



Thomasville
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WINDING CREEK GOLF COURSE

City of Thomasville and Winding Creek Golf Course Rules and Regulations 2026

Our Goal is to provide residents of Thomasville and surrounding areas with a community friendly, easily accessible, and highly customer oriented municipal golf experience. Our vision is to promote, educate, and progress the game of golf within the community of Thomasville and the surrounding areas.

Core Values

Professionalism, Communication, Accountability, Integrity, Service

The City of Thomasville and Winding Creek Golf Course are always dedicated to bettering the customers and citizens' experience while golfing or visiting Winding Creek Golf Course. The City of Thomasville officials, The Winding Creek Golf Advisory Committee, and The Winding Creek Professional Staff have proposed the following changes to better the Winding Creek experience.



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General Golf Course Rules

1. The Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association (USGA), along with USGA-adopted etiquette guidelines, apply at Winding Creek Golf Course unless superseded by local rules or those listed herein.
2. All players are expected to learn and observe proper golf etiquette.
3. **“Cutting in” or “hole jumping” is strictly prohibited.** All players must register with the Pro-shop before play. No exceptions.
4. **5-**Some are not allowed at Winding Creek Golf Course unless specific permission from the Pro-shop is given.
5. **Slow play will not be tolerated.** Players should play promptly and allow faster groups to play through if necessary.
6. Winding Creek reserves the right to maintain pace of play. This may include requiring golfers to skip shots or holes to keep pace.
7. Foursomes control the pace of play. Singles, twosomes, and threesomes should not expect to play through foursomes and should avoid pressuring groups ahead.
8. Twosomes and singles may be paired with other players at the discretion of the Golf Shop. Singles have no priority and cannot book tee times in advance.
9. Single-cart and rider requests are subject to availability. Players may be asked to share carts or denied additional carts if supply is limited.
10. When waiting on the tee, the shortest hitters should play first once the group ahead is out of range.
11. Players stopping after nine holes must resume play before the next group arrives at the 10th tee or risk losing their position.
12. **Proper golf attire is required** on the course and practice facilities.
13. Play must cease immediately if lightning is in the area. Seek shelter promptly.
14. **Rain Policy:**
 1. If play stops before completing 5 holes, an 18-hole rain check will be issued.
 2. After 9 holes, a 9-hole rain check will be issued.
 3. After starting the 14th hole, no rain check will be issued.
14. All “Course Closed” or “Hole Closed” signs must be obeyed without exception.

Rules of Play

1. Enjoy the game and have fun!
2. Play fast, play safe, and maintain proper etiquette.
3. Respect the course, fellow golfers, and staff.
4. Follow all posted and written rules for Winding Creek Golf Course.



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Weekend/Holiday Rules

1. Discounts are not available on weekends or holidays, except for veteran rates.
2. Foursomes have priority. Singles, twosomes, and threesomes will be paired at the Pro Shop's discretion.
3. Single players, single carts, and rider/spectator carts are not permitted unless demand allows.
4. Foursomes are financially responsible for all reserved tee time spots unless the Pro-shop has ability to fill open slots.

Hours of Operations

Pro Shop:

- Nov 1 – Mar 7: 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Mar 8 – Oct 31: 7:00 AM – 6:30 PM

Range:

- Nov 1 – Mar 7: 7:00 AM – 5:30 PM
- Mar 8 – Oct 31: 7:00 AM – 7:30 PM

Night Range:

- May 1 – Oct 31: 7:30 PM – 10:00 PM

All Hours are subject to change based on weather, course conditions, and daylight

Local Rules

- USGA Net Double Bogey Maximum Hole Score:
 - Handicap 0–18: Max score = Double Bogey
 - Handicap 19–36: Max score = Double Bogey + 1 stroke
 - Handicap 37–54: Max score = Quadruple Bogey
(Example: If you've hit three balls out of bounds and your handicap is 12, record a double bogey and move on.)
- **Sprinkler Head Relief:** Allowed if within two club lengths of the putting surface and interfering with play.



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- **Non-Maintained Areas (NMA):** Treated as penalty areas under Rule 17-1 (one-stroke penalty).
- **Exposed Root Rule:** Relief allowed to prevent injury or equipment damage.
- **Ground Under Repair (GUR):** Removed tree stump fill areas are GUR; stumps themselves are not.

Lost & Found Policy

All lost and found items will be stored at Winding Creek facilities for a minimum of 90 days. Items will be dated when found, and after 90 days the items will be thrown away or given to our Junior Golf Foundation as a donation. If items are lost call the pro-shop or email one of the professional staff members to locate your item.

Golf Cart Rules Waiver & Indemnification

Winding Creek Golf Course cart rules are listed below but not limited to the following statements. Golfers should check in with the pro-shop before starting a round of golf to make sure of proper cart usage knowledge, rules, and a copy of our Golf Cart Waiver and Indemnification Agreement.

1. Only Winding Creek and City of Thomasville owned golf carts and vehicles are allowed for use on the course.
2. You must possess a valid Driver's License to operate a golf cart.
3. The renter/user of a Golf Cart is liable for all damages other than normal wear and tear.
4. Our golf carts are designed for two riders and two bags only. A third rider or bag is not allowed.
5. Winding Creek Golf Course reserves the right to ask for Carts to Stay on the path at all time to prevent damage to the course or carts
6. All Par 3's at Winding Creek Golf Course are Cart Path Only at ALL TIMES!
7. When off the paths, we ask that practice 90 Degree cart driving, or minimizing the time you drive on the grass areas
8. Carts must stay 30 yards away from all Tees and Greens at all times.
9. Please avoid driving carts into wooded areas, wet/muddy areas, or in native grasses for any reason.
10. Always pair up on carts when the situation allows!

Enforcement of Cart Rules

Winding Creek Golf Course reserves the right to enforce these cart rules to protect the golf course from damage and preserve the condition of the course, the carts, and safety of all players.



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1st Violation - Players will be given a verbal or written warning to adhere to the cart rules or the players round will have to continue without the use of the cart. Any damage to the cart will be billed to the customer based on the current market price of the part(s) to fix the golf cart and current labor rate time average job time for repair cost.

2nd Violation - The player in violation will lose cart privileges and we be asked to return the cart to the Pro-shop or relinquish the key on site for no further use. The player can continue the round by walking. A raincheck or refund will not be given for the round. Any damage to the cart will be billed to the customer based on the current market price of the part(s) to fix the golf cart and current labor rate time average job time for repair cost.

Recurring Violations - Players will not be permitted to use a cart playing winding creek or will not be permitted to play for a period of time determined by the professional staff at Winding Creek and City of Thomasville officials.

Handicap and ADA Disclosure - Winding Creek strives to comply with all ADA standards and producers by offering an accessible golf course with golf carts and a cart path. Unfortunately, we cannot always offer players to take carts off the path and in times of severe course conditions we cannot offer handicap flags when cart path only.

To obtain handicap flags the golfer will need to sign our ADA Registration Book in the Pro-shop before any handicap flags will be provide.

Groups, Leagues, Gangsomes, Etc.

Winding Creek has multiple Groups, Leagues, and Gangsomes that play our golf course throughout the year. All current groups have priority when making tee times, or event scheduling for a new group, league, or gangsomes. All scheduling inquiries need to be cleared with the professional staff in the pro-shop.

Groups, Leagues, Gangsomes, Etc. Cart Guidelines

- All leagues, groups, Gangsomes, etc. must play in foursomes (two golfers per cart)
- This procedure ensures that all golfers with tee time reservations remain on schedule throughout the day.
- **Exceptions:**



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- For groups with more than 40 golfers for 9 holes or 80 golfers for 18 holes, we will allow play in fivesomes (three carts per group) with prior approval from the professional staff.
- When demand for the course is low (winter/off season) and permission has been granted by the professional staff, groups with less than 24 players can be allowed to play in threesomes to ensure quicker rounds.

Enforcement

Groups, Leagues, or Gangsomes that do not follow these guidelines will receive:

- A verbal warning
- A written warning
- If the issue persists, the group's tee times will be removed, and they will no longer be permitted to book as a group at Winding Creek.

If you have any questions, concerns, or feedback, please contact our professional staff.

Tournaments

Winding Creek hosts several tournaments a year. We look forward to hosting your group, business, foundations, corporations, etc. Listed below our tournament guidelines and a Tournament/Outing PDF form that will need to be filled out and sent in with your request.

- A 75% Deposit Fee (based on estimated # of players) is required to secure the requested date of outing.
- The deposit and signed contract must be received by Winding Creek Golf Course 15 days before the date of the outing. If not, the requested tournament date will be reopened to other groups.
- The Number of Players will be determined by the tournament representative NO later than 15 days in advance of the Golf Tournament. This will be the amount players the Group will be Charged for. NO EXCEPTIONS!!
- Deposits can be made by Cash, Check or Credit Card

Food and Beverage with Tournaments

All food and beverage distributed or consumed on the golf course property must be purchased from Winding Creek Golf Course on the list of approved vendors or to be approved by our Head Golf Professional and follow the requirements below:



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- \$5 per player Operational Fee for bringing and serving your own food and beverage (except alcoholic beverages).
- Due to North Carolina State Alcoholic Beverage Control Laws, all alcoholic beverages must be purchased from the golf course. We retain the right to dismiss anyone violating this policy.
- Persons who are visually intoxicated and/or minors will not be served alcoholic beverages.

Cancellations / Refunds of Tournaments

- Any cancellations must be received in writing 15 days prior to the date of the outing to receive full refund.
- In the event of inclement weather which causes cancellation of the outing on the specific date, a mutually accepted date, subject to availability, will be set for the outing and changes in the number of starting times and/or player reservations may be subject to the deadline and payment schedule in this contract.
- The Golf Professional and Golf Course Superintendent will determine whether or not the golf course is playable. In the event the golf course is not closed, the outing group will be required to meet all contracted agreements.