

# Riverside Men's Club

## Code of Conduct

Belonging to the Riverside Men's Club officially enrolls the member into our fraternity as a Riverside Rat. As a Riverside Rat, you agree to follow the "Rat Code of Conduct".

A Riverside Rat

- is highly respectful of;
  - all other club members
  - all golf club staff
  - the golf course and all course equipment
  - all members of the public encountered on or around the golf course
- is knowledgeable of the rules of golf and follows them with the highest degree of integrity.
- is aware of the rules of the club and committed to following them.
- enjoys the game of golf and participates in making the Riverside Men's Club an enjoyable and fun experience for all,

## Handicap Rules

As a Riverside Rat, you are obligated to establish and maintain a current and accurate golf handicap.

### RCGA Membership Card

1. Your membership in our club includes the annual purchase for you of a membership in Golf Canada and into the Royal Canadian Golf Association. You will receive your new membership card each year and you are obligated to ensure that your card is activated. Activation of the card ensures that the member has access to the RCGA website to record scores and to maintain a current golf handicap. Failure to have an official RCGA handicap can make a user ineligible for tournaments such as the Labor Day Classic. When you receive your new card, follow this link or type it into your browser to activate it  
<http://www.golfcanada.ca/>
2. A member must ensure that all rounds of golf played at any course (including 9 hole rounds) are accurately recorded into the RCGA website  
<http://www.rcganetwork.org/Default.aspx?lang=en-CA> in a timely fashion. Scores recorded onto the RCGA website must be adjusted according to the Equitable Stroke Control Adjustment rules as set out by the RCGA. Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) is the downward adjustment of individual hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make Handicap Factors more representative of a

player's potential scoring ability. It sets a maximum number that a player can post on any hole depending on the player's Course Handicap. The maximums are shown below. It is critical to understand that for the purposes of men's night and club tournaments, **the actual score must be recorded on the scorecard**. The ESC adjustment is only made afterwards for the purpose of posting a score into the handicap system.

<b>Players Course Handicap</b>	<b>Maximum Score on any Hole</b>
<b>9 or less</b>	<b>Double Bogey</b>
<b>10 through 19</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>20 through 29</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>30 through 39</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>40 or more</b>	<b>10</b>

Examples:

A player with a *Course Handicap* of 6 has a maximum number of *par* plus two strokes (double bogey) for any hole. If the player scores a 7 on a par 4, a 7 is recorded on the scorecard but on entering his score into the handicap system, the player would adjust his total score down by 1 stroke to reflect his maximum allowable score

A player with a *Course Handicap* of 13 has a maximum number of 7 for any hole regardless of *par*. If the player scores an 8 on a par 5, an 8 is recorded on the scorecard but on entering his score into the handicap system, the player would adjust his total score down by 1 stroke to reflect his maximum allowable score.

A player with a *Course Handicap* of 32 has a maximum number of 9 for any hole. . If the player scores 11 on a par 5, an 11 is recorded on the scorecard but on entering his score into the handicap system, the player would adjust his total score down by 2 strokes to reflect his maximum allowable score.

## Men's Night Rules

1. Tee times for Wed Nights are determined by ballots submitted the prior week. If circumstances arise during the week such that you are unable to make your tee time, you **MUST** notify the proshop or the men's night coordinator well in advance so that the tee time can be filled by another member. A member failing to do so can lose booking privileges for the following week.
2. Members must check in at the pro-shop a minimum of 15 minutes prior to their scheduled tee time. Failure to do so could result in your tee time being awarded to other members waiting a tee time. Being early will also help ensure that all tee groups get out on time.
3. Each member must ensure that their name is appropriately and clearly recorded on the men's night scorecard in order to easily identify the golfer. First name only and first name and initial are not appropriate. Avoid nicknames as all pro-shop staff entering scorecards may not know who you are. Should a name be unidentifiable, the golfer will be deemed to have not turned in a card and will be ineligible for entry into any of the men's night prizes.
4. Each member is to ensure that their scorecard is accurately completed recording **ALL STROKES TAKEN** on each hole. Although 1 member of a foursome may be designated to record scores for the group each member should ensure that their score is correct prior to the card being submitted to the pro-shop. The scorer should sign the card and 1 other from the foursome attests it. The scorer should also ensure that a total score is recorded on the scorecard. Once submitted a card cannot be changed. ***NOTE! You are not allowed to reduce your score on the men's night scorecard according to RCGA Stroke Adjustment Rules. The actual score must be submitted. Stroke Adjustment rules only apply when you are entering scores into the RCGA handicap system.***
5. All rules of golf apply for men's night. All putts must be holed out. ***No gimmies***
6. Scorecards must be turned in to pro-shop staff immediately after the last hole of 9 is played. Scorecards turned in after the final men's club tee group is done will not be accepted | (no exceptions). If you are going on to play 18 holes that night, keep 2 cards for the front 9 and turn one in after 9.
7. Men's night must be played with at least 1 other club member in order for the score to be included in men's night results (no exceptions)

8. All members of a foursome are to ensure an appropriate pace of play by keeping close to the group ahead. We don't expect that you unnecessarily rush your shots but be ready when it is your turn, hit a provisional ball where appropriate, and don't spend an inordinate amount of time looking for a lost ball. ***Players that are consistently identified for slow play may be relegated to occupy the latest tee times.***
9. In the interest of pace of play, ***if you are out of a hole, pick up, record double par on the hole and move on.***
10. Members placing names on proximity markers should ensure that a full name is recorded. If a proximity marker needs to be moved members are to ensure that it is properly marked and properly replaced when the hole is completed. Use an expensive ball marker so you won't forget it.
11. Ensure your men's night scores (either 9 or 18 holes) are appropriately adjusted and entered into the RCGA website. **Our handicap committee will be monitoring!**
12. For Mens' night purposes, handicaps used will be from scores entered in our men's night software for the 9 holes played and flights will be determined from that handicap. (No exceptions). New members without a handicap will play at 0 until 3 men's nights have been played after which the software will calculate a handicap to be used.
13. Men's night scores are entered into the computer by pro-shop staff. These are verified but potential for human error exists. Any member noting an error or omission should bring it to the attention of the executive ASAP. If an error is not brought to our attention prior to the next men's night, no adjustment will be made.
14. All members should familiarize themselves with the men's night format as described on our website at <http://edmontonriversidegolfclub.com/mens/mensnight/>

## **Tournament Rules**

1. Members must register to play in each of the club tournaments ***prior to the deadline posted. If you missed the entry deadline, do not expect to play.***
2. Members who register to play in a tournament and subsequently discover that they are unable to play must advise the tournament director prior to the tournament day. Failure to do so or failure to appear will make the member ineligible for the next tournament. In the case of the Labour Day Classic, failure to appear on day 2 can result in the player deemed to be ineligible for the Labour Day tournament the following year.

3. Being late for a tee time will result in disqualification. Be early.
4. All members are to ensure that their RCGA handicap is up to date at the time they register for a specific tournament. Should our handicap committee determine that a handicap is incorrect prior to the tournament, your handicap may be 'appropriately adjusted' or, if determined subsequent to the tournament, you could be disqualified.
5. A tournament fact sheet is provided to each tee group at the beginning of each tournament along with an official scorecard. All members are responsible to review the fact sheet to know and understand the rules for the tournament. Not following could be cause for penalty strokes and/or disqualification.
6. Each member is to ensure that their scorecard is accurately completed recording ALL STROKES TAKEN on each hole. Although 1 member of a foursome may be designated to record scores for the group each member should ensure that their score is correct prior to the card being submitted to the tournament director. The scorer should sign the card and 1 other from the foursome attests it. Once submitted a card cannot be changed. An error discovered on a scorecard after it is submitted is grounds for disqualification. ***NOTE! You are not allowed to reduce your score on the tournament scorecard according to RCGA Stroke Adjustment Rules. The actual score must be submitted. Stroke Adjustment rules only apply when you are entering scores into the RCGA handicap system.***
7. All rules of golf apply in tournament play. All putts must be holed out. ***No gimmies***
8. Ensure all your individual tournament scores are appropriately adjusted and entered into the RCGA website as a tournament score. **Our handicap committee will be monitoring!**
9. Members placing names on proximity markers should ensure that a full name is recorded. If a proximity marker needs to be moved members are to ensure that it is properly marked and properly replaced when the hole is completed. Please verify that the marker is for your flight prior to moving and placing your name on it.
10. All members should familiarize themselves with the tournaments format as described on our website at <http://edmontonriversidegolfclub.com/mens/tournaments/>

## **Other Guidelines of Importance**

1. Your membership entitles you to attend our Annual General Meeting at the end of the season. You MUST however register your intent to attend. This is necessary to ensure that costs for the banquet are minimized and not wasted. The year end prize table is also determined according to the number of REGISTERED

attendees. If you show up and where not registered, there may not be a plate set for you and your name is not likely to be called to the prize table.

2. This is YOUR CLUB. Any suggestions that you may have to make it better are welcomed. Please make them known to any member of the executive.

3. **Most Important of all** ENJOY THE GAME...ENJOY THE COMRADERY **AND HAVE FUN**