

Membership Handbook

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the El Paso Golf Club! Whether you are a long time member or a new member of our golf club, we wish to thank you for the opportunity of providing you with this information. This handbook is designed to introduce you to the club by explaining our offerings, rules, and regulations.

Since its inception in 1920, we feel the El Paso Golf Club has grown and matured into one of the friendliest, most efficient and well maintained facilities in the area. The El Paso Golf Club has long prided itself in the ability to provide a quality product for your enjoyment at an extremely reasonable price. We feel that with the expansion to eighteen holes in 1991 and with the recent improvements in our clubhouse, the needs of most golfers are fulfilled.

INITIATION FEE

A one-time initiation fee is charged on all new memberships (excluding Student and Associate). The current initiation fee is \$300 and is non-refundable. **The initiation fee is not applied towards membership fees.**

WAITING LIST

At times, the El Paso Golf Club is at full golf membership. When full membership is achieved, a waiting list is enacted. To add your name to the waiting list, a non-refundable payment of \$300 is required, which will be applied towards the then current initiation fee, when you are admitted for full membership.

MEMBERSHIPS

Family: All married men and women and/or heads of household of any age, including their children and step children, who are considered by the institution they attend to be full time students and are 23 years of age or under who reside at the same address, shall be considered a Family membership and are entitled to all rights and privileges of the clubhouse and grounds after payment of annual dues as prescribed by the Board of Directors. \$1,400 / Year

Junior Family: All married men and women and/or heads of household who are 18 years of age through 35 years of age, including their children and step children, who are considered by the institution they attend to be full time students and are 23 years of age or under who reside at the same address, shall be considered Family members and are entitled to all rights and privileges of the clubhouse and grounds after payment of annual dues as prescribed by the Board of Directors. \$950 / Year

Single and Guest: All unmarried men or women who are past the age of 19 or have completed high school, but who are not attending college full time, shall have full privileges of the clubhouse and grounds for the price of a Single and Guest Membership. They may extend these privileges to one guest for the year¹ (the guest must be the same person for that entire membership year) without paying green fees providing their annual membership dues as prescribed by the board of directors is paid for the current year. Only one of the parties will be considered a member. The guest will not be considered a member and may only attend club functions and have use of the grounds when the member is present and participating in the same event or function with the guest. \$1,400 / Year

¹ For the purposes of this Single and Guest membership – “guest” shall be defined as being in a domestic partnership with the member and residing at the same address.

Single: All men and women who are not full-time high school students and are not attending college full time shall have full privilege of the clubhouse and grounds after payment of annual dues as prescribed by the Board of Directors. \$950/ Year

Junior Single: All men and women who are not full-time high school students and are not attending college full time and who are 18 years of age through 35 years of age, shall have full privilege of the clubhouse and grounds after payment of annual dues as prescribed by the Board of Directors. \$650 / Year

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Single 23 and Under: All unmarried men and women, who are 23 years of age or under and are considered by the institution they attend to be full time students and their parents are not members, shall have the privileges of the clubhouse and grounds after payment of annual dues as prescribed by the Board of Directors. \$280 / Year

Single 19 and Under: All high school students and under that are considered full time by their institution and are 19 years of age or under shall have the privileges of the clubhouse and after payment of annual dues as prescribed by the Board of Directors. \$250 / Year

Household: All domestic partnerships that have the same address shall have the privilege of the clubhouse and grounds for the price of a Household membership. \$1,400 / Year

Junior Household: All domestic partnerships that have the same address and who are 18 years of age through 35 years of age shall have the privilege of the clubhouse and grounds for the price of a Junior Household membership. \$950 / Year

Social (Non-Golf): All men and women who are 19 years of age or older, shall have all rights and privileges as other members except for golfing privileges and cart shed rental privileges and shall be deemed associate members. Cart shed rental privileges may be extended on a temporary basis at the discretion of the Board of Directors for medical issues. Associate members may participate in all appropriate club functions upon payment of any fees attached there to and shall have the same golfing privileges as the general public. Social members shall have these privileges after payment of annual dues as prescribed by the Board of Directors. \$175 / Year

Legacy: A Legacy member is a continuous and active member of a particular membership class in good standing as defined in Article II, Section 1 of the By-Laws, who has reached the age of 75 years. Upon reaching age 75, this member's annual dues will be fixed at the same dollar amount as the member paid in the year they reach age 75. If a Legacy member changes their membership classification at any time, the annual dues will be the current rate for that classification on the date of any change. If a new member joins who is already age 75, their annual dues will also be fixed at the then current dollar amount as it relates to annual dues for their membership classification. Legacy members will not be exempt from paying any other fees or special assessments as determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. This membership classification must also comply with all other sections of Article II and the By-Laws of the Corporation. For the purpose of clarification and compliance, a Legacy member carries the same classification as they were upon reaching the age of 75 years.

PAYMENT PLAN

A payment plan is provided for members wishing to spread the payment of their dues over three equal installments. By using this option, the member will incur a 10% surcharge for dues. For example: the surcharge for a 2024 family membership (\$1400/year) would be \$140.00, for a total of \$1540/year, with 3 payments of approximately \$514 each; the surcharge for a 2024 single membership (\$950/year) would be \$95.00, for a total of \$1045/year, with 3 payments of approximately \$349.

The first installment must be paid by March 15th, with the second installment due by May 1st, and the final payment due by June 15th. *Notification must be made with your initial payment that the payment option is being selected.* Billing for the second and third installments will be mailed.

GREEN FEES & CART RENTAL FEES

The 2024 green fees paid by the general public and guests of our members have been set at \$35.00 for 18 holes and \$20.00 for 9 holes. Cart rental fees have been set at \$17.00 per person for eighteen holes and \$10.00 per person for nine holes. Members & individuals on the waiting list (if applicable) may purchase a discount golf cart punch card (ask the Pro Shop for details).

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TRAIL & CART SHED FEES

Oak Ridge Estates Subdivision homeowners/members may use a personal cart on the EPGC golf course provided they pay a trail fee per cart. Members may also store a personal cart in the cart shed for a fee. The cart shed currently has a waiting list (ask the Pro Shop for details). Annual trail fees for homeowner's personal gas carts are \$450 per cart. Annual trail fees for homeowner's personal electric carts are \$400 per cart. Annual fees for all personal carts stored in the shed are \$450 per cart. Personal carts are for use by those included in that single or family membership only.

OTHER FEES

The following fees are optional:

HANDICAP PROCESSING – This is a \$20.00 annual fee, per individual, that allows the member to have his or her handicap computed. The Club Championship is flighted using these handicaps. Handicap cards and stickers are provided. Members can sign up for a Chicago District Golf Association (CDGA) handicap, (see Pro Shop for details and benefits). Individuals on the waiting list may use this service as well for an annual fee.

HOLE-IN-ONE INSURANCE – This is a \$10.00 annual fee, per individual, that provides for purchasing the customary round of drinks for the 1st hour only after the acer finishes their round of golf. All funds remaining at the end of the year are used to purchase an item or items for the club. The item or items purchased is/are recommended by the Ladies League.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER & EPGC WEB SITE

The "inFOREmer", our monthly newsletter, is published each month to keep you informed of all current golf events, golf course updates, restaurant news and other general activities and information for that month.

Check the EPGC web site: www.elpasogolfclub.com for current events, golf course updates, or the Restaurant specials.

TEE TIMES

Tee times should be made daily and are available Monday through Sunday for members and Monday through Saturday for non-members. Weekday tee times start at 6:30 a.m. and weekend tee times start at 6:00 a.m. Members may call up to 28 days in advance to make a tee time. Individuals on the waiting list may call up to 14 days in advance to make a tee time. Non-members can call only up to 7 days in advance to make a tee time for Monday through Saturday.

Tee times are also available online for future dates – same day tee times are not available online. Please call the Pro Shop for those tee times.

We strongly encourage you to utilize tee times.

If a member wants to make a permanent tee time for Saturday or Sunday, they MUST have a foursome and they MUST play every Saturday or Sunday from May 1st – September 30th. If the foursome is not going to play on a particular Saturday or Sunday, they must inform the Pro Shop so that tee time can be used by other members. Abuse of the permanent tee time system could result in the loss of the tee time by the group. Please remember tee times belong to El Paso Golf Club, not to the individuals that play at that tee time.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Several social events are scheduled throughout the year. The House Committee is always looking to make the club's activities fun and exciting. New ideas are always welcomed and appreciated (you can contact the committee chair through the Pro Shop). The following events are scheduled on an annual basis, as applicable: Annual Open House, Men's & Ladies' Medal Play, Ladies' Invitational, Two-Person Match Play Scramble,

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Memorial Day Tournament, Ladies' Play Day, Men's and Ladies' Club Championship, Labor Day Derby, Couples Match Play Scramble, Christmas Party. (Note: not all events are scheduled every year)

JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

The Junior Golf Program at El Paso Golf Club is one of the strongest in the area. For a nominal fee, school aged children receive several weeks of instruction. The Junior Golf Program is conducted for several weeks on Monday morning beginning in June. The Junior Golf Program concludes with a tournament for all the children that participate in the program.

DRESS CODE & SPIKELESS GOLF SHOES

Men may not wear muscle style shirts (tank tops). Ladies may not wear halter tops, spaghetti string tank tops, or strapless tops. All men's & ladies' shorts must have a hem (no cutoff shorts). Please wear spikeless golf shoes.

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. El Paso Country Club (EPGC) is a Club that fosters a culture that values, appreciates, and respects all its Members, their families, guests, and all staff, and its Members shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with these values. Inappropriate conduct by Club Members, their family members, or guests can damage the Club in at least three ways: impairing the ability of other Members to enjoy the rights and privileges of membership; impairing the Club's ability to attract and retain top-notch employees, who are among a club's most important assets; and damaging the Club's good reputation, which in turn can be detrimental to its financial health.

2. Members are therefore responsible for ensuring that at all times their own conduct and that of their family members and guests complies with this Code of Conduct and all other applicable EPGC bylaws, policies, rules, regulations, dress codes, parking restrictions, and other instructions. EPGC has pledged to perpetuate its long history of valuing all persons and its Members shall treat others with courtesy, dignity, and respect regardless of race, color, national origin, creed, age, gender, religion, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, or any other status protected by law.

3. Members shall not engage in any act likely to endanger the welfare, safety, harmony, or good reputation of the Club, its Members, staff members, or guests. In particular, and not by way of limitation, the following conduct is prohibited by Members, their family members, and their guests:

- a. Harassment (verbal, physical, sexual, or otherwise) directed toward any Member, family member, guest, or staff member;
- b. Deliberately or carelessly damaging or destroying any EPGC property, or the property of any Club Member, family member, guests, or employee;
- c. Removing, borrowing, or using EPGC property or assets (including equipment, time, materials, or facilities) without prior authorization;
- d. Provoking or participating in verbal or physical conflict at any time on Club property;
- e. Using profane, abusive, crude, vulgar, or threatening language toward a Member, family member, guest, or staff member;
- f. Carrying firearms or any other dangerous weapons on the property at any time;
- g. Committing a crime or engaging in criminal conduct of any sort on Club property; or
- h. Causing, creating, or participating in a disruption of any kind on the property.

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4. In the event of inappropriate conduct by a Member, family member, or guest, a written incident report will ordinarily be prepared and submitted to the Club's business office. The incident report will ordinarily be forwarded to the Administrative Committee of the Board to determine if further action is warranted. Whether or not the foregoing steps occur, the Board shall determine, in its sole discretion, what constitutes conduct that is contrary to this Code of Conduct and shall have the authority and discretion to take action deemed by the Board, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the EPGC.

5. The Board has the discretion to, among other things, reprimand, fine, suspend, or expel from the EPGC any Member for his or her conduct that is contrary to this policy, or when a Member's family or guest engages in conduct contrary to this policy and where circumstances make the conduct of such persons attributable to the Member. Guests may also be refused service or future admittance to the Club.

RESTAURANT

Executive Chef Bill Bakai leads the kitchen staff. The Restaurant will provide breakfast (on weekends & holidays), lunch, and dinner starting April 11th with a fall closing date yet to be determined. (Breakfast will start April 8th). You will find the selection and quality of food to be the best at very reasonable prices. Reservations may be made for receptions, parties, class reunions, and banquets. Outings can be scheduled to include golf, lunch, and dinner. Contact Melissa Conley at manager@elpasogc.com or (309) 739-2013, ext. 2 for information.

OPERATING HOURS:

Breakfast: 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday & Major Holidays
Lunch: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Tuesday – Sunday
Dinner: 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Monday – Saturday

PRO SHOP

PGA Professional Matt Schuerman owns/operates the EPGC Golf Pro Shop. The Pro Shop is fully stocked with some of the finest merchandise available. The Pro Shop is a service for members and guests and we encourage you to take advantage of the conveniences it has to offer. Anything that is not in stock can be special ordered. Custom club fitting with Callaway and Mizuno are available and encouraged to better improve your game. Clothing and other accessories are available to help you look your best. Golf lessons are available by appointment with Matt Schuerman.

Email address: golfshop@elpasogc.com or (309) 739-2013 ext. 1.

OPERATING HOURS:

Monday – Friday 6:30 a.m. to dusk
Saturday, Sunday & Holidays 6:00 a.m. to dusk

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Unless specified below, the Restaurant, Pro Shop and Golf Course are open to both members and the general public every day, weather permitting. Please keep in mind that this is a *general outline* of activities during the week, subject to change as applicable.

MONDAY: The Golf Course is open, however, morning play may be restricted to accommodate scheduled golf outings (please see the EPGC website for posted outings). May through August, the EPGC Men's League has priority on either #1 or #10 tee at 4:00 p.m., alternating nines each week. The EPGC Men's League has the opportunity to close the course for special events. The EPGC Junior Golf Program is conducted on Monday morning's beginning in June.

TUESDAY: EPGC Ladies League Play Day: May through September, #1 tee will be reserved for morning EPGC Ladies League play from 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. May through August, #1 tee will be reserved for the

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EPGC Evening Ladies League play from 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Note: the EPGC Evening Ladies League play starts on the back nine on the last Tuesday of each month). Both morning and evening league play will have the opportunity to close the course for special events.

WEDNESDAY: May through September, the #1 tee will be reserved for morning EPGC Couples League play from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Play may be restricted at times to accommodate scheduled golf outings (please see the EPGC website for posted outings).

THURSDAY: EPGC Men’s Play Day: From May through September, #1 tee will be reserved from 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. for EPGC Men’s Play Day. EPGC Men’s Play Day will have the opportunity to close the course for special events.

FRIDAY: No regularly scheduled EPGC club events are scheduled. Play may be restricted at times to accommodate smaller golf outings (please see the EPGC website for posted outings).

SATURDAY: No regularly scheduled EPGC club events are scheduled. Special club events or small group outings may be held once a month.

SUNDAY AND HOLIDAYS: *MEMBERS ONLY and their guests can play on Sunday and Holidays.* This is in force for the entire year. Members may bring as many guests as they desire as long as the guest(s) play in the same foursome as a member. **Please note:** Guests & Class “E” members may play up to a total of four (4) Sundays and Holidays per calendar year with a member. *Individuals on the waiting list are not restricted to this number.*

MEET YOUR STAFF

House Manager: Melissa Conley is beginning her first year of involvement with El Paso Golf Club. She has her bachelor’s degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management and plans to bring her work experience and education to the club to help it grow and become a destination within the community. Melissa resides in Washington and has one daughter attending the University of South Carolina in Greensboro. As the house manager, Melissa will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the restaurant/bar, events, and outings, as well as overall operations within the clubhouse. Contact Melissa at manager@elpasogc.com

PGA Professional: Matt Schuerman is beginning his 5th year with the El Paso Golf Club. Matt owns/operates the EPGC Pro Shop. Matt and his wife, Dana, live in Danvers. Matt’s club email address is: golfshop@elpasogc.com

Golf Course/Grounds Superintendent: Gene Weiser is our Golf Course and Grounds Superintendent. Gene is a Certified Golf Course Superintendent. He is also pursuing his PhD in Turfgrass Management, as well as teaching undergraduate courses at Penn State University. Gene is also retired United States Marine Corps.

Executive Chef: Bill Bikai. Bill comes to us from his Chef position at Rivian, along with years of experience as Executive Chef at both Metamora Fields and Soangetaha Country Club.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the El Paso Golf Club consists of eleven (11) individuals that are very interested in providing you with the best facilities and experiences at the least possible cost. They are always available to listen to your suggestions and ideas as well as answer any questions you may have about the club. Board Meetings are held the second or third Wednesday of each month.

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Executive Officers

Randy Marten – President
Roger Walker – Vice President
Sally North – Secretary
Branden Mounce – Treasurer

Board Members

Jeff Aaberg
Paul Homan
Greg McCullough
Trent Rarick
Brian Tria
Rick Weldon
Don Young

Committees

Golf Course Committee

House and Social Committee

Planning, Personnel & Membership

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