

# The Vineyards

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## C O U N T R Y C L U B

### Member Policies Summary

#### Extracted from our Bylaws

The Vineyards Country Club is a member only, private golf club. We have summarized our policies from our bylaws, for members to abide by. If a member would like to see the Vineyards Golf Club, complete Bylaws, please [click here](#) to request a copy. We would appreciate that our members will follow all of these policies in addition to the governing Bylaws during your tenure as a member.

The Vineyards Country Club is a family-oriented club allowing its membership to enjoy playing golf as an escape. However, members must act responsibly when playing and respect the golf course.

#### Golf Course Etiquette / Rules

- Members must always adhere to the instructions of the pro shop staff, starter, and rangers.
- Members must register in the pro shop every time they play. This is for your protection and will help avoid any discrepancies in member account billing.
- **First Tee-time:** No member can tee off before the designated first tee-time. This is enforced to help our Superintendent keep the course in beautiful condition. All members shall begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> hole, unless directed otherwise by the Vineyards Staff.
- Members are to play the golf course in the proper order. Jumping from hole to hole is prohibited unless you are specifically told to by the Vineyards Staff.
- **Foursomes:** Players are encouraged to form foursomes or threesomes whenever possible, and the starter may need to pair groups together to ensure the best experience for everyone. Singles and twosomes do not have the same rights as foursomes on the golf course. Groups of more than four players are not permitted in-season.
- **Pace of Play:** The Vineyards should be played in 4-hours or less for a foursome, and under 3-hours and 45-minutes when teeing off before 8:00 am Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Members should familiarize themselves with the concept of “Ready Golf” and “Tee it Forward” to always meet this goal. Golfers who are behind pace may be asked by the Vineyards Staff to allow faster players through or to skip a hole to get back on pace.
- **Course Marking & Signage:** Members must obey all course signage, markings, property lines and curb placements. These markings are placed by the Superintendent to ensure the playability and aesthetics of the course. Carts should never jump curbs, pass by ropes or “No Carts” signage. Cart must remain on the paths on all par 3’s. Carts are not permitted to go within 30 yards of any green.
- **Course Maintenance:** It is a member’s obligation to:
  - Repair all divots on the fairway and in the rough.
  - Repair pitch-marks on the greens.
  - Rake bunkers after each use.

- Drive the golf cart responsibly, avoiding restricted areas including driving in fescue, bunkers, tee boxes and greens and not altering the GPS systems.
- **Cell Phones** are not prohibited at the Vineyards Golf Club. However, if necessary, we ask that members use discretion while utilizing the phone and limit their use to necessary situations – particularly on the golf course and in the dining room/ bar areas.
- **Violations of the Vineyards Golf Club policies** may result in first a warning, followed by a suspension of privileges, or in extreme cases, expulsion from the club without warning or without a refund of annual club dues. Members are expected to police each other and report any violations to the staff. Please do not take offense if a member reminds you of club policies.

### **Push Carts**

Personal push carts are subject to a yearly trail fee of \$100.00. This fee will waive all cart fees for the season if using your own pushcart. Members can use a club pushcart anytime for a fee of \$10.00 per round.

On weekends golf carts are mandatory before 12:00pm to maintain pace of play. Players can walk and/or use a pushcart after 12:00 pm.

**Walking:** All members are permitted to walk at no fee.

### **Junior Golf**

All junior members must walk or use a pushcart if they are under the age of 16. A Junior can only take a cart with a proof of a valid permit. Juniors must be attested by the golf professional staff before they can play on the golf course. Juniors under 18 are classed as full members when added to the full membership of a parent.

### **Cancellations**

Cancellations of tee-times must be made with 24-hour notice. A No show will be charged a cart fee for the number of players that were booked to play. To cancel a tee-time, the member must call the pro shop or email one of the Golf Professional Staff.

### **Tournaments**

Members wishing to play in a tournament must hold a valid GHIN number through the USGA and pay the Vineyards Tournament & Handicapping fee annually. For more information on gaining a handicap, please speak with one of our Golf Professionals. In certain tournaments, members can bring guests paying a full green fee and entry fee if one pertains. GHIN & Golf Genius usage is built into your

membership under facility fees. Tournaments are priced individually and do not include service charges & sales tax which will be added to each one.

The club uses Golf Genius tournament software which provides online registration. Members are encouraged to enter all events through the tournament links provided. Members are responsible to make sure they enter the event online to avoid controversy.

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<b>President</b>
Dave Foltz

To make our tournaments run more efficiently and enjoyably, please direct your feedback and ideas to the Golf Professional Staff or the Men’s & Women’s Tournament Committee:

<b>Men’s Golf Chair</b>
Chris Karkota

<b>Women’s Golf Chair</b>
Barbara Rederscheid

Along with our Golf & Tournament Committee, The Greens Chairperson has a superintendent’s background and will assist in capital improvements of the golf course. All issues should be discussed with the Greens Chairperson.

<b>USGA Club Official</b>
Tom Lorito

<b>Green’s Chairperson</b>
George Tiska, CGCS

**Guests**

Members are responsible for their guests’ behavior and must ensure that they always understand and adhere to the club’s rules.

Guest information must be given for all guest during check-in at the pro shop and the “Guest Book” must be signed. Members that intend to use “Guest Passes” must also notify the golf staff before play. All promotional guest passes will expire in the year that they were issued.

Guest fees are \$65.00 for the day, 7-days a week. Members looking to play more than 18-holes will only be charged additional cart fees.

To protect the value of your membership, non-members can play the Vineyards Country Club as a guest no more than 5-times per year in total. Even if an individual comes as a guest of different members, he or she may not play at the club more than 5-times per year. This also pertains to spouses & children whom without their own valid membership, is limited to playing no more than 5 times.

## **Dress Code**

The ownership and management at the Vineyards Country Club want our members to be able to relax and be themselves. However, we do want to uphold the integrity of the club and respect the game of golf. Members are expected to always wear proper golfing attire and ensure that your guests do the same.

The Vineyards Dress Code differs slightly from Men to Women and can be seen below:

### **Men & Boys**

- **Permitted:** Shirts with collars and sleeves, golf slacks, golf shorts and golf headwear worn correctly.
- **Not Permitted:** Tank tops, T-shirts, Cut-offs, Sweatpants, incorrectly worn headwear, Tracksuits, Jeans, Short shorts, Athletic shorts, and Cargo pants and shorts.
- Golf Specific Shoes must be worn on the golf course and any green, including the practice green.

### **Women & Girls**

- **Permitted:** Collared shirts with or without sleeves, Collarless shirts must have sleeves, slacks, Capri's, Shorts, Skorts, Skirts, and golf headwear worn correctly.
- **Not Permitted:** Cropped tops, Halter tops, Tank tops, T-shirts, Sweatpants, Jeans, Athletic shorts, short shorts/skirts, Low rise pants, and incorrectly worn headwear.
- Golf Specific Shoes must be worn on the golf course and any green, including the practice green.

*Members are responsible for their guests and are recommended to always enforce the dress code policy. Players will not be permitted on the golf course if they do not abide by the dress code set forth.*

## **Hole in One's**

If any member makes a hole in one, they are responsible for all bar bills. The club will provide a plaque and inform Newsday of your achievement.

## **Driving Range**

The driving range shares the 1<sup>st</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> fairway. Members using the range **MUST** stop hitting when the 1<sup>st</sup> tee/fairway and 9<sup>th</sup> fairway/green are in use. Players can use the chipping nets during this time if other players safety is considered. Members and their guests not abiding by these rules will be asked to do so by a member of the Vineyards Staff and or forced to leave.

*Players are restricted from hitting woods on the driving range.*

## **Outings**

Outings are permitted at the Vineyards and members have a priority if they are looking to schedule their own outing. Outings will mainly be scheduled on a Monday or a Wednesday, where the golf course will be closed for half the day. Members can use the practice facilities and clubhouse during this time. If an outing is smaller, members will be permitted to play on open holes where the golf professional staff see fit. We will post all our outings on the club calendar and members will receive weekly emails as a reminder of course updates.

## **Account Billing**

- Members are expected to pay their bill by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Payments can be made by mailing a check, dropping cash to the Member Services office, or with a credit card by logging into your member account (accessible through the website) or by sending an email to Member Services authorizing use of the card on file. Payments **WILL NOT** automatically be applied & are the responsibility of the member. All credit card transactions will be charged a 4% processing fee.
- With the new computer system in place, the F&B minimums will be more clearly stated on your statements each month for your review and records
- A 1.5% late fee will be applied to all accounts that are 30 days past due. The club also reserves the right to suspend all golf bookings and other club privileges when an account becomes more than 40 days past due.
- Any discrepancies or questions about your monthly statement should be brought to Member Services' attention within 14 days of the statement. A receipt is sent to your email after every transaction & all dispute's must be addressed within 48hours of receiving the receipt of transaction

You may call the office at (631) 740-9300 Ext. 2 or email billing inquiries to [jennm@thevineyardsgolfclub.com](mailto:jennm@thevineyardsgolfclub.com)

## **Restaurant/Bar**

Although not required, a reservation is always recommended in the restaurant for both lunch & dinner service to avoid a disruption in service. Walk-in's may incur a wait for both seating & service, especially in the evenings.

We are always making updates to our pricing, menu items, drink selections, etc. during season and they will be clearly stated.

If you wish to have the service charge added to your check automatically, please advise the staff at time of service. The wait staff & bartenders are trained to serve accordingly and we trust that the service will be top notch & efficient. Bar staff and beverage cart staff are trained to ask for proof of age for alcohol service. Underage members & guests or any person that is unruly or visibly intoxicated will not be served. If you have an allergy or dietary restriction, please make the staff aware and substitutions &/or accommodations will be made.

We appreciate you upholding the policies of the Vineyards Country Club. These policies will always be reviewed, and your feedback is unbelievably valuable.

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**The Management Team**