

LINCOLN HILLS LINCSTER'S MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION



Lincster's Standing Rules and Lincoln Hills Golf Course Local Practices



MEMBERSHIP:

Membership is open to Lincoln Hills lady residents who have an established 18-hole handicap (5 rounds of 18 holes or 10 rounds of 9 holes - posted within the past 2 years), has a gross maximum score of 65 or under; and attended the required Lincster Orientation Meeting. Their membership payment will be held until the new player has played up to 5 9-hole games on Wednesday Tournament Days with a Board Member to validate their course average. If validated, the new member's payment will be processed and their name will appear on the Lincsters roster the first of the following month. If the new members score is not validated, the new member would not be able to join until their game improves to meet the minimum requirements. If a new member's score goes over 65, "five consecutive times", additional lessons will be recommended to help with troubled areas of play.

EQUIPMENT AND ATTIRE:

Ladies can wear collarless shirts, but no denim or tank tops. Soft spikes only. Label each club and your bag with your name, address and telephone number. Put an identification mark on your golf balls. . You will be supplied with a name tag to be worn on your home course and away when you represent our club.

SIGN UP FOR PLAY:

Sign up by Sunday noon prior to Play Day.

- Sign up on the Lincster Website at <http://www.lincster.com>
- Click on "Sign Up Information"
- Click on "Weekly Signups"
- Click on "Go"
- Select your last name on the drop down menu on the left
- Click on the "month" you are signing up for and click "continue"
- Click on the "dates" you want to play in that month
- Click "Yes", then click on "Continue", then click on "Submit"
- A message will appear saying "Thank You, you're signed up"

If you need to cancel a date you signed up for:

- Click on "Signup Information"
- Click on "Weekly Signups"
- Click on "Go"
- Click on "Cancel Round"
- Type in your name
- Fill in the date you are cancelling, click on "Submit".

The site will also allow you to sign up for a "Form Your Own Foursome" "FYOF".

- Follow the instructions above, but click on "FYOF Signups" instead of Weekly Signups
- Select yourself and up to three more players in the drop down box
- Put last and first name and check the date
- Please do not sign anyone up without confirming with them first.

To CANCEL a round:

- Go to the Lincster homepage, click on "Cancel Round"
- Follow instructions on site page.

Pairings and Sweep Winners will be posted on the website

READY GOLF AND PACE OF PLAY:

PLAY READY GOLF at all times!! Maintain PACE OF PLAY!! Drive your cart to the nearest ball and have your club ready for your next shot. Usually, the driver drives and the passenger will keep score. Mulligans are NOT allowed and whiffs MUST be counted. If a player scores two "10's" in a round, and incurs another 10, she MUST pick up the ball and put an "X" on the score card for that hole. She is now withdrawn from sweeps. You may now continue play (continue to pick up if another 10 occurs). Any birdies, pars or chip-ins scored during this round will be counted towards year end awards even if scorecard is "X". To maintain pace of play, wait until the next hole to record scores. Additional information is available on the Lincster Website.

RESTROOMS / YARDAGE MARKINGS:

The restrooms in the field are generally unlocked. Restrooms are located on the Orchards' #1, #6 and #13 holes. On the Hills they are located on #6 and #12 holes. In the spirit of Pace of Play, if only two golfers have to stop, have the other twosome go on ahead and tee off. Yardage markings are imbedded in the field. Electronic devises are allowed for distance to the pin ONLY.

CHECK-IN:

You may pay by cash, check or credit card at the counter in the pro shop. If paying by check, make your check payable to "Lincoln Hills Golf Club" or "LHGC". Place your check in the green range ball basket located at the counter near the Posting Computer in the Pro Shop. No further check-in is required when paying by check.

SCORECARDS:

Two scorecards will be placed in the cart for each foursome before play begins one for Sweeps the other for Awards. Be sure to record putts as indicated on the "PUTT POOL" row of the scorecard, for only those who have entered the contest. On the left section of scorecard indicate any pars, birdies and chip-ins accomplished in your foursome. Make sure pars, birdies, and chip-ins are recorded on both cards. At the conclusion of play, make sure all four players agree with each total score and initial both cards where indicated. Once agreed, place both cards in the blue basket on the Lincster table in the Pro Shop Ladies Rest Room. If there are any disputes, **DO NOT SIGN THE SCORE CARD**. Take the card to the Pro Shop to settle the disputes. If you attest to the score and they are wrong, your whole group may be disqualified.

POSTING:

You must post your own score at the conclusion of play. This can be done in the Pro Shop or at home. The preferred practice is to post before you leave the pro shop. If you post from home, go to www.ghin.com. You may also post via the home page on the Lincster website. Your account(s) will be audited by our own "Handicap Chair" to make sure you are posting, and posting correctly.

HANDICAP INFORMATION:

GHIN Reports (USGA handicaps) are recomputed on the first and fifteenth of each month. You will receive notice of the report via email. It is recommended that you print out your current card information, as this is verification of your handicap for the previous month. For more information see "Rules & General Information" on the Lincster website under the "Rules" drop down.

SWEEPS:

On Wednesday play days, the pro shop keeps track of winnings in sweep accounts. Winners are posted weekly on the Lincster website Sweeps page. Sweep money can be used for pro shop merchandise only.

WINNINGS AND PAYMENTS:

WINNINGS - You will pick up your winnings and special pins earned in the drawer on the Lincster table next to the posting computer.

PAYMENTS - The grey box above the Lincster table is used to collect payments for Lincster special events. Please put your payment in an envelope, note the event on the front of the envelope and put it in the grey box.

FROST DELAY / RAIN OUTS:

During the winter, we will occasionally have frost delays or rain outs and play may be cancelled. You may make your own tee time if you chose to play on these days. *YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED ON THE WEBSITE AND EMAIL OF THESE CONDITIONS.*

EXECUTIVE OPTION:

If you are recovering from an illness, surgery or physically challenged, you may take advantage of the executive option. You will play a shorter game by teeing off from an abbreviated tee box. On Par 3, 100 yards out; Par 4, 150 yards out; Par 5, 200 yards out. However, you are not eligible for sweep money with this option. More information is available through the Membership Chairperson.

HOLE-IN-ONE INSURANCE:

This insurance program is covered as part of your annual Lincster dues. If you get a hole in one on a Lincster play day, it is customary to buy everyone a drink in the Sports Bar. The hole in one insurance will cover the cost but coverage is limited to the number of current Lincsters members x \$1.

LOCAL PRACTICES:

USGA Rules shall govern all play with the following local rules:

- Winter rules will be announced if in play, mark, lift, place within 6 inches.
- GPS is allowed for distance only.
- Only two ladies in a foursome are to have their cell phone on for emergency situations only.
- Play from RED tees.
- 90-degree cart rule applies, unless stated otherwise.
- Staked trees, paved cart paths, ground under repair, sprinkler heads, French drains, bridges, relief must be taken, played as immovable obstructions. Mark ball where landed, take a stance, drop one club length, no nearer the hole, "no penalty".
- Native wetland areas, lost ball identified with red or yellow stake, or out of bounds identified by a white stake, or ball is lost, take a stance from where the ball last went out of play, drop ball within two club lengths, no nearer the hole. DO NOT climb over fences. All situations are a one-stroke penalty.

Drop Zones:

- HOLE #3 ORCHARD: If tee shot goes in the native wetland area (inside fenced areas), tee up again. 1 STROKE PENALTY (hitting 3) OR use drop zone across the wetlands to the right of the bridge. 1 STROKE PENALTY (hitting 3).
- HOLE #6 ORCHARD: If you hit in the native wetland area at the end of the fairway by the bridge, hit again, within two club-lengths from where the ball entered the wetland area and no nearer the hole. 1 STROKE PENALTY OR use drop zone after the bridge next to the left side of the cart path 1 STROKE PENALTY.
- HOLE #14 ORCHARD: If your tee shot goes in the creek, use drop zone on the other side of the creek - 1 STROKE PENALTY.

Native Wetland Areas, Out of Bounds, Lost Ball:

If your ball goes in the native wetland area (anything red or yellow), out of bounds (white) or is lost, take a stance from where the ball last went out of play, drop ball within two club-lengths, no nearer the hole. Do not climb over fences. All players in the foursome must agree as to where the ball went out of play - 1 STROKE PENALTY. OR if "Pace of Play" is not affected, play a ball as nearly as possible from the spot from which the original ball was last played 1 STROKE PENALTY.

Protection of Young Trees:

Relief must be taken from any staked tree; play as immovable obstruction. Drop within one club-length no nearer the hole from the nearest point of relief. NO PENALTY

STAY ON CART PATHS - STAY OFF STREETS!

GENERAL MEETINGS:

General meetings, in March and in the fall. Check the Lincster website for date, time and location. We encourage attendance as they are very informative and a good time for meeting other members and socializing.

CLINICS/LESSONS:

Our Golf Pros offer clinics and lessons on a regular basis. These can be very helpful for new golfers and when experiencing downturns in your game. Check the website or the Pro Shop for details.