



July 1, 2020

Dear Golfers,

As of Friday, July 3rd, we are updating our policies. We urge you to read them as there are some major changes to riding cart rentals and tee time spacing. The pro shop and Practice & Teaching Facility will continue to remain closed until further notice.

Please read all of the NEW guidelines below to make sure you are up to date with the latest policies. One item to note is all prices displayed on the website will reflect the walking rate only.

Golf Cart Policies

Cart rentals will be on a first come first serve basis and NOT guaranteed.

- Cart purchases must be paid on the day of your reservation upon arriving to the golf course.
- Shared carts will now be permitted. Single rider carts are available upon request.
- Starters will continue the practice of not going into the parking lot to pick up bags, unless a golfer needs help due to a disability. Please have someone in your group let the starter know that you need assistance, and they will come up to the parking lot to your vehicle.
- Pull carts will be available.

We are noticing an increased amount of golf carts off the paths around tees and greens and generally driving in areas that are not appropriate for golf carts, including over tee boxes and up next to the greens. Please keep golf carts on all cart paths around tees and greens and off sensitive areas of the course. Be careful driving into the woods, as we are noticing more damage to the carts from hanging tree limbs. Anyone found to be driving the carts in a reckless manner may be asked to leave and/or the cart taken away from them; in extreme circumstances golf cart rental privileges may be revoked.

Golf Course and Green Fee Guidelines

- Tee time intervals will be 12 minutes apart until further notice.
- Weekday tee times will start at 7 am and end at 4 pm.
- Weekend and holiday tee times will start at 6 am and end at 4 pm.
- Pre-payment of rounds will continue to be encouraged. Again, riding carts must be paid for on the day of play, and will not be guaranteed.
- Practice putting green outside the pro shop will be open to players with a tee time for warming up only. No general practice will be allowed.
- Driving range and short game area will remain closed.
- Absolutely no guests will be permitted in a group. Only golfers are allowed on the course.
- No rental clubs will be issued and players must bring their own set of clubs. No sharing of golf clubs will be permitted.
- Restrooms continue to be open and are being sanitized according to CDC guidelines.

On the Course:

- Ball washers and rakes have been removed. Please use your feet to smooth over the sand when you have finished.
- Foam noodles will remain but have been lowered so that the ball may be holed.
- Do not take out or touch the flagstick.
- Pencils and scorecards will be distributed at the starter shed upon request.
- Water fountains will remain covered and have been shut off.

General Guidelines:

- Pace of play is still in effect, and we need your help to make sure that all of our customers have a timely round. For those of you not familiar with our pace guidelines, we look for an overall finish time of 4 hours; two hours on the front and two hours on the back. To help pace your group, you should be walking off the 5th green an hour after your tee time, and off 13th green three hours into your round.
- Social distancing guidelines are still in effect. Please maintain a 6 ft. distance or more, and if you cannot do so, please wear a mask.
- Do not bring alcoholic beverages. At this time you are encouraged to bring your own water or other non-alcoholic beverages, and there will be no availability of vending machines. We are working on a solution to sell water and other products. Snack bar will remain closed.

Weather

Summertime brings the threat of thunderstorms. RU Golf Course has an automated Thorguard lightning detection system to alert staff and golfers to these storms. The system will activate with one long, loud siren blast when lightning has been detected within an 8 mile radius of the facility. At this point golfers must exit the course and take shelter in their vehicles until the storm has passed. The patio will not be open to shelter. Three long siren blasts will signal the all clear, and at this time golfers may go back onto the course into the position that they were at when they left the course.

Full Time Rutgers Students

To register as a student for reservations please:

- Create an account on our booking engine
- Email your username, RU ID number to rugolfcourse@ipo.rutgers.edu
- Permission will be granted within 24 hours.
- Reservations will be limited to one player per account. All participants must have a registered account to book.

As always, if you do not feel well, please stay home and consider calling a health care professional.

We take the responsibility of running a safe operation very seriously, and staff will enforce guidelines as needed. We will continue to monitor the situation, and will provide updates to these guidelines as the situation changes. If you should have any questions, please reach out via email at rugolfcourse@ipo.rutgers.edu or by calling the pro shop at 848-445-2637.

Be safe,

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