



## Membership Agreement

### Membership Privileges

- AGCC membership includes everyone you can claim on your income tax return, generally you and your spouse and your minor children living in the household or in college (that you support). Your siblings and extended family members are not included in the standard membership package.
- Members have access to unlimited golf with no green fees (tournaments excepted).
- AGCC membership includes free membership (a \$30 value) to the Alvin Golf Association (AGA), which keeps your handicap and allows you to participate in AGA tournaments.
- Members have free access to the swimming pool and can bring one guest at no charge.
- Members receive discounted rates on tournaments that are open to the public (no green fee).
- Members receive discounted rates on banquet room rental.
- Members receive a 10% discount on selected Titleist, Pinnacle, and FootJoy merchandise and a 25% discount on selected Under Armour apparel.
- Members can charge pro shop and grill purchases to their account (subject to credit approval). All purchases are itemized and appear on the following month's statement.
- Members can rent lockers in the locker rooms (subject to availability).
- Members with carts can rent cart barns on site (subject to availability).
- Members with carts have access to on-site cart service and free delivery of cart batteries and other parts.
- Members receive first notice of upcoming events and tournaments.

We treat our members like our family—actually, we try not to fuss at them as much. ;)

Seriously, you are more important to us than anything else in the business, and we want you to be happy. If you ever have a concern, or if we make a change that you like, let us know right away. Our mobile numbers are listed in this document and on our business cards in the Pro Shop. We will do everything in our power to keep you happy. It is really our only job. We consider this privilege your most important one.

### Membership Basics

- Always sign in upon arrival. Your buddies want to know if you're here, and we get recognition for the number of rounds played.
- Follow pace-of-play rules. (See "Pace of Play Practices" on page 3.)
- No six-somes without prior approval!
- Keep your contact information up to date. We can't send you goodies if we can't reach you!
- Notify Karen or Pat if you have a problem—we always work to resolve any problems as soon as possible. It is our job to keep you happy!

These are just the basic rules to keep in mind to ensure that everyone enjoys themselves on the course. This is not a complete listing of course rules. Please refer to "Partial Listing of Course Rules" on page 6 for more detail or consult the Pro Shop if you have any questions.

### Payment Information

- AGCC membership continues on a month-to-month basis. AGCC does not require extended contracts.
- Membership charges accrue as long as membership continues.
- Membership continues until notice of cancellation is received in writing *before* the month of cancellation.
- Charges incurred prior to cancellation remain payable after cancellation.
- Dues and itemized charges are payable upon receipt and are late after 15 days.
- A 14% annual late fee is applied to balances overdue more than 30 days.
- Any member that quits or stops paying dues then rejoins must pay the full initiation fee upon rejoining.

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- Dues can be paid by any of the following methods:
  - in the Pro Shop with cash, check, credit card (AMEX, Visa, MasterCard, or Discover), or debit card
  - by mail with check
  - by credit card or electronic check on our website: [www.alvingolf.com](http://www.alvingolf.com)
  - by automatic, monthly credit card payments through the Pro Shop or on the website
  - with discounted annual or quarterly payments:
    - get a free month each year with annual payments
    - get a free week each quarter with quarterly payments
- Playing and charging privileges are revoked after dues are 60 days overdue.
- Cart barns are locked when barn dues are 60 days overdue.
- We reserve the right to revoke membership or privileges for chronic late payments less than 60 days.
- Special circumstances are considered at the discretion of management on a case-by-case basis.
- Continued membership constitutes acknowledgement of and agreement with these policies.

### Cancellation Policy

- Membership continues until cancelled in writing (email, paper, or Contact Us form on [www.alvingolf.com](http://www.alvingolf.com)).
- Cancellations cannot be pre-dated. Members must notify the club of cancellation *before* the cancellation is to take effect.
- Cancellations are not prorated. They always apply at the beginning of the month.
- Cancellation is effective the first day of the month following the date that the cancellation notice is received in writing (or the first day of a later month if the member chooses to give more notice).

For example, if a member provided cancellation notice on June 30, the cancellation would become effective July 1. That member would not be invoiced for July.

The same would be true if the member cancelled on June 10; cancellation would be effective July 1, and the member would be invoiced for June but not July.

### Our Philosophy

Our philosophy is simple, we may not always be able to control lie of the greens; sometimes the grill might not have what you want; we certainly can't predict the weather any more than the meteorologists can, but we can control our service to you. It's not all about golf. It's the total experience that you have when you come through the door. Our goal is to be the Friendliest Course in Texas!®, and all evidence points to our success!

Other courses may have nicer greens (though we haven't seen them!) or fancier clubhouses (but I bet they don't have free Wi-Fi)—but no one will treat you as well as we do or provide you with a better value.

Welcome to the Club. We hope you are as glad to be a part of our family as we are to have you in ours.

Sincerely,

Karen & Pat Farrell

## Appendix A: Contact Information

You can always find our contact information in the Pro Shop on our business cards and on the contact page of the website, but here it is again:

- **Alvin Golf & Country Club**  
P.O. Box 981, Alvin TX 77512 (all mail)  
785 County Road 539, Alvin, TX 77511 (physical and shipping only)  
[www.alvingolf.com](http://www.alvingolf.com)      [info@alvingolf.com](mailto:info@alvingolf.com)
- **Pro Shop, Wireless Grill**  
281-331-4541 phone  
281-331-3722 fax
- **Karen Farrell**, Owner, Accounting, Memberships, Sales, Purchasing, Pro Shop Attendant, Webmaster  
[karen@alvingolf.com](mailto:karen@alvingolf.com)  
281-543-5195 mobile
- **Pat Farrell**, Owner, Maintenance Manager, Cart Service and Sales, Pro Shop Attendant, System Administrator  
[pfarrell@alvingolf.com](mailto:pfarrell@alvingolf.com)  
713-823-5381 mobile
- **Carl Wind**, General Manager, Tournaments, Pro Shop Manager, Handicaps  
[cwind@alvingolf.com](mailto:cwind@alvingolf.com)  
832-868-0512 mobile

## Appendix B: Pace of Play Practices

To ensure that we all have the most enjoyable round of golf we can possibly have, all golfers should consider the following:

- Have patience.
- Play basic ready golf.
- Play the correct tees for your ability.
- Play through, or allow others to play through when it is appropriate.
- Pair up and make a new friend on busy days.

### Playing with Patience

Everyone was a beginner at some point, even Tiger, so we should all have patience for people who may be playing slow because they are new to the game or still learning how to play. Or perhaps they are just not very good (like the owners). Green fee players and beginners bring money in to keep the greens nice for you. We want them to have an enjoyable experience and come back.

### Playing Ready Golf

There is an official group of golfers that make up the Ready Golf Association, but when we refer to Ready Golf we are referring to a more simplified version. You should just be ready to hit when it is your turn. For example, when you are at a red light and waiting to go, you know before the light turns green if you are going to turn left, right, or go straight.

In some circumstances, playing ready golf means ignoring some of the traditional playing rules, like tee honors. If it is your playing partner's turn to hit from the tee box, but he or she is still getting out of the cart, if you are ready and it is all clear to hit, you should hit your tee shot.

Here are the basic rules or points to remember about playing Ready Golf.

- Be at your ball with your club while the other person is hitting.
- Line up your shot while the other person is hitting.
- Hit your shot as soon as it is your turn.
- First one to their ball on the green putts.
- Putt it out instead of marking the ball.

## Playing the Correct Tees

There really is no such thing as ladies tees. The front tees have been commonly called ladies tees, but in fact the shorter tees are simply for people who for some reason or another just don't hit the ball as far as golfers that hit from the back tees. You should always tee off from a distance that matches your ability.

## Beginner and Kid Tees

There is nothing more painful than watching a small child who may be good struggling to play a course from the regular tees because his or her size restricts how far he or she can hit the ball: especially a little boy trying to play from the back tees because that is where dad plays and that is where men are supposed to play.

Everyone will enjoy their round much more if beginners and children play from what Sean and I call "kid tees" (or beginner tees). Beginner tees are not officially marked on the golf course, and while Sean was playing from the beginner tees and we were planning to make official beginner tee boxes, we realized that these tees are always moving. When we first started playing the beginner tees, Sean would play from the following distances and play the same par as the "regular" tees:

- **par 3:** about 20 yards in front of the closest tees
- **par 4:** around the 150-yard marker
- **par 5:** around the 200-yard marker

However, as Sean would get better and better, we would move his tees farther and farther back (mostly because he was beating me). After a few months, Sean was playing the course from the following distances:

- **par threes:** the front tees.
- **par fours:** around the 200 yard marker.
- **par fives:** around the 250 yard marker.

Sean and I enjoyed our rounds together much more playing these tees. Now, after a couple of years, Sean plays from the men's tees with men's clubs.

**Finding Your Personal Tees.** If you are a beginner, you should determine where to tee off using the following considerations that assume the longest club you hit is your 5 iron:

- **par 3:** you should be able to reach the green with one shot  
Probably your favorite club that you hit the best. If you love your 5 iron and hit it 100 yards, tee off from the 100-yard marker.
- **par 4:** you should be able to reach the green with two shots  
Again, if you hit your 5 iron around 100 yards tee off from 150 to 175 yards.
- **par 5:** you should be able to reach the green with three shots  
And once again, if you hit your 5 iron around 100 yards tee off from 225 to 275 yards.

It may find a few rounds to locate your tees, but you should err on the short side and make the holes easier as opposed to making the holes too long and more difficult.

**Move Back.** Remember to move back as you get better, and in no time you will be playing from the regular tee boxes.

## Playing Through

Knowing how and when to let someone play through or know how and when to play through another group can be difficult for new and sometimes even experienced golfers. First of all, if you keep pace with the group in front of you will never have to worry about playing through.

**Keeping Pace.** Keeping up with the group in front of you means that as you are coming to up to a green to putt, the group in front of you will be hitting their tee shots on the next hole. As you reach the tee box, the group in front of you should just be clearing out to let you hit your tee shot. They could be just leaving the green on a par three or they may have just finished their second shots on a par 4 or par 5. As long as your next hole is occupied by another group while you are on the green putting, you are keeping pace.

**When to Let a Group Play Through.** Let the group behind you play through if the following circumstances occur:

- you fall behind the group in front of you
- the entire hole in front of you is empty
- the group behind you is waiting for you to finish

**How to Let a Group Play Through.** Many golfers, experienced and beginners, think that the best place to let a group play through is at the tee box, but when you find that you need to let a group play through, the best thing to do is stop wherever you are, and pull off to a safe place on the side of the fairway or green and wave the group behind you through. In the fairway, just leave your ball where it is. On the green, pick up and mark your ball.

**They Played Through; Now What?** After you let a group play through, you should try once again to keep pace with the group in front of you, but if you should fall behind once again and have an empty hole between you and the group in front of you, let the group behind you play through once again if they are waiting for you to hit your shots.

### **It is Just as Important For You to Play Through!**

Sometimes a situation will develop where a group says that's okay, we are not in a hurry; you don't need to let us play through. When this happens, it slows down the entire course and make the round miserable for almost everyone. It is your duty as a golfer to play through the group in front of you whenever you are asked. (Even if the course is not busy, if someone asks you to play through, they are probably nervous about having someone behind them.)

### **Pairing Up and Making New Friends**

We understand that some people like to play by themselves or just with their regular partner, and we like to accommodate our guests whenever possible. However, when the course is busy we may ask you to pair-up with another group to make room for other golfers.

When the course is not busy we welcome you to play alone or with one other friend.

### **No Sixsomes**

While you should pair up to make more room, five in a group is the limit. You should not play with six or more golfers in your group without prior approval from Pat or Karen. While there are some very fast golfers who can play with six golfers in a group and keep moving (and would be slower in two groups of three), there are several reasons why we don't allow the practice:

- It looks slow, and other customers think large groups are slow.
- The Pro Shop gets complaints about large groups.
- Players that don't complain leave the course (and some never come back) if they see that such large groups are allowed to dominate the course.

If you are playing with six golfers in your rack, please break into groups of three (or break seven into groups of three and four, and so forth).

## **Appendix C: Alvin Golf Association**

Alvin Golf Association (AGA) membership is free for Alvin Golf & Country Club members (a \$30 per year value), but you must join the association to make your membership active. Joining is easy. You can sign up in the Pro Shop or online at [www.alvingolf.com](http://www.alvingolf.com); just go to Tournaments > Alvin Golf Association on the main menu.

AGA membership is open to all golfers, men and women, boys and girls, and AGCC non-members for a \$30 annual fee.

AGA members are eligible to play in AGA tournaments, and the AGA keeps your handicap. To have an accurate handicap and ensure a level playing field, you must turn in *every* scorecard (even from other courses) and play by USGA rules, such as not improving your lie.

For more information about USGA rules or the AGA, see the Pro Shop, the AGCC website at [www.alvingolf.com](http://www.alvingolf.com) (on the Tournaments menu and the Documents page), or send an email to [aga@alvingolf.com](mailto:aga@alvingolf.com).

You should consult *The Rules of Golf and Decisions on the Rules of Golf* published by the USGA to familiarize yourself with, well, the rules of golf. You can view this publication online at <http://www.usga.org/Rule-Books/Rules-of-Golf/Rules-and-Decisions/>.

## Appendix D: Partial Listing of Course Rules

- Everyone must sign in at the Pro Shop before teeing off.
- No sixsomes (or more) unless you have special approval from Pat.
- When course is busy, singles and doubles should pair up.
- Only two riders and two bags per cart.
- Only members can bring outside food or drinks.
- Men must wear sleeves.
- Women must cover their midriffs.
- No cutoffs.
- No steel spikes.
- Guests must pay a green fee.
- Guests bringing their own cart must pay a trail fee.
- Guests riding in a member's personal cart or guest's personal cart must pay a trail fee.
- Guests must have a valid driver's license to rent a cart.
- Carts and any damages to the cart during the rental period are the responsibility of the lessee.
- Pull carts must stay off the slopes of the greens and tee boxes.
- Powered carts must stay on the path around tees and greens.
- Carts should come in when the outside lights come on.
- Groups starting on Number 1 tee must alternate teeing honors with groups coming off Number 9 to start Number 10.
- If you have a group behind you, and the hole in front of you is empty, let the group behind you play through.
- If a group waves you through, you must play through.
- If you are waiting for the group in front of you, but the hole in front of them is full, do not ask to play through.
- Notify the Pro Shop if you have a problem with the course or a group.
- No single swimmers; everyone swims at their own risk.
- Second pool guest (and more) of a member must pay a pool fee.
- Keep your contact information up to date.
- This is only a partial list of course rules; please use common sense and simple courtesy while on the course and in the clubhouse, pool, and other facilities. See the Pro Shop if you have any questions.
- We reserve the right to add to or change these rules at any time without notice.

Your continued membership constitutes your acceptance of these rules.