

Player Arrival

Players should assume they are to arrive at least one half hour before their tee time, unless otherwise specified for an event. Players that are late may be reshuffled into later groups or may lose their playing slot altogether.

Care of the Course

In addition to rules established by each golf course, Club members should follow the following guidelines for golf course care:

- Rake sand traps
- Replace divots
- Repair ball marks on greens
- Don't drag or twist feet on greens
- Lay-down and replace flags carefully to avoid damage to the green or hole

Safety

- Don't stand too close while others are hitting
- Don't hit until everyone is out of the way
- Yell "fore" if anyone is in the path of the ball

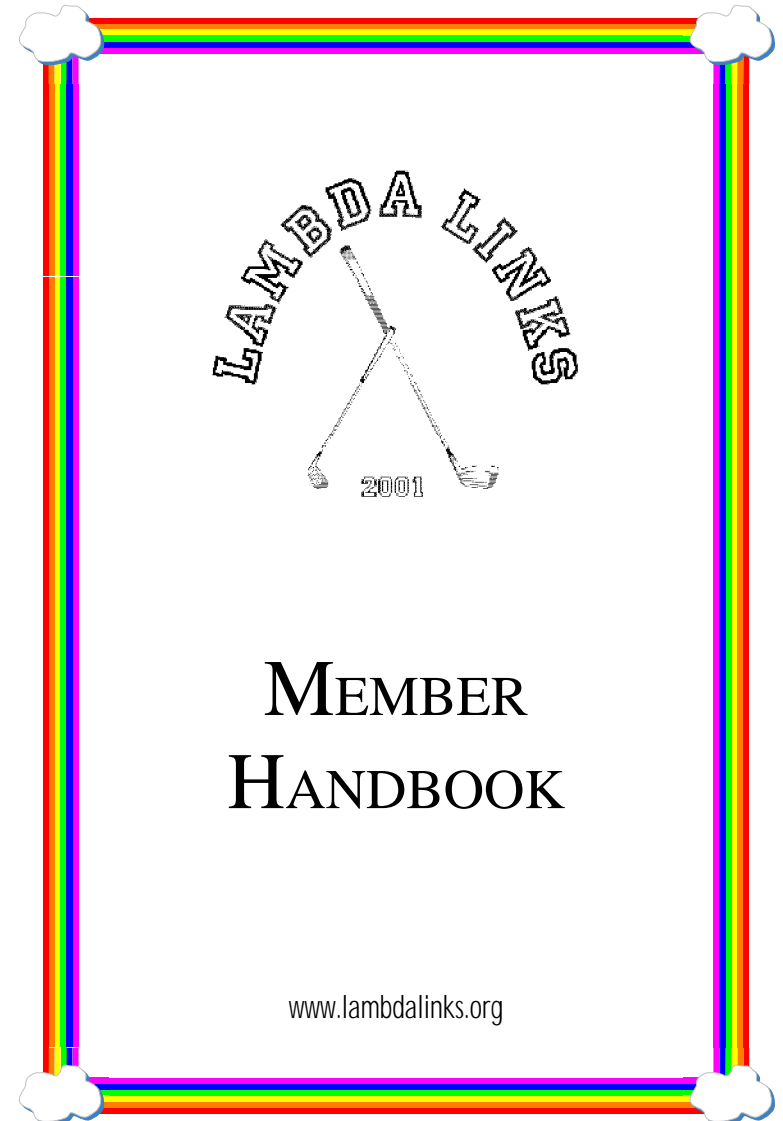
Courtesy

- Don't move, talk, or stand too closely or directly behind someone as they hit or putt.
- Don't step in someone's putting line.
- Keep your shadow off of another player's putting line.

Pace of Play

- Be ready to play when it is your turn: club in hand, addressing the ball, with conversation ceased.
- Play ready golf. If the player should play next is not ready then someone who is ready can state that they are and proceed to play.
- Only in rare Match Play games is there a penalty for hitting out of order.
- Always use a maximum score. If keeping a USGA Handicap, the maximum score is based on the Equitable Stroke Control². Otherwise use double par as a maximum. For example, after 7 strokes on a par 4 pick up your ball and give yourself an 8.
- Always keep up with group in front of you. As a general rule, when you get to a par 3 the group in front of you should at most be either leaving the green or on the next tee. If not, you are behind and need to catch up.
- "Gimmes" are a good way to speed up play. Putts that are within two feet may be assumed to be made, a stroke taken, and need not be putted. It is customary give your playing partner a "gimme."
- Consider skipping putting on a hole if your group is way behind.

²Ibid., §4-3.



This handbook provides information about the Lambda Links Golf Club (the Club), its practices, and procedures.

MISSION

To promote and provide a social forum for golf camaraderie for gay, lesbian, and bisexual people regardless of faith, ethnicity, race, age, or ability.

PURPOSE

The Club has defined the following four fundamental goals:

- To stimulate interest in golf by Gays and Lesbians in the Washington DC metro area.
- To promote and foster among its members a closer bond and fraternity while promoting and conserving the best interests and true spirit of the game of golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable traditions.
- To maintain a uniform system of handicapping as set forth in the regulations of the United States Golf Association.
- To create an authoritative body to govern Club tournaments and other activities.

MEMBERSHIP

In addition to those fundamental benefits defined in the by-laws, Club membership will also entitle members to the following:

- Lambda Links bag tag.
- Three guest passes.
- Priority tee time slots for themselves and for guests with passes.
- Eligibility for official USGA handicap as a member of a sanctioned USGA golf club.

CLUB DUES AND FEES

Membership Dues

- \$25 for the whole season (April 1 through March 31)
- \$15 for second-half season (after August 15)

Nonmember Fees

- \$5 for each event without a guest pass.
- This fee may be waived for prospective members (once per season).

TEE RESERVATION AND PLAYING POLICIES

Managing an Event

- Each Club golf event will have a design-

nated Point-of-Contact (POC), that will take reservations from the players and organize foursomes.

- The POC determines the course and playing times, and may have the first reservation for a tee time slot.
- Reservation requests may be made by members to the POC via e-mail, telephone, or fax.
- The POC will provide the details of the event to the Club Web master as soon as available.

Tee Slot Reservation

- Club members may reserve tee time slots for themselves and guests with guest passes as soon as they are available. These are taken by the POC on a first come basis.
- Tee time slots are usually available three days before an event.
- Nonmembers will be assigned slots no more than two days before the event based on availability.

Cancellations

Reservations may be canceled at any time, 48 hours notice is requested. If fees are required prior to the event refunds will be provided subject to the dictates of that event.

No-shows

"No-show" members will only be allowed to reserve their subsequent tee time as a

¹See USGA Handicap Manual §4 at 'www.usga.com/handicap/manual/index.html'.

nonmember. This list will be maintained by the Secretary. Two no-shows by a member means they forfeit their member right for tee time slots for the balance of the season.

Waiting List

The POC will maintain a waiting list as required. Wait list players will be contacted by the POC when a spot opens up and should make an effort to confirm as soon as possible.

USGA HANDICAPS

The Club issues a USGA Handicap Index (HI) to players with five or more scores. To be issued an HI submit the following information to the Club record keeper:

- Your Name
- Adjusted gross score¹
- Date
- Course and tees played (including course rating/slope)

HIs will be posted to the Web site on a regular basis.

PLAYING GUIDELINES

To keep the game an enjoyable experience for everyone the Club has adopted the following guidelines of Golf etiquette and pace of play.