

# Taiyo Golf Club Policies

## Local Rules

USGA Rules shall apply with the local exceptions listed below.

1. **Out of Play:** Balls hit beyond the maintained areas of the course and into areas that are not marked by boundary stakes, fences or lines are considered to have entered a lateral water hazard. The boundary of those hazards run along the edge of the natural areas (jungle and areas that are not mowed). "When in doubt ... the ball is out." This means that if your ball is not clearly in the jungle, then it is considered to be outside the hazard.
  - a. **Out-of-Bounds:** Areas marked by white stakes and beyond boundary fences are to be played as out-of-bounds. Double white stakes indicate the terminus of an out-of-bounds boundary line and out-of-play areas beyond the double white stakes are to be played as a lateral water hazard unless yellow stakes or lines are present.
  - b. **Water Hazard:** Areas marked by yellow stakes are to be played as a water hazard. Double yellow stakes indicate the terminus of a water hazard line and out-of-play areas beyond the double yellow stakes are to be played as a lateral water hazard unless white stakes or lines are present.
  - c. **Lateral Water Hazard:** Unmarked jungle boundaries and areas marked by red stakes and lines are to be played as a lateral water hazard.
1. **Obstructions:** Free relief may be taken from artificial objects such as cart paths and curbs, fences, guardrails, green plastic soil compaction nubs, sprinkler heads, valve box covers, nets, wires and net support poles. An obstruction is a movable obstruction if it may be moved without unreasonable effort, without unduly delaying play and without causing damage.
2. **Lift Clean and Place:** A ball lying on a closely-mown area through the green may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place the ball on a spot within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.
3. **Drop Zone:** If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in the water hazard on Hole #7, the player may: (i) proceed under Rule 26; or (ii) as an additional option, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke, in the dropping zone defined by the white tee markers, located near the bridge on the green side of the hazard.
4. **Steep Slopes:** The steep slopes outside of the hazards on the perimeter of most holes were never intended to be in play and have thick plastic or metal erosion control netting and anchor stakes embedded on them. Putting safety first, those steep slopes are to be played as an obstruction. For clarification on this rule we have;

- #1 Hole: There are no steep slopes on the left between the cart path and fairway
- #2 Hole: Only has steep slopes beyond the cart path crossing the fairway, no steep slopes left of the fairway
- #3 Hole: Only has steep slopes on the right and wrapping around behind the green
- #4 Hole: Only has steep slopes on the right side
- #5 Hole: Only has steep slopes to the left of the fairway
- #6 Hole: There are no steep slopes on this hole
- #7 Hole: There are no steep slopes on this hole
- #8 Hole: Only has steep slopes on the left side and wrapping around behind the green
- #9 Hole: Only has steep slopes to the left of the cart path
- #10 Hole: Only has steep slopes to the right of the cart path and more than 150 yards from the green on the left side
- #11 Hole: There are no steep slopes behind the green
- #12 Hole: Only has steep slopes on the left up to the manhole cover in the rough and on the right running from the cart path fork up to the green
- #13 Hole: There are no steep slopes on the right between the tee and the cart path fork
- #14 Hole: There are no steep slopes on the left side or around the green
- #15 Hole: There are no steep slopes
- #16 Hole: Only has steep slopes to the right of the red tee, slopes to the right of the fairway by the steps are in play
- #17 Hole: There are no steep slopes on the right side of the hole
- #18 Hole: There are no steep slopes to the left of the fairway

## No-Show Policy

"No Show" groups displace the rights and privileges of those golfers who submit valid tee time requests and are not picked for a tee time. The purpose of this policy is to establish an orderly and equitable process of dealing with "No Show" golfers.

A "No Show" is defined as a group or individual from any group that is given a tee time through the drawing system and fails to show up or cancel their assigned time. Therefore, as a standing policy, it is mandatory that those with weekend/holiday tee times report the cancellation of their time via phone or in person no later than 40 minutes before their tee time.

Any group or individual failing to notify the golf course of a cancellation will be considered a "No Show" and will forfeit the privilege of submitting a starting time request in the following week's drawing. This means that in the event of a "No Show," all group members or individual will forfeit their eligibility to be placed on any starting time request with the same name or any other group for the following weekend drawing (i.e. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays). Failure to cancel is a combined responsibility of all members of the group.

*Reminder: All golfers must check in with the starter 15 minutes prior to their assigned tee time.*

## Weekday Tee Times

Weekday tee times may be reserved seven days in advance by authorized patrons. You must have a threesome to reserve a tee time. Only one tee time per day is allowed. You may call 622-2004/2006 or stop by the Pro Shop.

## Weekend & Holiday Tee Times

Tee time reservations for Saturday, Sunday, and holidays may be obtained as follows:

- Players desiring a weekend tee time must complete a tee time request form which is available on the website or in the Pro Shop. Requests must be received no later than 10 a.m. on the Thursday prior to the weekend that the tee time is desired.
- You may submit your requests via fax at 622-2008, in person, or via the web. All tee time requests must be submitted utilizing the correct format.
- Tee time requests must be accurately filled out and contain at least three names. One tee time per day only. Duplicate tee time requests will not be processed. Weekend and holiday priority information is available from the administrative office.
- Tee time reservation draw: The tee times drawing will be conducted on Thursdays beginning at 10 a.m. Results will be posted on the website or in the Pro Shop after 2 p.m.

## Tee Time Name Change & Reporting

- Name changes to reserved starting times can be made in person or by phone at the golf course Pro Shop, at 622-2004/2006.
- A maximum of two name changes may be made after the tee times have been drawn.
- Two name changes may be made one or two days before the tee time date. This applies to weekend and holiday tee times.
- On the day of play, only one name change may be made up to 15 minutes prior to the starting time. Same day name changes cannot be made using golfers from the waiting list.
- All name changes must be made with a golfer having the same priority status as the person on the original tee time request. This is absolutely necessary for the group to maintain their original/appropriate status, both for the drawing and the tee time. Groups that do not maintain the status that was declared on the original starting time request form will forfeit their starting time, which will be filled from the waiting list.
- It is mandatory that a golfer whose name has been submitted as a change presents his/her id card to verify eligibility status with the cashier upon checking in to play. This is to properly identify the golfer's name on the starting time reservation sheet.
- The requester of each starting time should notify the other golfers on each request form of their assigned starting time. This is to alleviate the pro shop and admin office of

excess phone calls.

- Weekend and holiday starting times are not transferable.
- Each golfer must check in with the starter not later than 15 minutes prior to his/her starting time or that spot will be filled from the waiting list.
- On weekends and holidays, golfers are not authorized to sign up for more than one preferred tee time per day.
- "No Show" golfers will forfeit their privileges of submitting for starting time reservations for the following week's drawing. Late comers are considered "No Shows."
- *Caution: Any golfer listed on the starting time with false information will have their starting time reservation privileges suspended.*
- Starting time request forms not submitted in the correct format and those with duplicate names will not be processed. One duplicate name will cause both requests to become invalid.

## Ladies' Golf Day

Thursday tee times beginning at 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. are reserved for ladies. They will have first priority over other players during this time.

## Handicaps

Handicaps can be maintained by registering a GHIN account through the Taiyo Pro Shop. For more information contact the Pro Shop at DSN 622-2004 / 2006.

## Junior Golf Guidelines

The following Junior Golf Guidelines are made primarily with regard to the safety of our youth. The golf course can be a dangerous place, especially for children who do not understand the game.

- Children 10 years old and younger must have a waiver signed by their parent or legal guardian in order to play golf at Taiyo Golf Club. The waiver can be obtained from the management staff at Taiyo Golf Club.
- Children ages 11–15 are allowed to play on their own (i.e. unsupervised by adults) only if certified by the Taiyo Golf Club Manager or designee as being competent golfers who will not adversely delay the flow of normal play. Play during busy times must be with a parent

or another sponsor 16 years of age or older.

- Minors under 18 years of age are prohibited from operating power golf cars at any time. Anyone 18 years and up must have a valid driver's license in order to operate golf cars.

<b>Junior Golf Fees</b>	<b>9 holes</b>	<b>18 holes</b>
SOFA Juniors*	\$5	\$8
LN Juniors*	¥1,500	¥3,000

*\*Cart fee not included.*

A "Junior" is a family member of any authorized patron who is residing with the sponsor and is a current student not beyond the 12th grade level of high school. College students are not eligible for this fee.

## Event Procedures & Guidelines

The following procedures and guidelines are provided for event sponsors to follow when conducting a golf or fund raising event at Taiyo Golf Club (TGC). All event scheduling must be initiated by submission of an original Letter of Request to the TGC Director of Golf.

1. Procedures for setting dates and times:
  - a. Final approving authority rests with the TGC Director of Golf. The Director of Golf or his/her appointee will award event dates and times in the order of receipt.
  - b. Requests for events desiring a reserved a block of more than seven tee times or a shotgun start must be made in writing to the TGC Director of Golf at least 30 days in advance but not earlier than 90 days. Requests will take 5 to 7 duty days for coordinating and processing. All organized event fees, to include participants' green fees, golf car rental fees and golf club rental fees must be prepaid three days prior to the event. This will ensure proper organization and smooth administration of each event.
  - c. Only TGC officially designated events will be scheduled on weekends, holidays or days of special significance.
  - d. Each unit, organization, or private group may sponsor only one event per calendar year. Exceptions to this rule will be considered on a case by case basis.
  - e. Shotgun Start: A minimum of 72 players is required for a full course shotgun start, and only will occur during the early morning start times (7–7:30 a.m.) seasonally adjusted). Modified shotgun starts for less than 72 players may only be approved on a case-by-case basis. All players will be required to pay for, and use, a riding car for shotgun starts.
  - f. Event flyers must be coordinated with TGC management prior to publishing. It is the responsibility of the event chairman to confirm the date, time, number of players, type of start, provide TGC tournament director with a roster of all

players, and any special arrangements not later than eight working days prior to the event. Failure to do so may result in the canceling of the event by the Director of Golf and/or the TGC Tournament Director. All changes to the player rosters (pairings, additions, and deletions) shall be made not later than three working days prior to the tournament date.

- g. All event cancellations shall be made eight working days prior to the schedule event date. Failure to do so will result in the unit and/or event being denied the privilege of conducting any tournament at TGC for a period of six months.
2. Food and Beverage Requests: All food and beverage requests must be coordinated through the Lanai Restaurant. No outside food or beverages may be supplied without prior consent of the restaurant.
3. Event organizers must brief all players on the following items:
  - a. **Rules and Etiquette**
    - All players are encouraged to become familiar with the United States Golf Association (USGA) rules and golf etiquette, as well as the TGC local rules.
    - To maintain a smooth pace of play, Taiyo policy is "Keep up with the group ahead."
    - Always play ready golf. Forget honors and play from the tee and fairway when safe to proceed, "First ready plays first."
    - Throwing of clubs, deliberate damage to greens and fairways, or hitting of golf balls into populated areas is prohibited. Players who fail to comply with these rules are subject to suspension from playing at TGC.
    - Golf cars are permitted off the cart path when utilizing the 90 degree rule unless otherwise posted.
  - b. **Local Rules**

Play at TGC is governed by the USGA and local rules, to include the following:

    - A valid USFC 4EJ (SOFA), US state and/or Japanese driver's license is required to operate a golf car. Minors are not allowed to drive a golf car even if they possess a valid stateside drivers license and with parental consent.
    - A maximum of two riders and two golf bags may be assigned to a car at all times. The sharing of golf clubs or a golf bag is not allowed.
    - A maximum of four players are permitted in a group.
    - Personal coolers, alcohol in bottles, and/or alcohol not purchased in the restaurant/halfway house are not permitted on the golf course.
  - c. **Dress Code**
    - Normal golf attire, regular sportswear, or civilian clothing of good taste and neatness is encouraged. Wearing of full or partial military uniform is not authorized while playing on the course.
    - Only soft-spiked golf shoes, smooth or rippled/dimpled footwear that will not damage the course putting surface are approved for play. Large

cleated shoes (soccer, baseball, etc.), hiking or military boots, and sandals are prohibited.

- Shirts must be worn on the course at all times. Garments made for under wear, such as men's white undershirts, tank tops, etc., are prohibited. Sleeveless shirts, shirts with cutoff sleeves, and cutoff shorts are also prohibited.
- Excessively soiled or tattered clothing, clothing with obscene, derogatory, or inflammatory writings, or clothing so tight or loose that it outlines or displays the male or female chest, buttocks, or genital areas are prohibited.

d. **Conduct**

The following actions are considered serious offenses that may result in termination of play:

- Littering of the golf course with cans, paper cups, and trash.
- Using driving range balls for play on course.
- Disruptive conduct including abuse of the course and golf course equipment.
- Serious violation of dress code rules
- Refusing to follow requests or instructions from the Course Control Marshals or course management.
- Intoxication

e. **Cash Prizes**

No Cash Prizes may be given for any event at TGC. Any form of cash prize violates amateur status as outlined and governed by the USGA. This policy will be strictly enforced.

f. **Fees and Charges**

All fees and charges will be according to individuals' eligibility status, i.e., military, DoD civilians, base-employed local nationals, local nationals, or guests. There will be no reduced rates.

g. **Course Control Marshals**

The Course Control Marshals' primary function is to ensure a smooth flow of play and help golfers enjoy their rounds of golf. They work as "starters" and monitor the pace of play on the course. In this regard, the Course Control Marshals will inform groups to speed up play or let faster groups play through. They will help players with questions and inform them on course rules. They are empowered to take appropriate actions when individuals/groups show disregard for the course rules and equipment.

Taiyo Golf Club is here for you to enjoy. Our staff is ready to serve and provide assistance when needed. If you have special needs or unique requirements in organizing your tournament/event, please contact our office at 622-2012 or the Pro Shop at 622-2004/2006.