

# 2018 Membership Handbook



**HONEYBROOK**  
G O L F C L U B

Welcome to a new golf season.

Our goal is to provide you with a fun, rewarding and memorable golf experience.

We will do our best to deliver:

- A course that is fair to play and in great shape – consistently.
- A clubhouse that is warm and friendly.
- Access to instructors and programs to help you learn or improve your game.
- Well run tournaments and events
- Opportunities to meet new people via golf and social events.
- A friendly and professional staff
- A golf shop stocked with the latest and greatest in apparel and equipment.
- Communication so that you always know what's going on
- An open-door to you to voice your concerns and opinions.

We welcome you to the Honeybrook family and hope you have a lot of fun on the course and off.

Warmest regards,

*Donna, Ted, and Tom*

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## Membership Plans

### Memberships:

The membership year consists of the 12-month period beginning January 1 and ending December 31. A *single member* is one adult or junior plan participant. A *family membership* consists of two or more family members residing in the same household. Child or Junior fees apply to dependents under the age of 19, or up to 23 years of age if full-time college student. All memberships are nontransferable. Refunds on memberships are at the discretion of management.

### Green Fee associated with each plan:

- **Platinum Membership:** unlimited green fees seven days a week
- **5-Day Enhanced Membership:** unlimited green fees Monday through Friday and after 12:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays. A discounted rate is available for play prior to 12:00 p.m. on weekends and holidays.
- **Senior Membership:** available for those players 60+ years of age. Senior Plan offers unlimited play Monday-Thursdays. Senior 5-Day Enhanced adds Friday and weekends after 12:00 p.m. to the plan.
- **Millennial Membership:** a 5-Day Enhanced plan for those 35 years of age and under.
- **Junior Membership:** offered to high school and full-time college students. Same plan amenities as 5-Day enhanced plan.
- **Junior Summer Membership:** May-August
- **Associate Membership:** Provides a discount on green fees and unlimited access to practice facility as well as additional amenities

### Membership Amenities:

- **Golf Association of Philadelphia (GAP) Membership:** As a Honeybrook Member (all plan types) you are automatically a member of GAP. You may access their tournaments and events on-line: [www.gapgolf.org](http://www.gapgolf.org).
- **USGA Golf Handicap and Information (GHIN):** membership and online services
- **Central Penn's Women's Golf Association**
- **Pennsylvania Women's Golf Association**
- **21-day Advanced Tee Time Booking**
- **Unlimited use of practice facility:** the facility may at times be closed for maintenance or scheduled event
- **Member-only event participation:** You will receive a calendar of events for the season.
- **Member News and Information section on website:** [www.honeybrookgolf.com](http://www.honeybrookgolf.com)
- **10% discount in Golf Shop online E-Shop on apparel.** Discount is off full-retail cost.
- **Charging privileges:** members have the privilege of creating a personal account. Statements will be mailed monthly.
- **Discounted Fees for Guest:** 10% green fees discount is available for a member's guest. This discount is offered any day, at any time. Sponsoring member must register their guest with the Golf

Shop by providing the guest's name. A guest may receive this discount up to six times during the year. One guest per foursome.

- **Honeybrook Golf Club Awards Card:** Members will be provided an Awards Card. Each time a purchase is made in the golf shop the member account receives Awards Points. These points may be redeemed at any time or allowed to accumulate until the end of the year. It is important that the Awards Card be swiped with each transaction to receive credit. Accumulated points are noted on the bottom of the receipt.
- **Golf lesson discounts**
- **Personalized Honeybrook Golf Club bag tag**
- **Access to Annual Locker Rentals** (first-come, first-serve)
- **5-Day Enhanced plans receive a discounted weekend morning rate of \$45 (walk or ride)**
- **Reciprocal Plan when Honeybrook is closed for events or maintenance (Inquire at the Golf Shop.)**

# General Club Rules

## Hours of Operation

**Golf Shop:** April to October: Dawn to Dark  
November to March: 8:00am – 3:00pm

**Range:** Dawn to 1 hour before dusk  
(Range closed periodically for maintenance)

**Pub:** Seasonal dependant on weather and demand.

**Abusive Language:** The use of profanity, or loud and abusive language, under circumstances that may be disturbing to other members and guests will not be tolerated.

**Alcohol:** The Club will comply with all federal, state, and local laws pertaining to the sale and service of alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages will not be sold for consumption off the Club's premises. **All alcoholic beverages consumed on the Club facilities must be purchased at Honeybrook Golf Club.**

**Amendments:** These rules may be amended, changed, or repealed by the Managing Partners without prior notice. Any such changes shall be published to all members and partners.

**Attire:** All members, guests and public players shall observe proper golf attire while playing at the Club.

- Denim pants (jeans) are not acceptable on the course or practice area except during winter season (November 1 to March 31).
- Metal-spiked golf shoes are prohibited.

**Billing:** Please direct questions concerning your account to the golf shop or business office. Personal accounts will be billed at the end of each month and are payable within 30 days. Past due invoices will accrue interest each month from the date of statement until paid in full. Membership may be suspended if account is delinquent beyond 30 days.

**Complaints:** All complaints against the Club, its management, or any member or partner shall be made in writing to the Managing Partners and signed by the complainant. Complaints against employees shall also be directed to the Managing Partners.

## **Conduct:**

1. Membership privileges may be suspended or terminated by the Club under the following circumstances:

- Unsatisfactory behavior, deportment or appearance or acts in any other manner determined to not be in the best interest of Honeybrook Golf Club.
- Failure to pay membership dues, monthly statement or any other amount owed the Club in a proper and timely manner
- Failure to abide by these Rules and Regulations.
- Conviction of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude
- Treatment of the personnel or employees of the Club in an unreasonable or abusive manner
- Engagement in conduct that is improper or likely to endanger the welfare, safety, harmony or reputation of Honeybrook Golf Club

2. No member suspended or terminated will be entitled to a refund of any membership dues.

3. The member will be notified of any proposed disciplinary action and will be given an opportunity to be heard by the Club.

**Controlled Substances:** Controlled substances, as defined by state and local laws, other than those prescribed by a physician for medical reasons, are not permitted on Club property.

**Delinquent Accounts:** Accounts are considered delinquent if they are 31 days past due. The Club may take whatever action deemed necessary to effect collection of delinquent accounts, including legal action. Membership privileges may be suspended if accounts become delinquent.

**Employees:** In the interest of orderly management procedure and discipline, members are not permitted to reprimand or issue orders to employees but are requested to report any incivility to the Head Golf Professional or Managing Partners.

**Equitable Stroke Control (maximum score on any hole):** Always enter the actual score for each hole on the scorecard and make the "ESC" adjustment when posting the score in the computer. The stroke control rules and sheet will be posted on the side of the GHIN computer.

**Firearms:** Firearms and ammunition are not permitted on Club property unless specifically approved by the Managing Partners.

**Gift Certificates:** All certificates won in any events must be used on golf shop merchandise only. They cannot be used toward present account balances.

**Guest Discount:** Member's guests are entitled to a 10% discount on green fees. Member must be present with guest. This policy does not apply to leagues and outings. One guest per foursome is permitted. A guest may receive discount a maximum of six times in a season.

**Handicapping:** Golf season in our area begins on April 1 and ends on October 31. You are required to post all scores during this period when you play your own ball.

**Holidays:** The Club shall recognize the following holidays: Good Friday, Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. The holidays observed on weekdays are regarded in the same manner as weekend for green fees and member golf privileges. The course is closed to the public on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

**Junior Golf:** Juniors wishing to play golf without adult supervision may do so under the following conditions:

- a) the child has reached the age of 14 years or
- b) the child has participated in a minimum of one instructional clinic and completed the rules and etiquette certification from the professional golf staff at the Club.

**Liability:** Neither the Club, its partners, nor employees shall be liable for any injuries to persons or damage to, or loss of property involving members, guests, or other persons on the Club premises. Each member agrees to indemnify and hold the Club, the Managing Partners, and employees harmless from and against any and all claims made by them and their guests or invitees, occurring on the Club premises for personal injury, damage to, or loss of property not proximately caused by the gross negligence or willful or wanton conduct of Club employees.

**Loss Property:** The Club will not be responsible for loss or damage by any cause of golf clubs, jewelry, clothing or other property from any area in or about the clubhouse or grounds.

**Mailing List:** The Club's membership roster is the property of the Club and may be furnished to members with the sole discretion of the Club. The membership roster shall not be used or given to anyone by a member for any reason whatsoever.

**Notices:** No notices, other than those covering Club business, shall be posted on any Club bulletin board without permission from the management.

**Pace of Play:** Maintain a 4 hour and 20-minute maximum pace of play.

**Personal Accounts:** The opportunity to charge to a member's personal Club account is extended as a privilege of membership and is subject to review and approval by the Club. Please sign a charge slip or tab each time you place a transaction on your account. Membership may be suspended if account is delinquent beyond 30 days

**Practice:** All practice must be conducted on the Range and Short Game area. **Practice on the golf course is not permitted** without permission from the Head Golf Professional.

**Practice Facility:** Members have unlimited use of practice facility, including range (when open), putting green and chipping area. Range balls are available at the gazebo or from an outside staff member. Chipping is not permitted on the practice green.

**Property Damage:** The member or members who caused the damage shall pay any destruction of the property of the Club or damage to it. Members will be responsible for damage caused by their guests. The Managing Partners shall determine the amount of such damage.

**Publicity:** No member or Club employee shall make available to any newspaper, periodical, or other publication any internal communication or one that is directed solely to the members.

**Smoking:** Smoking is not permitted in the clubhouse, cart barn or maintenance building.

**Tournament Regulations:**

Cancellation policy: a member must withdraw from a tournament within 48 hours of the competition without penalty. If a member removes himself from an event within the 48 hours he/she will be subject to pay the entry fee for the event.

Registration: once registration is closed for the event, a member may still register for a \$10 late fee. In order to participate in all events a player must be a member in good standing with Honeybrook Golf Club.

**Violations:** Club management shall inform any member of the club of any violation of Club rules whether by the member or a guest of that member.



# **Golf Rules**

## **General Golf Rules**

1. The Rule of Golf of the United States Golf Association (U.S.G.A.) together with the Rules of Etiquette as adopted by the U.S.G.A. shall be the rules of Honeybrook Golf Club except when in conflict with local rules.
2. All play shall begin on the first tee unless authorized by the Golf Shop staff.
3. The Head Golf Professional must approve all shotgun starts.
4. All golf outings, or groups of 12 or more players, must be approved by the Head Golf Professional.
5. Foursomes are recommended for play. Groups that consist of fewer than four players shall be paired as necessary. Fivesomes or more are not permitted on the golf course without prior approval of Golf Shop personnel.
6. All starting times must be arranged through the Golf Shop or through the website on-line reservation system. Any play prior to the first tee time of the day must be specifically authorized by the Head Golf Professional.
7. Dress Code: Appropriate golf attire is required (please see “Attire” under General Golf Rules.)
8. Tee Times: Member tee times may be made through the Golf Shop 30 days in advance.
9. Members that do not cancel their tee time at least three hours prior to the starting time may be subject to a “no show” fee that will be billed to their account.
10. Groups that arrive to play with more players than were reserved shall be accommodated as possible. This may require that the additional players be paired with groups as available. Every effort will be made to accommodate players as the tee sheet permits.
11. Practice is not allowed on the golf course.
12. Maintain a pace of play for your round of 4 hours and 20 minutes.
13. Slow play is not tolerated. In the interest of all, players should play without delay. No player should play until the players in front are safely out of range.
14. Foursomes control the speed of play. Twosomes and threesomes should not expect to play through foursomes and should not exert any pressure on the groups ahead. Foursomes shall have the right of way.
15. If a foursome or other group of players is unable to maintain adequate speed of play and fails to keep their place on the golf course, they must allow the group following to play through.
16. Members use the golf facilities at their own risk. If adverse weather conditions and/or lightning are in the area, golfers should seek appropriate shelter immediately. Honeybrook Golf Club does not have a lightning detection system such as a siren, horn or

any other means by which to notify players of inclement weather and any risk of lightning in the area.

17. No beverage coolers or alcoholic beverages are permitted on the golf course unless supplied by the Club.
18. Twosomes and singles will be grouped with other players, if available, at the sole discretion of the Golf Shop. Singles shall have no priority on the golf course and shall be permitted to play only at the sole discretion of the Golf Shop.
19. The course may be closed all day or for part of a day for outings or events.

### **Golf Hours of Play and Starting Times**

1. The Golf Shop hours and hours of play are noted in this booklet and posted on the website.
2. The Golf Course Superintendent is authorized to determine when the golf course is suitable for play. In the absence of the superintendent, the golf professional on duty shall make this decision.
3. All players must have a starting time reserved through the Golf Shop or on-line.
4. **All members must register in the Golf Shop before beginning play** and receive a receipt to show starter.
5. Failure to check-in and register ten minutes prior to a reserved starting time may cause cancellation, set back or a no-show fee to be charged.
6. Players late for their starting time lose their right to the starting time and shall begin play only at the sole discretion of the Head Golf Professional.
7. Members are not guaranteed the first tee time of the day nor is it possible to guarantee a round of golf faster than 4 hour and 20 minutes.

### **Local Rules**

1. Wetlands/Environmentally Sensitive areas played as lateral hazards. Please do not enter these areas.
2. Driveway and roads are Out of Bounds. Any ball that crosses one of these conditions is considered to be Out of Bounds.
3. Stones in bunkers are deemed Moveable Obstructions and may be removed if interfering with your shot.
4. Mulched areas are Free Drop.

## **Golf Cart Usage**

1. Golf Carts shall not be used by a member without proper assignment and registration in the Golf Shop.
2. Each operator of a cart must be at least sixteen years of age and have a valid automobile driver's license.
3. Only two persons and two sets of golf clubs are permitted per golf cart.
4. Please follow daily cart path rules.
5. When golf carts are allowed off cart paths please follow the 90-degree rule; stay on cart path until level with your ball. Remain in the fairway while playing the hole and exit the fairway and return to the cart path before the designated exit point. **Golf carts must remain on cart paths, without exception, on Par 3 holes.**
6. Operation of a golf cart is at the risk of the operator. Any member or guest using a golf cart accepts and assumes all responsibility for liability connected with operation of the golf cart. Cost of repair to golf cart that is damaged by a member will be charged to the member. Members using a golf cart will be held fully responsible for any and all damages, including property damage and personal injury that are caused by the operation of the golf cart. The members shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless Honeybrook Golf Club, LP from and against any and all losses, damages, claims or proceeding arising out of any property damage or personal injury, whether direct or consequential, arising from or related to the use and operation of the golf cart by the member.
7. The use of privately-owned golf carts is not currently permitted.
8. A non-golfer will be charged a ride along fee.

## **Handicaps**

1. Handicaps are computed under the supervision of the Head Golf Professional in accordance with the current U.S.G.A. Handicap System.
2. Members with a U.S.G.A. approved handicap may participate in Club tournaments. Handicaps will be required for all Club events.
3. Players should enter their score in the handicap computer in the golf shop or on-line ([www.ghin.com](http://www.ghin.com)) after each round. The Golf Shop staff will assist players with the posting procedures.
4. The Tournament Committee will determine if there are violations in turning in scores and has the right to adjust handicaps.

## **Golf Course Etiquette**

Persons using the golf facilities should do their part to make a round of golf at Honeybrook a pleasant experience for everyone.

1. Players should ensure that greens are not damaged by putting down bags or the flagsticks and that the hole is not damaged by standing close to it or by removing the flagstick or the ball from the hole. The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before leaving the green.
2. When approaching a green, the golf cart should be parked on the cart path on the best direct line to the next tee. This can save about 15 minutes per rounds. Never leave the golf cart in front of the green where you will have to go back to get it, while the following players wait for you to get out of the way.
3. When play of a hole is completed, leave the green promptly and proceed to the next tee without delay. Do the scoring for the completed hole while the others in the group are playing from the next tee.
4. If you are not holding your place on the golf course (see General Golf Rules), allow the players behind to play through. Do the same if you stop to search for a lost ball.
5. Repair your ball marks on the greens. If you see unrepaired ball marks repair them also. Remind your playing partners to observe this courtesy.
6. Enter and leave bunkers at the nearest level point to the green. Carefully rake bunkers after use and place the rake inside the bunker.
7. Handicap flags are provided to golfers with physical limitations and allow them to drive to their golf ball in the primary rough. It does not give the handicapped cart free reign to drive everywhere. Handicapped flagged carts may drive no closer than 30 feet from any green. In no case will the cart be driven or parked between a green side bunker and the green. Do not drive carts in high grass or environmentally protected areas and keep the cart on the cart paths between green and tee. If for any reason, a player needs closer access to the tees or greens, authorization may be given on a case by case basis as determined by management.

## **Tournament Bylaws**

### **GAP Team Matches**

- Captains will be selected by Honeybrook Management by the end of January and run a two-year term.
- Captains are responsible for the line-ups and placing of players home or away.
- To be eligible to participate in GAP team matches you must be a fully paid member in good standing with Honeybrook Golf Club by March 31 of the current year.
- All GAP team members must be members of Honeybrook Golf Club and active on our handicap roster.
- Members must be 16 years of age or older and handicap eligible to qualify for the First Team, and 21 years or older to compete on additional teams offered by Honeybrook
- Any member showing any act unbecoming of a golfer or showing poor sportsmanship may be suspended from any GAP team match.

### **Member Tournaments**

- To be eligible to participate in any event you must be a fully paid member in good standing with Honeybrook GC
- Any events that promote monetary benefits you must be at least 21 years of age to be eligible to play.
- Full members have priority over Associate Members in the Men's Member-Guest Tournament.
- If you are registered for an event and cancel after the deadline you will be responsible for 50% of the entry fee.
- If you are registered for an event and do not show or withdraw you will be responsible for 100% of the entry fee. Depending on your circumstance you may be suspended for events in the future.
- All Gift Certificates won through the tournament season must go towards future purchases and not to be placed towards your account.
- Any member showing any act unbecoming of a golfer or showing poor sportsmanship may result in being suspended from the club and future events.

### **Private Golf Outings**

All members participating in an event not run by Honeybrook Golf Club will be responsible for the appropriate entry fees including green and cart fees.

## Staff

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## **Business Structure**

**Ownership:** Honeybrook Golf Club is owned by Honey Brook Golf Club, L.P.

**Type of Facility:** Honeybrook Golf Club is a semi-private non-equity club. As such, members of the Club have no ownership interest and no right to participate in the management of the Club. In addition, the golf course shall be available to the public for play.

**Management of the Club:** Piersol-Horvath LLC. is responsible for the management of the affairs and property of the Club. Donna Horvath, Ted Piersol and Tom Piersol are members of Piersol-Horvath LLC. They will have exclusive authority to all matters of membership including, but not limited to, determining rates and charges as well as establishing policy and rules.



### **The Honeybrook logo:**

The Honeybrook logo features a white ball on a green field that represents the beautifully manicured bent-grass greens, tees and fairways of the Honeybrook Golf Club. The center is honey-colored, and sweeps through the logo much the way the Brandywine River meanders through the golf course. At the top is the deep blue Chester County sky to remind us of beautiful weather and hours of enjoyment...something we wish for every golfer who visits Honeybrook Golf Club.