

## 2023 MERRY-HILL GOLF CLUB WOMEN'S LEAGUE ORIENTATION

*We wish to welcome everyone to the 2023 season of the Merry-Hill Golf Club Women's League.*

The league has been structured to create a fun and non-competitive golf experience that will allow you to maintain relationships you've established over the years and provide an opportunity to meet new people. At Merry-Hill we are committed to providing a comfortable environment in which you can develop an affinity for the game of golf that will last a lifetime.

### **Merry-Hill Staff**

Your Women's League Coordinator this season is Addison Davis. He is very excited to be joining our team this season and looks forward to ensuring your enjoyment in the league! Addison will be the key contact for all communication throughout the league. If you have questions or concerns or need to change/cancel/adjust your tee time, he is the first person you should reach out to! In addition to handling all the paperwork, your league coordinator will manage and arrange all the on-course games, handicapping, and of course the prizing! You can easily reach your league coordinator by email at [league@merryhillgolf.com](mailto:league@merryhillgolf.com) or by calling the clubhouse at 519-648-2831.

The rest of our management team is excited to welcome you to the golf course! If there is anything we can do to make your experience better at Merry-Hill Golf Club, we encourage you to reach out to us!

- Clubhouse Manager – Gillian Primeau | [manager@merryhillgolf.com](mailto:manager@merryhillgolf.com)
- Golf Course Superintendent – Kevin Brohman | [kevin@merryhillgolf.com](mailto:kevin@merryhillgolf.com)
- Director of Golf – Carly Peister | [carly@merryhillgolf.com](mailto:carly@merryhillgolf.com)

### **League Features**

League play begins on Wednesday, May 3rd with play continuing weekly through until Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. The league will conclude on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> with the annual Year-End Social Fundraiser. This is a shotgun-style tournament in the evening, that requires early registration and an additional fee. With lots of fundraising for local women's charities, you are bound to leave with a prize and a smile on your face! More details regarding this event will be provided to you in August.

**Your league registration fee** includes the following:

- Guaranteed tee times for 20 weeks of league play, being offered between 8:00 - 11:00 am, and afternoon tee times from 4:00 - 6:00 pm
- Handicap tracking
- \$15 donation towards breast cancer research and rehabilitation
- 2023 Golf Canada Membership (Useful app for GPS, handicapping, and tracking statistics)
- Participation prizes throughout the season! Win cool stuff just for playing!
- Optional entry into weekly 50/50 draws, with proceeds being donated to local women's charities

**Your 2023 Club Card** provides you with the following benefits:

- a 30% discount on posted green fee rates during designated league tee times, and a 25% discount on golf outside of league tee times!
- a 25% discount on power cart rentals during the upcoming season
- You must be a 2023 Club Card holder to participate in the Women's League
- 10% discount on Golf Shop merchandise
- 10% discount on non-alcoholic Food & Beverage purchases
- Optional PrePaid account for fast, contactless purchases anywhere on the golf course

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### **Green Fees**

Green fees are not included in the league fee. As a Women’s League player, your Club Card will provide you with a 30% discount on green fees during designated league tee times. It will also provide you with a 25% discount on power cart rentals during league play, and a 25% discount on green fees and power cart rentals outside of league tee times.

All golfers must check in at the golf shop each week. You may opt to save a credit card to your account for quick and easy check-in procedures.

Women’s League Club Card 9-hole green fee rate: \$26.00 + HST  
Women’s League Club Card 9-hole power cart rate: \$12.75 + HST  
Women’s League Club Card 18-hole green fee rate: \$33.60 + HST  
Women’s League Club Card 18-hole power cart rate: \$16.50 + HST

### **The Club Card Program**

The best discount we have to offer on golf! The Club Card can be used all season long to receive:

- 25% off your green fee and cart rentals
- 10% off Golf Shop merchandise
- 10% off Food and Beverage purchases (excludes alcohol)
- An optional pre-paid balance that can be loaded with a dollar value of your choice to be used towards any purchases at the Golf Club

The Club Card has an annual expiry date on December 31, 2023. Each year, you will be required to renew/purchase your Club Card to participate in league activities. Although a physical card is not required, we will be updating photos of our guests so we can quickly and easily identify you at check-in.

### **Fund Raising for Breast Cancer Research, Treatment, and Rehabilitation**

Merry–Hill Golf Club has been dedicated to raising charitable funds in support of Breast Cancer Research and Patient Wellness. This year, Merry–Hill will continue to donate as we have in the past, while also supporting other local women’s charities. \$15 from every league registration and \$10 from every Year-End Social registration are collected and donated. In addition, there are weekly activities (50/50 draw raffles, etc.) that benefit both the league players and our fundraising efforts. We encourage your participation in making our fundraising efforts a success. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

If you would like to purchase 50/50 draw tickets these will be sold in the Golf Shop and on the Beverage Cart

### **How To Book Your Tee Time**

Morning league tee times are available from 8:00 am to 11:00 am, including both 9 or 18-hole time slots. Afternoon league tee times are available from 4:00 pm to 6:30 pm with 9-hole time slots only. League tee times are reserved for Women’s League players and their guests. You may book tee times for yourself or your group as follows:

#### **In-Person -14 days in advance:**

- The League Coordinator will book your tee time(s) at the registration table under the marquee.

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**Online - 10 days in advance at 12:00 am on SATURDAYS\*\***

- Women's League players may book online. You must book into designated league tee times only (ask to see the online booking procedure in the Golf Shop)
- 9-hole and 18-hole tee times are available for league bookings in the morning.
- Only 9-hole tee times are available in the afternoon
- When booking your tee times online, please enter the names of the other golfers in your group
- You are using the same reservation system as the general public, therefore you cannot see golfer's names online – call the Golf Shop if you would like to know who is playing at specific times, or if you forget your tee time
- If you need to cancel or change your tee time please call the golf shop or sign in to your online booking account to make changes. We ask for a minimum of 24 hours notice of any change or cancellation

**By telephone - 10 days in advance**

- Call the Golf Shop at (519) 648-2831

**No-Show and Cancellation Policy**

Cancellations: We have a 48-hour cancellation policy for league players, please follow it. Call 519-648-2831 and speak with either the league coordinator or the Golf Shop staff.

- No-shows will be charged \$25.00 +HST.
- If you cannot attend your tee time, a "replacement" player can be sent in your place such that the position has been filled by a golfer with or without a Club Card. This negates any no-show fee from being charged.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE PHONE MESSAGES OR SEND EMAILS TO CANCEL TEE TIMES**

There will be times when you will see non-league players on the golf course during your round. We do our best to group all league members together and send you out in consecutive tee times. Tee times that have not been booked by Women's League players will become available to regular customers. Thank you for understanding.

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### **Weather-Related Cancellations**

Please contact the Golf Shop when inclement weather may interfere with your golfing activity. If you are unable to finish your round of golf, Merry-Hill will provide you with a rain check based on our generous rain check policy.

### **Check-In Procedures**

Please arrive a minimum of 15 minutes before your tee time. This will allow you ample time to check in at the Golf Shop and with your League Coordinator, purchase your 50/50 tickets, use the washroom facilities, and purchase a cold beverage before heading to the putting green to warm up!

We accept credit, debit, and cash for payments. We also encourage you to use your PrePaid account for even faster check-in.

### **Women's League Guest Privileges**

Each Women's League member is permitted to bring a guest to join them once (1) throughout the season. Your Club Card discount is not transferable to your guest. They will be required to pay for the posted green fee rate and will receive the Club Card discount if they are a Club Card holder themselves. Please be aware that the League is full and times are scarce. We reserve the option to decline a guest to accommodate a current league member.

### **Handicap Tracking**

Included in your league registration is handicap tracking. If you'd like to participate in this, you will need to fill in your scorecard and hand it into the Golf Shop or League Coordinator at the end of your round. You will be able to review your updated handicap roughly 48 hours later either on the Golf Canada App or Website, or on the Women's League website.

### **Year End Social Tournament– September 20th, 2023 – Planned shotgun event**

This event is a league social fundraiser including 9 holes of golf and dinner along with a raffle to raise money for local women's charities. Sign up early as the number of participants is limited. Every year we have a ton of great prizes to win and lots of fun on the course! More information will be provided closer to the event date. Registration is not included with your league fees and will take place in August.

Thank you for joining the 2023 Merry-Hill Women's League. We're excited to have you participating in golf this season and look forward to a safe and enjoyable season. Our entire team is looking forward to ensuring you have the best golf experience each week you visit the club for league activity and, of course, if you're visiting for any extra rounds on the side!

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**Etiquette at Merry-Hill Golf Club**

**Safety**

- Players should ensure that no one is standing in a position that would cause them to be hit with the club or the ball when the player makes a stroke or practice swing.
- Players should not play until the players in front are out of range.
- If a player should accidentally hit a ball where it may strike other golfers, a warning should be shouted immediately. This warning is typically “FORE!,” not “I’ll get you next time!”

**Consideration for Other Players**

- Players should always show consideration toward other players on the course. They should not disturb others by moving, talking, or making unnecessary noise. Players should also ensure that electronic devices brought onto the golf course do not disturb the other players.
- A player should not tee up their ball until it is their turn to play.
- Players should not stand directly behind the ball or directly in front of the hole when a player is about to take a shot.
- On the putting green, players should not stand on another player’s line of putt or cast a shadow over another player’s line of putt when they are taking a stroke. Players should also remain close to the putting green until all of the players have sunk their ball.
- The player who is keeping the score should ask the players their score while walking to the next tee.

**Pace of Play**

- Players should give themselves enough time to park their car, unload their clubs, check in with Golf Shop, and be ready to play at their scheduled tee time. A player’s tee time is when they are scheduled to start play, not when they are to arrive at the golf course.
- Players should try to keep a good pace of play while on the golf course. It is your group’s responsibility to keep up with the group ahead. Keep in mind that a maximum of 5 shots to get to the green and 4 on the green should be taken – no more. Always be ready when it is your turn to shoot.
- Keep bags and carts in a position that will allow you to leave the green and move to the next tee quickly.
- If a player should lose a ball, they should drop another where it is suspected the ball was lost, or where it either left the course or entered a pond.

**Taking Care of the Course**

- Players should also repair any divot holes, ball marks on the greens, or any damage their shoes may have caused (no hard spikes allowed on the course).
- Players should avoid leaning on their putters while on the green.
- The head of a golf club should not be used to remove a ball from the hole.