment, and post. However, we do review all comments and posts, and they may be deleted at our discretion. We do our best to respond to comments as quickly as possible, but sometimes there are delays. Please be patient with us as we do what we can to improve the experience of all our Members.

We ask that you conduct yourselves in a professional manner, respect the views and opinions of others, and demonstrate respect for our Members, clients, guests, vendors, employees and competitors. Any content or behavior posted on SSCC's social media sites that may be considered disrespectful, dishonest, offensive, harassing or damaging to the interests, image and reputation of SSCC, its employees, members or others, is not permitted and may be removed.

The use of SSCC's social media for personal, religious or political purposes is not allowed. Do not cite or reference Members, partners or suppliers without their approval. When you do make a reference, where possible, link back to the source.



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When posting information to any social media sites, respect trademarks, copyrights, and intellectual property. You are expected to protect confidential information and not say anything that harms, or could harm, the Club's reputation. Be aware that what you say is permanent.

All social media networks will be monitored on a regular basis for content appropriateness. Violation of guidelines may result in the removal of content, blocking or removing users from accessing SSCC's social media sites, or other appropriate action including termination. SSCC is not liable for anything posted on websites and social media sites that are not managed by the Club. This includes but is not limited to Club association and team websites and Facebook pages.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY:

It is both illegal and against SSCC policy for any Member, guest of a Member, visitor or employee, male or female, to harass another Member, guest of a Member, visitor or employee by:

- 1) Making unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature; or
- 2) Making submission to or rejection of such conduct the basis for employment decisions affecting an employee; or
- 3) Creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work environment by such conduct.

Examples of the types of conduct prohibited by this policy include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Any type of physical touching, including rubbing someone's neck or shoulders or brushing against someone's body.
- 2) Whistling, leering, stalking, staring, or violating someone's personal space.
- 3) Sitting or gesturing in an offensive or sexually suggestive manner.
- 4) Using foul or obscene language or making lewd, off-color, or sexually-oriented comments or jokes.
- 5) Displaying offensive or sexually explicit posters, calendars, photographs, cartoons, or computer images.
- 6) Sending unwanted or sexually suggestive letters, voicemails or e-mails.
- 7) Gossiping about sexual activities, commenting on someone's physical attributes, or asking questions about someone's sex life.

Our policy is not intended to discourage innocent activities, such as compliments on personal appearance, which may contribute to healthy working relationships, good morale, and Club unity. At the same time, certain conduct and comments of a sexual nature that may not amount to unlawful sexual harassment are inappropriate in the Club. We always expect our Club Members to use good judgment and avoid even the appearance of sexual impropriety in all their relationships with employees.



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Members who are guilty of unlawful sexual harassment of employees may be terminated.

BINDING EFFECT – INDEMNIFICATION:

In consideration of the rights and privileges of membership, each Member agrees, on his or her own behalf and on behalf of his or her family and guests, to be bound by these Rules. Furthermore, each Member agrees to hold the owner of the Club, General Manager, Club employees and agents harmless, to indemnify said parties, and to provide a defense by counsel of Club management's choosing, from any claim, liability, damage, or loss which results from or is connected with any violation of these rules by the Member or his or her family or guests, any use of the Club by the Member or his or her family or guests, or any dispute arising in any manner from membership.

RELEASE AND DISCLAIMER:

While using the Club or participating in Club events, whether at or off the Club property, Members and their family and guests are always charged with the responsibility of using proper judgment and caution. The owner of the Club, General Manager, Club employees and agents do not assume any liability for injuries caused to or incurred by any Member or his or her family or guests or for damage to or loss of property resulting from the use of the Club. Consequently, any Member, guest, or other person who uses or accepts the use of the Club or service, or engages in any athletic contest, exercise, or other activity, either at or off the Club property, does so at his or her own risk and shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the owner of the Club, General Manager, Club employees and agents for any injury, damage, claim, loss, or liability resulting from such use or engagement. Each Member agrees to release the owner of the Club, General Manager, Club employees and agents and waives any cause of action which a Member, or anyone claiming by, or through said Member might now or hereafter have against said parties due to any injuries caused to or incurred by any Member or his or her family or guests or for damage to or loss of property resulting from their use of the Club.

PERSONAL PROPERTY:

Each Member and his or her family and guests are responsible for their own personal property. Club Management is not responsible for lost property or articles stolen from any location at the Club and specifically disclaims any such responsibility. Property left by any person at the Club and not claimed within thirty (30) days may be disposed of without notice. No bailment is intended, nor created by the preceding sentence.



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LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE OR INJURY:

- 1) Each Member is responsible for any damage to the Club or property caused by the Member, his or her family members, or guests, and such Member shall promptly reimburse Club Management for all costs and expenses incurred to repair or replace such damaged facility or property.
- 2) Persons playing on the golf course are expected to respect the rights of persons owning property adjacent to the golf course. Personal injury or property damage caused by a golf ball entering onto adjacent land is the sole responsibility of the golfer striking the ball. Neither the owner of the Club nor Club Management shall be responsible for such injury or damage. In the event of such injury or damage, the Member shall attempt to contact the landowner or resident at the time of the incident and report the incident to Club staff in the Pro Shop upon completion of play or sooner, as the situation may warrant. Failure to do so will constitute a violation of these Rules and may be grounds for disciplinary action.
- 3) Persons playing golf and/or using carts on the golf course are responsible for any injury which may result from their conduct. Neither the owner of the Club nor Club Management shall be responsible for injuries which may result from errant balls or cart accidents or other conduct of persons using the golf course. In the event a Member causes such injury, the Member shall immediately contact the injured party and take responsibility for the incident and shall also report the matter to the Pro Shop upon completion of play or sooner, as the situation may warrant. Failure to do so will constitute a violation of these Rules and may be grounds for disciplinary action.
- 4) Caution must always be exercised while wearing golf shoes with spikes.

RECOVERY OF DAMAGES OR DUES:

If it is required to turn a Member's account over to a collection agency or institute legal action to collect any dues or charges owed by a Member, or to enforce any provision of these Rules against a Member, the Member agrees he or she shall be responsible for all costs of collection, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees incurred and court costs.

NO AGENCY:

No Member or any other person participating in the activities of any association or committee shall have the authority, express or implied, to act on behalf of or as an agent for the owner of the Club, Club Management, or General Manager.



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ASSOCIATIONS:

Members, with Management's approval and at their own election, may organize golf or social associations or committees. Club Management does not assume any responsibility, nor accept or incur any liability, for the activity of any such association or committee. No rules or policies of such associations or committees may be contrary to or conflict with these Rules & Regulations or the policies in place.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT – AMENDMENT:

Each membership incorporates these General Rules & Regulations. The Membership Application form signed by each Member along with these Rules & Regulations, as presently enacted or hereafter amended, constitute the entire agreement between each Member and Club Management. These Rules may be modified, amended, changed, altered or repealed at any time, at Club Management's sole discretion, and may be supplemented by the publication of appropriate information in the Club's newsletter, on the Club's website, by email distribution to Members, or by posting at the Club.

NOTICE:

- 1) Any notice to be given by Club Management to a Member may be mailed or otherwise delivered to that Member at the address which the Member lists on the Application for Membership, unless that address has subsequently been changed by written notice delivered to Club Management as provided for in this Section. Notice to a Member is effective at the time of personal delivery or, if mailed, on the first regular mail delivery day at least three (3) days after the notice is mailed, postage-prepaid, whether accepted or not.
- 2) Any notice to be given by a Member to the Club may be mailed or otherwise delivered to the Clubhouse address (511 Country Club Road, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482), or such other address as subsequently designated by notice delivered to the membership as provided for in this Section. Any notice to the Club is effective upon its receipt.

WAIVER:

No obligation of a Member shall be deemed to have been waived unless such waiver has been given in writing by Club Management. Club Management's failure to strictly enforce these Rules or to fail to act in the event of a breach by a Member of its obligations under these Rules shall not be construed as a waiver of a subsequent breach of the same or different obligation.



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CUMULATIVE REMEDIES:

All remedies shall be cumulative, and no one of them will be exclusive of the other. Club Management shall have the right to pursue any one or all such remedies or any other remedy or relief which may be provided by law or equity, whether or not stated in these Rules.

CONVEYANCE OF OWNER'S OR MANAGEMENT'S INTEREST:

Owner and Manager shall have the absolute right to assign, transfer, sell, or convey their respective interests in the Club and these Rules & Regulations. Upon the conveyance, whether by assignment, sale, or other form of transfer of Owner's or Club Management's interest in the Club and the operations thereof, the party conveying its interest shall be relieved of all of its covenants and obligations contained in these Rules & Regulations and any liability arising out of any act or occurrence or omission occurring after the date of such conveyance.

RECEIPT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS:

No person is authorized at any time to make any representations or to provide any information regarding the Club, its organization and operation or the memberships which is not contained in these Rules & Regulations or the Application for Membership. If you receive any representation or information other than what is written in these documents, it must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Club. Please notify the Manager should you receive any such representations.

The undersigned acknowledges having received and understood the Rules & Regulations of Sulphur Springs Country Club. The undersigned hereby agrees to be bound by the terms of these Rules & Regulations as they may be amended by Club Management from time to time.

Date: _____

Member Number: _____

Member's Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Corporate Signature:

By: _____

Title: _____

Printed Name: _____