

2025 LCC CLUB RULES

The LCC offers its members exceptional recreational and social opportunities. The Board of Governors wants you to be comfortable while enjoying the Club and members are encouraged to consider common sense, respect for tradition and the comfort of fellow members and their guests. Employees of the Club may remind you of the rules should the need arise, but we expect each member to be responsible for his/her individual behavior.

Members are asked to be mindful of the broader community; we put great merit in being good neighbors. At all times, it is expected that we will conduct ourselves with respect for the White Memorial Foundation land that we lease, as well as for the privacy of our neighbors. This includes being mindful of excessive noise and traffic, as well as cleaning up after ourselves.

GENERAL COMMUNITY RULES

CLUB HOURS

The Club is open from dawn to dusk, with extended hours for Clubhouse dining, special events and the use of the lighted Paddle/Pickleball court.

PARKING

Parking is limited and we ask that members be mindful of how they park, observing parking lines/curbs and using only one space per vehicle. Parking on Old South Road is prohibited by the Town.

BICYCLES

Bicycle parking is limited to the bicycle rack in the upper parking lot area. Bicycles should be locked and not left on the premises overnight. Bicycle riding is not permitted on Club grounds.

PETS

Pets are not allowed anywhere on Club grounds, except for the Superintendent's dog.

SMOKING

Smoking is not permitted in the following areas: LCC Clubhouse and all outbuildings; outside dining areas including the snack bar; within the fenced pool area; and on racquet courts (tennis/paddle/pickleball). Cigarette butts and e-cigarette cartridges must be disposed of properly.

CELL PHONES & ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell phone usage on Club property is discouraged and not permitted within earshot of other people. The use of cell phones, tablets or any electronic devices is not permitted in the Clubhouse dining areas, including the screened porch and deck.

ALCOHOL

The consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Clubhouse and on Club grounds, other than those purchased or otherwise allowed at the Clubhouse, is not permitted. In all instances, alcoholic beverages must be consumed in accordance with Connecticut law. The Club is to refuse service of alcoholic beverages to minors and to persons who are or appear to be intoxicated (as supported in article 21 of the LCC Bylaws).

LOCKER ROOMS & LOCKERS

Persons under the age of 16 are not permitted in the women's or men's locker rooms without adult supervision. Lockers are available to Regular Members through the Pro Shop.

GUESTS

All guests (including friends of children) must be signed in each day they visit the Club. Sign-in sheets can be found at the Pro Shop, warming hut and pool area. Members are responsible for the behavior of their guests, as well as for any fees incurred by their guests. All guests must abide by the rules and regulations of the Club. Club employees have been directed to closely monitor and enforce guest privileges.

WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS

In the event of inclement weather, the Golf Pro may close the Club's sports facilities, including the tennis courts and pool, with three long blasts of an air horn; one long blast of the horn will indicate that the sports facilities are reopened. The Superintendent has the jurisdiction to close the golf course due to conditions, in which case members will be notified through signage and the Club Crier. When the sports facilities are closed, children are not permitted to be left alone at the Club.

CLUB CONDUCT

To enhance the enjoyment of LCC for our members and their guests, and to maintain a safe community, members are expected to respect the facilities and behave courteously in all areas of the Club. Members are responsible for ensuring that their own behavior and that of their family members and guests complies with all LCC bylaws, rules, and policies. Members shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner in all sporting activities, observing all applicable rules, and standards of etiquette and fair play.

The Board of Governors is committed to providing an environment that is free of harassment with respect to any employee, member or guest of the Club. Members shall treat LCC employees, members and guests in a respectful manner, shall not reprimand, direct, or verbally, physically or otherwise harass any LCC employee, member or guest. Any complaints or suggestions about employees, members, or guests are to be made in writing addressed to the President and Secretary of the Board of Governors.

The Board has the authority to suspend the privileges of anyone who does not adhere to the Bylaws and Rules of the Club.

CLUB ATTIRE

Recognizing that a dress code cannot be expected to identify all forms of acceptable and unacceptable attire, the Club's dress code attempts to establish minimum standards. As a gathering place for families and a social hub for the enjoyment of its members and guests, please permit the following to guide you in selecting attire for visiting the Club.

Throughout the Club, appropriate clothing does not include holes or rips, frayed materials, cut-off or denim shorts, work-style denim shirts, bibs, painter pants, tops with inappropriate messaging, tops that reveal your midriff or are extremely low cut, and sleeveless shirts for men. Denim pants are discouraged; appropriate denim is properly sized, in excellent condition without tears, and consistent in color. Children's attire will reflect that of their parents, following the same guidelines. We trust our members and their guests to use good judgement when visiting the Club.

Bathing suits are not permitted anywhere except in the pool area. Shoes and proper attire will be worn when visiting the snack bar.

Clubhouse "House" Attire

"Smart Casual" is appropriate for inside the Clubhouse, screened porch and deck, with the following specifications:

1. Gentlemen are required to wear jackets in the upper dining room on Friday evenings. Ladies are expected to wear the appropriate equivalent.
2. Bathing suits, sweatpants, cargo pants and jogging suits are not permitted at any time in the Clubhouse or on the porch or deck.
3. Hats, visors, and caps (worn bill-forward) may be worn on the deck but not in the screened porch or inside the Clubhouse.

4. Appropriate shorts are permitted in the Clubhouse Grill Room (lower dining room) and outside eating areas. Shorts are not permitted in the upper dining room.
5. Ladies' shirts may be collarless and must follow the general guidelines outlined above.
6. Men's shirts will have collars, turtlenecks or mock turtlenecks and will always be neatly tucked in unless they are tailored to be worn untucked. Sleeveless shirts are not allowed.

Golf Attire

Members and their guests will be suitably dressed. Men's golf shirts will be tucked in. Sweatpants, joggers, denim and bathing suits will not be worn on the golf course. Metal spiked golf shoes are not allowed.

Racquet Sports Attire

Tennis: clay court tennis shoes will be worn; proper tennis attire is required, and whites are preferred.

Paddle Tennis/Pickleball: tennis shoes will be worn; appropriate athletic apparel is required.

Bathing suits are not permitted on either the tennis courts or the paddle/pickleball courts.

Pool Attire

Proper swimming attire will be worn in the pool. Bathing suits and swimming trunks are permitted in the pool area only, and are prohibited in other parts of the Club, where shirts and shoes are required.

CHILDREN

Parents are responsible for their children's behavior and for their observance of all rules and regulations. Parents are members, and children and guests of members have the privilege of using the facilities with the rules set forth:

1. No child may be dropped off for the day. Parents are not allowed to leave children under nine years of age at the Club unattended.
2. Children, ages nine through sixteen, are permitted on Club grounds without parents only for specific activities (for example, team practices/meets, free swim or athletic clinics or lessons). Children nine and older may be left alone at the Pool at the discretion of the Pool Director.
3. Please remember that the Club is not a day camp or a playground and the staff (including lifeguards) and professionals are not babysitters.
4. Children under nine must be accompanied to the snack bar by an adult. Parents who do not wish their child to be extended credit must notify the Executive Chef in writing.
5. Children are not allowed on the golf course or the riverbank to look for golf balls without permission of the Golf Pro.
6. Children are not permitted to play on or around the golf carts, nor are they permitted to drive golf carts at any time.
7. Children under age 16 are not allowed in the women's and men's locker rooms without adult supervision.
8. Friends of children will be signed in as Guests and are the responsibility of the host member.
9. Only children of Regular members are permitted to participate in club tournaments.

CHILDCARE

We understand that parents may engage babysitters for their children while at the Club. Members are urged to choose responsible sitters. Babysitters must be at least thirteen years old and follow the guidelines set forth:

1. Babysitters must be familiar with, and adhere to, the Club Rules.
2. Proper etiquette is expected; proper dress is required.
3. All babysitters must be introduced to the lifeguards, tennis staff and golf staff when visiting those areas.
4. Babysitters may not be responsible for more than two children under six years of age, nor three children under nine years of age.
5. Cell phone use is discouraged; a sitter's attention needs to be on the child(ren).
6. Babysitters will accompany children to the snack bar and are responsible for making sure the children pick up after themselves.

7. Babysitters will remember that the children are their responsibility; the lifeguards and staff are not responsible for their charge.

HOUSE

The Executive Chef and House staff are under the direction of the House Committee Chair. They are authorized to monitor the House Rules and may report to the House Committee Chair when the behavior of a member or guest does not comply with the LCC bylaws, rules or policies.

1. Members may review and sign food and beverage chits, on request, at the time of the charge.
2. We kindly request 24-hour advance notice if you are unable to attend an event that you have registered for.
3. If a confirmed reservation is made for an event and the member does not attend, the member will be charged a no-show fee.
4. Parents who do not wish their child to be extended credit must notify the Business Manager in writing.
5. Picnic lunches and lunches purchased at the snack bar are to be consumed at the tables provided at the tennis courts and Pro Shop or at the picnic tables next to the pool. Picnic areas will be kept clean.
6. Any member from another club using the dining room through a reciprocal agreement must pay their bill by credit card.

FUNCTIONS / PRIVATE EVENTS

All Club functions and private events of more than 12 people, including those specific to golf, pool or racquet sports, are to be scheduled in advance through the House Committee Chair. Private gatherings and private events may not interfere with scheduled Club events. The hosting member will be responsible for all fees associated with the event, including guest fees for guests who are not members.

A member may sponsor a non-member function. A member is responsible for the behavior of non-members and for their observance of all rules and regulations. The member-sponsor is encouraged, but not required, to attend sponsored functions. All charges for such functions will be invoiced to the member-sponsor.

GOLF

1. The Golf Professional is responsible for the Golf Program and is under the direction of the Golf Committee Chair.
2. A member is to check in the Pro Shop prior to play. A member wishing to begin play at a hole other than no. 1 is to seek permission from the Pro Shop.
3. A member who intends to play with a guest is to notify the Pro Shop of such intent prior to play. A guest of a member is permitted to play without being accompanied by the member provided the member notifies the Pro Shop in advance of the guest's appearance. The member is responsible for the behavior and financial obligations of his or her guest.
4. The Golf Professional administers a certification program for young children of members which tests golf proficiency, rules familiarity and golf etiquette. Children of members, under the age of 16, must be certified by the Golf Professional to play unaccompanied by a member.
5. A member may carry his or her own bag, may use a push or pull cart or rent a motorized cart from the Pro Shop. If a member wishes to rent a motorized cart, the member is to notify the Pro Shop before play. If the Pro Shop is closed, the member is to record the rental on the sign-up sheet. No one under the age of 18 is permitted to drive a motorized cart without a legal driver's license. A child of a Member who is over 16, has a valid driver's license and has had training from the Golf staff, may sign out a cart. Guests under the age of 18 are not allowed to drive carts. Members are to drive carefully and to obey posted signs, chains and ropes designed to protect sensitive areas on the golf course. Members are not to operate the motorized carts on or near a green, an apron or a tee box.
6. The Club is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged pull carts or other equipment.
7. Members who use the warm-up area on the first hole are to use short irons only. They are to suspend their warm-up when there are players on the first tee or maintenance workers on the first hole. When the Pro Shop is closed, members are to shag the balls that they hit. When the golf course is closed, the warm-up area on the first hole and the practice green may not be used unless otherwise specified.

8. Members are not to practice putting, chipping, pitching or sand shots at any green other than the practice green.
9. The USGA requires that golfers play "without undue delay". Obviously, this is a subjective standard, but the following practices should be followed to facilitate play:
 - a) play "ready golf"
 - b) limit searches for golf balls to no more than 3 minutes
 - c) refrain from retrieving golf balls other than your own from the Bantam River
 - d) record hole scores at the next tee
 - e) If a group causes significant delay to the group that follows, the delaying group should permit the following group to play through. A following group that is significantly delayed may ask to play through, but such request is to be courteously made. Players participating in a Club tournament have precedence and should be allowed through.
10. A member is to replace all divots (or reseed with seed mix), rake sand traps and repair ball marks on the greens or aprons.
11. In the event of an electrical storm, the Golf Professional may close the golf course usually by three long blasts on an air horn. All golfers are to vacate the golf course immediately. Play may resume when the Golf Professional so indicates, usually with one long blast on an air horn.
12. A member is to record his or her score of each round in accordance with the rules of the USGA (www.usga.org/handicapping/handicap-manual.html) during the period specified by the Connecticut State Golf Association, April 1-November 14. Such record is to be made on the Golf Handicap and Information Network ("GHIN") by relaying it to a staff member in the Pro Shop or on the member's own computer ("csgalinks.org"). The Golf Professional would be pleased to assist a member in recording his or her score.
13. It is impossible to provide a rule or guidance to address every circumstance. Each member is to use his or her own sense of fairness and accepted standards of etiquette to meet unanticipated situations. The foregoing Rules are intended only to be framework to promote an orderly and pleasurable golfing experience.
14. The Golf Program is to be administered by the Golf Committee. The Golf Committee is empowered to make local rules at variance with those issued by the USGA, to enforce the Golf Rules set forth above and otherwise to make such decisions relating to the Golf Program as they consider advisable. The Committee may also recommend to the Board of Governors such disciplinary action for any member who violates the Golf Rules or otherwise acts in a disruptive or disrespectful manner.
15. Members and their guests must be suitably attired.

Tennis

The Director of Racquets is responsible for the tennis area and is under the direction of the Tennis Committee Chair. The Director and the assistants are authorized to enforce the tennis rules and may require anyone to leave the area when in their opinion a person is jeopardizing the safety and enjoyment of others. The Director may recommend to the Tennis Chair that the Board suspend the tennis privileges of anyone who continually causes trouble in the tennis area.

1. Courts are available on a first come, first served basis. Members and their guests should register on the online court booking system with their name and starting times. Members who are not registered may be asked to leave by another group which has registered. Please defer to the tennis staff with any additional questions.
2. If others are waiting, play is limited to one hour for singles and 1.5 hours for doubles. At the end of the allotted time, members are asked to be courteous and relinquish the court to those members who are waiting.
3. Members must register guests at the Pro Shop prior to starting play. Please use the list posted on the bulletin board if the Pro Shop is closed.
4. When signs indicate that a court is closed, it may not be used.
5. Tournaments and matches have priority over open time. Special events will be posted on the bulletin board and in the monthly calendar.
6. A child's age on July 1 will determine the age group in which he or she competes. Children may challenge up the age ladder, but not down. Children who turn 18 on or before July 1 will play as an Adult in all club events for the season.
7. Adults shall have priority after 5 pm on weekdays and all weekend and holidays.

8. Tennis lessons may be arranged by contacting the Director. Lesson schedules will be posted on the bulletin board.
9. Members are required to familiarize themselves and comply with the USTA Code and Rules of Tennis. Copies are available in the Pro Shop or online: <https://www.usta.com/en/home/improve/tennis-rules.html>.
10. Appropriate tennis attire is required as stated above (please see "racquet sports attire").

PADDLE TENNIS / PICKLEBALL

1. Members are asked to register when using the courts. The sign-up sheet is located in the warming hut.
2. Members must register guests, before play, in the guest book located in the warming hut.
3. Proper attire is required, including tennis shoes.
4. Night play is permitted until 11 pm, and members are reminded to turn off lights when play is completed.
5. Members are reminded to lock the hut before leaving.
6. Food and alcoholic beverages may not be stored in the paddle hut.
7. To remove snow and ice, lift wooden gates surrounding the Court. Use only plastic shovels provided. The use of sand and ice melt is not permitted on the court. If ice is present, turn on heat for ten minutes. Never play with the heat turned on.

POOL

The Pool Manager is responsible for the pool area and is under the direction of the Pool Committee Chair. The Pool Manager and the lifeguards are authorized to enforce the pool regulations and may require anyone to leave the pool area when in their opinion a person is jeopardizing the safety and enjoyment of others. The Pool Manager may recommend to the Pool Chair that the Board suspend the pool privileges of anyone who continually causes trouble in the pool area. The Pool Manager and lifeguards have been directed to closely monitor and enforce guest privileges.

1. The Day Book must be signed by all members upon their arrival with both first and last name. If the member is signing in a guest(s), the membership number must also be indicated.
2. Every family with children must fill out an "Emergency Contact" form prior to using the pool for the season.
3. Children nine and older may be left alone at the pool at the discretion of the Pool Manager.
4. The wading pool is for the use of children under six years old and must be supervised by an adult or babysitter at poolside. The caregiver is responsible for the child at all times.
5. Guidance for babysitters in the pool area:
 - a) Any sitter must be at least thirteen years old and must notify the lifeguard of his or her status as a sitter.
 - b) All members are urged to choose responsible sitters. The Pool Committee feels that the babysitters in the pool area are asked to undertake a very serious responsibility.
 - c) Lifeguards will advise members if sitters are not acting responsibly with your children.
 - d) Adults accompanying children are also reminded of their responsibility to supervise children in the pool area.
6. The Club assumes no responsibility for accidents in the pool area.
7. Proper etiquette is expected of everyone at the pool. There will be no running or disorderly conduct permitted.
8. The grounds both in and out of the fenced area are to be kept clean and litter free at all times. Club staff are not expected to clean up after children.
9. No one is permitted in the pool area during a lightning storm. In the event of a lightning storm, the Golf Professional may close the Club's sports facilities, including the pool, with three long blasts of an air horn. One long blast of the horn indicates that the sports facilities are reopened.
10. No one with poison ivy, bandages, skin infections, or eye infections will be permitted the use of the pool.
11. Each person using the pool is required to take a soap shower before entering the pool.
12. No glass containers are permitted in the pool area. All eating must be done at the tables only, all trash disposed of appropriately, and trays returned to the snack stand. Gum is not permitted in the pool area.
13. Swimming boards, rafts, glass face masks, unattached life preservers, inflated rings and plastic toys, are not permitted in the pool area, except as allowed by the Pool Manager.

14. When signing up for group lessons, members will be told what days the class will meet and how many sessions will be held. There will be a total price for the lessons for which the member will be responsible. All lesson fees will be charged to the members' account, not paid in cash.
15. Schedule for pool:
 - a) Season opens the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend and closes on Labor Day.
 - b) Weekend hours are 10:00 am to 8:00 pm; Weekday hours are 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. Pool hours for the season may be adjusted at the discretion of the Pool Manager, with the approval of the Board.
 - c) The pool may be opened earlier than 10:00 am and close later than 8:00 pm on request. Lifeguard availability will be the key criterion in evaluating such requests for extended hours.
16. A lap lane will be set up for adults as requested during open swim times.
17. All children of Regular Members between the ages of 6 and 16 are invited to participate in the Litchfield Country Club Swim Team. Participation is not exclusive, and all children are welcome. No child is left out of swim meets if they can swim one lap of the pool and attend practices. Non-member children are not permitted to participate in swim meets.
18. The swim team season is typically eight weeks long and ends with an awards dinner in early August. Parents are responsible for signing their children up with a driver for away meets. Parent volunteers are always welcomed as timers and for the traditional snack table after meets.
19. Lifeguards must be sixteen or older, and be Red Cross certified, have a current CPR certificate, and be familiar with current job descriptions and the Club Rules.
20. Lifeguards will stay poolside to monitor pool safety. Reading and entertaining friends are not permitted. When the pool is closed due to threatening weather a message will be posted to that effect at the pool and the lifeguard will wait at the Clubhouse, pending receipt of approval to reopen or close the pool for the remainder of the day.
21. Lifeguards are not permitted to babysit during working hours.
22. The phone will be in the custody of the lifeguard. The poolside phone should be used for urgent matters only. Lifeguards may not use personal cell phones except in the case of an emergency.
23. Any necessary chemicals will be put in the pool after closing hours. The logbook for chemical analysis of the pool will be maintained daily by the pool staff and monitored by the committee and Pool Manager.
24. Only Club staff members are permitted to have keys for the pool. Guards must return them at the end of the season.
25. Comments and complaints should be addressed through the Board of Governors and the Club President.