# ATTACHMENT "A" Policies and Procedures Viera East Golf Course

Fiscal Year 2025

# I. PUBLIC COURSE

The Viera East Golf Course ("Golf Course") is a public golf course owned and operated by the Viera East Community Development District ("the District"), a unit of special-purpose local government created pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes. Viera East Golf Course staff will be referred to as "Golf Course Management" to include the General Manager, Golf Professional, Food and Beverage Manager, and their designated staff. The Viera East Golf Course is open to the general public, including residents and nonresidents of the District. The golf course may not be used for any purpose except golf without the approval of the Golf Course Management. Fishing, boating, picnicking, biking, kite flying, soccer, football, recreation walking or running and dog walking are not permitted at any time on golf course property.

#### II. RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

The rates, fees and charges governing the use and enjoyment of the Golf Course are contained in and set pursuant to Chapter IV of the Rules of the District. These rules were duly adopted by the District Board of Supervisors in accordance with Chapters 190 and 120, Florida Statutes.

CDD Residents will receive a discount on <u>published</u> normal full daily golf rates based on schedule. CDD Residents may choose to use the appropriate golf discount <u>or</u> any promotional special rates but not both. Some discount restrictions may apply on golf equipment and clothing for certain manufacturers. The General Manager may adjust these discounts, with board approval, if it is in the best interest of the District. **Residents may be required to submit proof of residency. Residency may be verified and an ID card may be obtained from the CDD Office.** 

The District will offer a Season Pass. They will be available in 6- or 12-month increments. This is only for Monday through Thursday play.

A Season pass is not assignable, transferable, alienable or divisible. Extensions of Plans will not be allowed.

### III. MEMBERSHIP REFUNDS, CREDITS, AND TRANSFERS

- A. There will be no **refunds** for any reason except documented health reasons. The refund will be prorated based on the schedule below and the member will not be able to rejoin the club for 12-months following the refund. A copy of the medical certification from a licensed physician must be kept on file.
- B. Upon approval of the **refund**, the following stipulations will apply:
  - a. The amount of the **refund** will be prorated based on the refund schedule found below.
  - b. In the event a **refund** is issued, the remaining term of the Membership year will be cancelled and any play after issuing a credit will be at the applicable daily rate.
  - c. The **refund** issued will only be applied to the next time you register for any prepay plan

- C. If the **refund** request is received by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, a **refund** will be issued for that month based on the **refund** schedule below. Requests received after the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, will be prorated based on the month immediately following the month of the request.
- D. There will be no transfers for any reason during the term of the Season Pass increment.
- E. Leave of Absence will be considered for medical reasons only. Should a member request a Leave of Absence, the Course will require written documentation from a medical professional stating the nature of the injury and expected duration for the recovery period. All requests for Leave of Absence should be submitted in writing to the attention of the General Manager and include the following: requested date of commencement for leave of absence and anticipated return date. The leave must be for a minimum of 30 days. Leave for non-medical reasons and for medical reasons less than 30 days will not be considered. If granted, the medical leave will freeze the membership until the member is able to return to play (after a minimum of 30 days). Once the member's play has resumed, the membership expiration date will be adjusted to reflect the days missed (number of days during which the membership was frozen). Under no circumstances will there be a refund of money for leave of absence. Misuse of this policy will result in immediate and indefinite suspension from the club. The General Manager is authorized to make decisions regarding requests for leaves of absence and will operate under this authority in the best interest of the Viera East Golf Course and the requesting member.

#### REFUNDEBULE

Note: The percentage is the amount that will be refunded. There will be no refund issued on sales tax.

## **12 MONTH PLANS**

	Refund 90%	Refund	
Month 1		Month 7	30%
Month 2	80%	Month 8	20%
Month 3	70%	Month 9	10%
Month 4	60%	Month 10	None
Month 5	50%	Month 11	None
Month 6	40%	Month 12	None

#### **6 MONTH PLANS**

Receive 80% refund/70% credit in month 1, 60% refund/50% credit in month 2, 40% refund/30% credit in month 3, and 20% refund/10% credit in month 4 of the plan No refunds/credits after month 4.

#### IV. RESIDENCY STATUS OF USERS

Whether a particular user of the Golf Course shall be classified as a resident or a nonresident for the calculation of rates, fees, and charges is determined in accordance with Chapter IV of the rules of the District.

## V. COURSE EXPECTATIONS.

- B. Proper attire is encouraged at all times.
  - (Men) Appropriate length shorts, collared shirts or mock turtlenecks are required. Tennis (short shorts), cutoffs, running shorts, swim attire, t-shirts, fishnet shirts, tank tops and denim are not permitted on the golf course.
  - (Women) Same as above, but women may wear sleeveless and collarless tops. Short shorts and halter-tops are prohibited.
  - o (Juniors ages 16 and under) Same as adults, but neat and clean t-shirts will be allowed.
  - All golfers must wear appropriate footwear. Viera East Golf Course is a spike-less facility. Metal or ceramic spikes are not permitted. The Golf Course Management will change spikes upon request for a nominal fee.

# **VI. STARTING TIMES**

A. Viera East Community Development District residents may request starting 14 days in advance. Loyalty Members can request starting times 10 days in advance. Outside play can request times 7 days in advance

The General Manager and/or Head Golf Professional may use discretion on occasion to modify the tee sheet structure should circumstances warrant such action. Such modification should receive voted approval by the Board of Supervisors if proposed changes are to be a permanent, extending through the end of the fiscal year. Less permanent tee sheet changes may be implemented on a case by case basis and require only written concurrence from a majority of the Board of Supervisors. Should a majority of the Board not support the proposed temporary change; proposed tee sheet modification will not be implemented.

- B. Reservations can be made in person, by telephone, or by the internet.
- C. Viera East Golf Course recognizes Wednesday as a "Ladies Day" and Thursday as a "Men's Day". Other events may be scheduled at the discretion of Golf Course Management. The Golf Course will host a shotgun start for these events at the discretion of the Head Golf Professional. Golf Course Management will establish a shotgun time with seasonal and special maintenance in mind. Regular tee times will be available before and after the shotgun. The golf shop may alter the tee sheet as necessary to accommodate these groups, either by blocking tee times before the shotgun or starting the groups before the shotgun from the 10<sup>th</sup> tee. Tournaments, other outings, or scheduled course maintenance work that will limit this regular activity will be noticed on the sign up sheet. All players interested in playing in the shotgun should sign up on these sheets or make reservations in the shotgun through the Pro Shop staff. The golf staff will check the sign up sheets several days in advance and adjust the number of needed positions on the tee time sheet. Shotgun starts for other than Ladies' Day, Men's days, and other events will only be provided as needed for tournaments per Chapter IV, Section 16 or for operational and maintenance requirements.
- D. Advance tee time booking for any resident or public player is a privilege that cannot be abused. Players are expected to call at least 72 hours in advance to cancel or adjust the size of their group. Golfers who repeatedly fail to show for starting times without notifying Golf Course Management of the cancellation may lose their starting time or playing privileges without refund of any fees or dues or be charged for the reservation. Tee time reservations for the general public may require a credit card number to hold the tee time for all weekend and holiday play at the discretion of the Head Golf Professional or General Manager. Customers may request a cancellation/adjustment number for proof of cancellation/adjustment. Golfers should call if there is concern that the golf course may be closed or tee times may be delayed due to weather. The Golf Course Management will use their best judgment in regards questionable course conditions.

E. All player's names (first and last), telephone number and email address may be required when securing a starting time reservation.

# VII. USE OF PERSONAL GOLF CARTS

- A. Trail Fees, as established under Section 8, Chapter IV of the District Rules are a fee established by Golf Club Management paid in advance for a specific period for use by owners of a private cart on the Viera East Golf Course. The use of personal golf cars is a privilege granted by the Golf Course after payment of the Trail Fee. Payment of the Trail Fee does not confer an absolute right to such usage and all personal golf car use shall be at the discretion of the Golf Course Management. As a courtesy, a Family advance cardholder with trail fees whose cart is in use by another member of the family is allowed to utilize a club golf cart at no charge provided a cart is available. Proper personal golf cart utilization is required for golf staff to allow club cart usage at no charge. The Golf Course Management reserves the right to charge for course cart usage.
- B. All personal golf carts used by such persons must comply with the following:
  - 1. Each cart shall be maintained by its owner in a satisfactory and safe operating condition.
  - 1. Each cart shall be painted and decorated tastefully in accordance with the décor and standards of the Golf Course.
  - 2. Each cart shall be a four (4) wheel electric type cart with a solid top and appropriate golf specific tires.
  - 3. Adequate insurance, in amounts and terms as determined by the Board of Supervisors of the District, shall be maintained on each cart, and proof of current insurance shall be supplied and kept on file in the District Office at the Golf Course. This proof of insurance must be turned into the District Office before the golf cart is used on the course.
  - 4. Each cart must be equipped with operable headlights and rear view mirrors.
  - 5. Each cart must be equipped with sand to fill divots.
  - 6. Each cart must display a current Trail Fee Decal, as issued by the District Office.
  - 7. In the interests of decorum and fairness, users of personal golf carts are not allowed to equip carts with radios, tape decks or other audio components, televisions, or to blow horns while on Golf Course property. Personal coolers are not allowed on Golf Course property. Users of personal carts may not bring their own beverages of any sort or food onto the golf course. Food and beverages are available from the Golf Course restaurant and beverage cart. Resident and non-resident golf carts must be inspected by the Golf Course Management prior to authorization for use on the Golf Course property. Any personal golf cart determined by the Golf Course Management to not comply with the above mandates shall be barred from use on Golf Course property. Continued usage of such a cart shall constitute a trespass under Section 810.09, Florida Statutes. Prohibition of the use of a particular golf cart does not entitle the owner to return of the Trail Fee.
- C. All golfers using their personal golf cart must at all times check in with the Golf Shop before taking their golf cart onto the course. Appropriate fees must be paid for all guests in private carts before play commences. Golf Course Management will direct such persons to the appropriate starting

point. No more than 2 persons per cart shall be allowed.

- D. Only the owner of the golf cart who has complied with Section 8, Chapter IV of the District Rules and permanently residing adults within the household who have paid appropriate fees shall be entitled to use that person's personal golf cart on Golf Course property.
- E. Only licensed golfers aged 16 and over shall be eligible to use a personal golf cart on Golf Course property. Such persons shall provide appropriate proof of age in the form of a valid driver's license if requested by Golf Course Management.
- F. All personal golf cart users shall respect the privilege accorded them and shall operate the golf cart in a safe and responsible manner. Golf carts shall be operated at safe speeds and only on appropriate areas of the Golf Course.
- G. Residents and non-residents must own and have an operational golf cart to pay annual or daily trail fees.
- H. Every effort must be made to minimize golf cart wear of the golf course. Players must adhere to posted restrictions/rules concerning golf cart proximity to greens and tees. Golf carts must be operated on cart paths around greens and tee areas. Players are generally encouraged to pair up with golfers in the same golf cart. Single riders that join groups during the round are also encouraged to pair up at the turn where feasible. Non-compliance with posted or written rules may result in loss of privileges as referenced in Section VI. A. Golf Course Management may restrict golf cart use per group due to course conditions.
- I. All personal golf carts must be removed from the course no later than 15 minutes prior to dusk.
- J. All regular play shall start on hole #1 unless authorized by the Golf Course Management.
- K. Violation of any of the above policies may result in cancellation of Trail Fee privileges without a return of the Trail Fee.

## VIII. USE OF CLUB-PROVIDED GOLF CARTS

- A. Use of Golf Course golf carts shall be in accordance with Section 7, Chapter IV of the District Rules.
  - All golf cart fees are per person. Individuals may pay a fee for an additional rider. Single riders are encouraged to pair up with other single riders in the group to reduce wear and tear on the golf carts and the course whenever possible. The General Manager has the authority to require players to pair up when conditions warrant.
- B. Golf carts are obtained from the Golf Pro Shop. Golf cart rentals may be paid for by cash, local check, or by credit card. Rental fees are payable in advance.
- C. Course golf carts and rental golf clubs must be returned to the golf cart staging area immediately following play.

### IX. GENERAL GOLF CART RULES

- A. Only golfers who are licensed drivers aged 16 and over shall be eligible to use a golf cart on golf course property. Such persons shall provide appropriate proof of age in the form of a valid driving license if requested by Golf Course Management.
- B. Golf carts shall be operated at safe speeds and only on appropriate areas of the Golf Course. Golf carts should not be taken onto private property. Golf cart rental customers are responsible for damage to golf carts that may have occurred during play and subsequent operation of the golf cart. Rental customers are required to report such damage to the pro-shop or cart facility staff. Complete contact information must be provided prior to leaving the golf course.
- C. No golf carts shall be allowed on the golf course later than 15 minutes before dusk. All rented carts must be returned prior to or at that time.

#### D. Golf Cart Rules

- 1. No more than two riders and two sets of golf clubs are permitted per golf cart. Each golfer must have their own bag and set of clubs.
- 2. Golf carts must stay on paths in the vicinity of all tees and greens.
- 3. Please keep golf carts on cart paths where provided or at least 60 feet from greens and a safe distance from slopes, water hazards, bunkers, and tee boxes.
- 4. Golf carts may not be used beyond the number of holes for which first rented.
- 5. Golf carts are not allowed off the golf course property.
- 6. Only beverages and coolers purchased from the Viera East Golf Course restaurant Hook & Eagle will be allowed on golf cart; exceptions to this policy are for documented medical reasons only.
- 7. Golf carts and rental golf clubs must be returned to the golf cart staging area immediately following play.
- 8. Golf Course Management reserves the right to refuse or cancel the use of a golf cart, without refunding any fees to any person(s) not following any golf cart rules or course regulations.
- 9. Riding spectators will be allowed along if appropriate golf cart fees have been paid and the space is available.
- 10. Juniors riding in a golf cart must be of a size that allows their feet to rest flat on the floorboard when seated. If not, approval from the Golf Course Management must be obtained. Golf Course Management reserves the right to refuse golf course use to any junior golfer.

# X. HANDICAP GOLF CART FLAG POLICY

Golfers requiring the use of a handicap flag shall request the use of such from the Golf Course Management by presenting a copy of a valid DMV issued handicap parking decal (issued in the name of the decal owner) and a copy of the corresponding golfer's valid state issued driver's license.

- A. Golfers issued handicap flags are asked to stay on the concrete paths where provided around all tee boxes and greens whenever possible.
- B. All Golfers issued handicap flags must remain at least 30 feet from the edge of all greens and tee boxes. If for any reason, a golfer needs closer access to the tees and the greens, authorization may be given on a case by case basis as determined by Golf Course Management. If this type of authorization is granted a special type of handicap flag will be issued to the golfer.
- C. At no time should a golf cart be driven or parked between a greenside bunker and the green, or between a bulkhead and the green.
- D. The handicap flag must be clearly displayed on the golf cart at all times.
- E. When outside conditions dictate a closure of the fairways (i.e. too wet, annual overseeding), handicap flag play will not be allowed.
- F. Golfers desiring a daily handicap flag may request such flag from the golf shop staff. The golfer must leave either a valid resident I.D. card or valid state issued driver's license with the golf shop staff and a nominal refundable deposit may be required. The golfer requesting this daily handicap flag must show proof of a handicap valid state issued driver's license/I.D. card or a valid DMV issued handicap parking decal. If the issued handicap flag is lost, stolen, not returned or damaged, the deposit will not be refunded.

#### XI. GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

- A. U.S.G.A. rules govern all play, except where modified by local rules as created by professional golf staff. The U.S.G.A. handicap system is based on the assumption that every player will endeavor to make the best score that he or she can in every round played and will report every acceptable round for handicap purposes.
- B. All golfers must register and pay appropriate fees in the Golf Pro Shop prior to play.
- C. All golfers must have their own bag and golf clubs. Rentals are available.
- D. Proper attire is required. (See Dress Code.)
- E. <u>Slow Play</u> In the interest of all, golfers should play at a pace which is consistent with the day's pace of play and which positions the group within ½ hole of the group preceding. Groups are encouraged to play when ready and play without delay. Player Assistants are in control of all play on the golf course. If a group has fallen out of position and has interfered with the pace of the following group or groups, they will be asked to increase their pace of play. If this has not been accomplished within a reasonable amount of time, the Player Assistant may:
  - Have the group step aside and allow the group behind to play through.
  - Ask the group to cease play and reposition themselves directly behind the group in front of them.
  - If a group is unable to maintain a proper pace after such actions have taken place, they may

be asked to leave the golf course and come back at a time more suitable to such a pace.

Proper "Pace of Play" is 4 hours and 14 minutes based on the USGA pace rating for the golf course. Proper pace of play is also dependent on the pace of play of those players ahead. Groups recognizing that they are a hole or more behind the group ahead should make every effort to improve their pace of play in order to finish in less than 4 hours and 14 minutes.

- F. Golfers are allowed to retrieve his/her golf ball lost on that hole on that day of play. U.S. G.A. Rules allow you up to 5 minutes to search for a lost ball on the hole of play only. If ball is not readily identifiable and retrievable, player must abandon search. Ball hawking is not permitted at any time. Play must not be delayed. Players not abiding may be asked to leave the course.
- G. Private beverage coolers are prohibited, unless required for medical reasons.
- H. Please repair ball marks, rake bunkers and fill divots with the sand that is provided on golf carts.
- I. Walking is permitted after 2:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday only. Walking will not be permitted January 1st thru March 31<sup>st</sup> or when course conditions do not permit. Electric golf cart usage is mandatory at all other times.
- J. Practice, with the exception of instruction from the professional golf staff, must be confined to the Practice Areas/Range/Green. All practice areas are supervised by the professional golf staff and availability shall be at their discretion. All golfers using the front practice range or the rear practice tee, bunker and/or putting green must register with the golf shop prior to practice. Use of personal golf balls is permitted at practice area at rear of driving range for short game practice for all CDD Residents and public players registered to play golf. Other practice may be approved based on availability and at the discretion of the golf operations staff. All other golfers using the practice area must pay in advance for use of club practice balls. Course practice balls, tokens, and baskets cannot be removed from practice facility.
- K. The Golf Course Management has total control of all pairings and play on the golf course. Golfers or guests not abiding with staff requests may be asked to leave without entitlement to a refund or rain check.
- L. Bicycles, skateboards, and roller blades are not allowed on cart paths, parking lot or Clubhouse area.
- M. Except for service animals (such as Seeing Eye dogs), pets are not permitted on the course facilities or club grounds at any time.
- N. All range balls and range ball containers are the property of the Viera East Golf Course. Removal of these items may result in player to be asked to leave without entitlement to a refund, and or banishment of the facility.

# XI. TOURNAMENTS

- A. All tournament play shall be in accordance with Section 16, Chapter IV of the District Rules.
- B. The Golf Course operates a restaurant to provide food for patrons. Patrons of the Golf Course are requested to refrain from bringing food with them for tournament participants. However, where charitable organizations request authorization to bring donated food to the course for tournament participants, Golf Course Management may utilize discretion in allowing this to occur provided an adequate set up/service fee is paid. Set up/service fees should take into consideration the number of tournament participants and Golf

Course staffing requirements.

C. The Golf Course operates a bar providing beer, wine, liquor, and non-alcoholic beverages to its patrons. In the discretion of the Golf Course Management, tournament sponsors may arrange for alternative beverage service. Payments of appropriate fees (corkage fees) for this privilege are required.

#### XII. COURSE CLOSING

If for any reason the golf course is closed for the entire day, all golf reservations for that day will be canceled. If the course is closed temporarily for a period of time due to frost, fog or rain, tee time reservations will be honored beginning at the time the course was closed for play. Tee times will resume where they were left off.

- A. The golf course may be closed for the following reasons:
  - <u>Lightning</u> The Viera East Golf Course is equipped with the Thorguard Lightning Prediction System with course alert sirens. If the Thorguard system predicts dangerous lightning in our area the Thorguard system will automatically send a signal to the course alert sirens to warn players of dangerous lightning on the golf course grounds. Lightning is a severe hazard that must be taken seriously. ALL players must immediately stop play and seek shelter at the clubhouse any time they believe lightning threatens them, even if a signal has not been sounded.

# Viera East Golf Course uses the following signals:

# **ONE prolonged horn blast:**

DISCONTINUE PLAY IMMEDIATELY

All players must leave the golf course and practice areas and return to the Clubhouse immediately.

**THREE consecutive horn blasts:** 

RESUMPTION OF PLAY

All activity may resume on the course and practice areas.

- Excessive Rainfall excessive rainfall would be defined by puddles on the greens, fairways and cart paths, or by a golf cart leaving tracks that are damaging to the turf. The course should be closed for a period of time long enough to prevent damage to the course and ensure customer satisfaction with their playing experience. The period of time will vary by amount of rain and course condition prior to the rain.
- <u>Course Maintenance</u> course closure for maintenance will be scheduled in advance. Closure will occur ONLY if the work being done could not be completed in a timely manner with play on the course. Examples would be aerification or major rebuilding work.
- <u>Hurricanes or other Disasters</u> the course will be closed in advance of an oncoming hurricane allowing enough time for personnel to complete preparations and evacuate safely. The course will reopen only after the storm has passed, the buildings are inspected, and the course is playable. Reasonable time will be allowed for any clean-up necessary to ensure all persons' safety.

In the event of a temporary closing, all departments will be open for normal business hours. For extended course closure of more than four hours, the golf shop will remain open until 4:30 P.M. All other

departments' personnel will be de-staffed.

## XIII. RAIN CHECK POLICY

The Golf Course Management may, in their discretion, close the course during times when play would be dangerous to either persons or the course. There is no obligation to close the course because of inclement weather. All golf play shall be at the player's own risk. A voucher for replay will be issued by the Golf Course Management when inclement weather restricts play on the golf course based on the number of unplayed holes.

The Golf Course Management is under no obligation to issue a rain check for reasons other than inclement weather.

### XIV. GOLF MAINTENANCE AND LANDSCAPING

The Golf Course Superintendent will be responsible for the development of all golf course landscaping programs and installation or removal of all material. Requests by residents for landscaping to be placed on golf course property must be made in writing to the Golf Course General Manager, who will consult with the Golf Course Superintendent and evaluate the request. The Golf Staff will make the decision on the request and reply to the resident. The cost of any residential request will be the responsibility of the resident, to include material, installation, and additional costs during establishment period.