



Avon Valley Golf & Country Club
2023 Membership Form
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2023 Membership Information

Dear Member/Prospective Member,

We had a very successful 2022 season. Thank you for your support and we look forward to your membership and a successful 2023 season. We strive to offer great golf with top quality conditions in our picturesque setting, along with friendly socializing and a warm welcome. We enjoy having you as a member and want to ensure you are gaining maximum satisfaction and value from your membership.

With Covid restrictions lifting we were able to reopen the restaurant and have tournaments where we could socialize after the event. We look forward to improving our operations to bring you the best golf experience possible.

Member Benefits

- 7-day advance booking
- Member Tournaments/Events
- 20% off regularly priced clothing
- 10% off special orders
- Discounts on gas golf cars (ie. Regular price is \$40, members \$30)
- Pristine golf course conditions

Plans for 2023

At the 2022 Annual General Meeting, shareholders approved the purchase of 2 fairway mowers. However, due to manufacturing delays, these mowers will not be delivered until the spring of 2023. Given the long delay in equipment delivery, for the 2023 capital budget, we have reserved 1 greens mower and 15 gas golf cars. Our tee signs are falling down so we have also reserved new tee signs for delivery in the spring. Normally we would not place capital orders until AGM approval. However, if we wait until the AGM meeting, these items may not be delivered until 2024. These items will need to be approved at the March 2023 AGM. Except for the tee signs, reserved items not approved at the AGM can be cancelled without penalty.

An online membership form will soon be on our website. You will then be able to sign-up and pay without having to phone in, mail, or stop by. Please use the online form as it streamlines our registration process. If you prefer using a hard copy, please print the 2023 membership application/renewal below and follow the options for submission.



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Locked-in Membership Fee Rate

2023 is the last year of this program. To be eligible, you need to have been locked-in since the programme began in 2020 **and** you must renew and pay your membership in full by January 31, 2023. Your rate and age category will be the same as 2022.

Additional Fees

- **Capital Fee:** \$50 fee (per adult member) will be continued and put towards capital upgrades to the club. This will range from new turf equipment, new gas golf cars, course improvements, building upgrades, etc. We thank you for your continued support.
- **Credit Card User Fee:** Each year Avon Valley pays about \$15,000 in user fees to Visa and Mastercard. This is not a small expense for the club. New legislation allows vendors to pass on these charges to their clients. After careful consideration at the Board level, we have decided to pass on these fees to Visa and Mastercard users beginning January 1, 2023. No fee will be charged for the use of debit cards, cheques, or e-transfers. In turn the club will need to reduce the use of its company Visa card. The Visa charge fee will be 1.50% and MasterCard will be 1.35%.
- **Food and Beverage Fee:** To support and improve our food and beverage programme, we are introducing a \$75 fee for adult members. A \$75 pre-paid card will be issued for the 2023 golf season. **This card is for food and beverage purchases in the clubhouse or the beverage cart. The card expires October 31, 2023 (our year-end).**

Kind regards,

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New Member/Returning Member Application Form (please fully complete all sections)

Complete every section of the application and return pages 3 and 4 by mail, email, fax 902-798-8879 or in person. We prefer members use one of these methods instead of calling in. Calling in requires significant administrative time and ties up our phone system. Please help us streamline the application process.

Returning Member _____ New Member _____

Name: First: _____ Last: _____
 Full Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____
 DOB(mm/dd/year): _____/_____/_____

****For spousal & family use only***

First Name: _____ Last: _____
 Cell: _____ Email: _____
 DOB(mm/dd/year): _____/_____/_____

****For family membership***

First Name: _____ Last: _____
 Gender: M or F Email: _____ DOB(mm/dd/year): _____/_____/_____

First Name: _____ Last: _____
 Gender: M or F Email: _____ DOB(mm/dd/year): _____/_____/_____

Memberships Fees

Please check your membership category(s)

(please see notes for classifications)

	<u>Pre Tax</u>	<u>HST</u>	<u>Capital Fee</u>	<u>F & B Fee</u>	<u>Total Fee</u>
Family	\$2,956.52	\$443.48	\$100	\$150	\$3,650_____
Spousal	\$2,591.30	\$388.70	\$100	\$150	\$3,230_____
Spousal-Locked-in	\$2,173.92	\$326.09	\$100	\$150	\$2,750_____
Full Member (41+)	\$1,391.30	\$208.70	\$50	\$75	\$1,725_____
Full Member-Locked-in	\$1,217.39	\$182.61	\$50	\$75	\$1,525_____
Monday – Friday	\$1,252.17	\$187.83	\$50	\$75	\$1,565_____
30 Round Member	\$1,095.65	\$164.35	\$50	\$75	\$1,385_____
30 Round Member-Locked-in	\$913.04	\$136.96	\$50	\$75	\$1,175_____
Intermediate A (Ages 36-40)	\$1,113.04	\$166.96	\$50	\$75	\$1,405_____
Intermediate A-Locked-in	\$778.26	\$116.74	\$50	\$75	\$1,020_____
Intermediate B (Ages 26-35)	\$921.74	\$138.26	\$50	\$75	\$1,185_____
Intermediate C (Ages 19-26)	\$739.13	\$110.87	\$50	\$75	\$975_____
Intermediate B/C-Locked-in	\$591.30	\$88.70	\$50	\$75	\$805_____
Junior (Ages 13-18)	\$321.74	\$48.26			\$370_____
Pee-Wee (Ages 8-12)	\$186.96	\$28.04			\$215_____
Early Bird (Ages 5-7)	\$139.13	\$20.87			\$160_____
Leave/Social Status	\$43.48	\$6.52			\$50_____
Mandatory Junior Clinic Fee	\$34.78	\$5.22			\$40_____



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	<u>Add Ons</u>	<u>Pre-Tax</u>	<u>HST</u>	<u>HST Inc.</u>
Membership Share (if required)		\$100.00	15.00	\$115.00 _____
Pull cart rental		\$69.57	10.43	\$80.00 _____
Locker rental (for personal belongings only)		\$49.56	7.44	\$57.00 _____
Shoe storage (available with locker rental only)		\$10.87	1.63	\$12.50 _____
Club storage		\$116.52	17.48	\$134.00 _____
Member pull cart or power caddy storage		\$67.82	10.18	\$78.00 _____
Club account set up (tax included)				\$250.00 _____

	<u>Pre-Tax</u>	<u>HST</u>	<u>HST Inc.</u>
Seasonal golf car (single occupant)	\$776.09	116.41	\$892.50 _____
Seasonal golf car spousal (can be used separately by each person)	\$1,186.96	178.04	\$1365.00 _____
50 round package (shared)	\$862.83	129.42	\$992.25 _____
25 round package (shared)	\$527.28	75.33	\$606.37 _____
10 round package (shared)	\$239.67	35.95	\$275.62 _____

Total Due HST Inc. \$ _____ (membership plus add ons)

Golf Car Policies

Due to inclement weather and course conditions, golf car use may be totally or partially restricted. All golf cars must be returned outside the fenced car storage before dusk and keys returned to the pro-shop. Golf cars should be driven no closer than 40 feet from the greens and travel on car paths or in the rough whenever possible. **Package rounds (50,25,10) expire at the end of the 2024 golf season. You have 2 seasons to use your rounds. 18 holes with a single rider will be charged for 18 holes, not 9. Package holders playing 9 holes will be charged for 9 holes.**

Membership Fee and Payment Deadlines/Options

- Eligible locked-in members must pay in full by January 31, 2023.
- Unless you opt for a payment plan below, membership fees must be paid in full by March 1, 2023.
 - Full membership fees and car packages can be paid using cash, cheque, credit cards, debit card, or e-transfers (send e-transfers to avgcc@eastlink.ca). Visa cards will have a surcharge of 1.50%/Mastercard 1.35%. Please indicate your preferred payment plan. Members who opt for instalment plans 1, 2 or 3 must provide post dated cheques or a credit card number with this application. Credit card payments will be processed on the dates indicated below.

Plan 1: 12 equal payments due monthly starting Nov. 20th to Oct. 20th (\$60 credit card surcharge) _____

Plan 2: 6 equal payments due monthly from Dec 1st to May 1st (\$45 credit card surcharge) _____

Plan 3: 3 equal payments due February 1st to April 1st _____

Plan 4: Payment in full to be processed on or before March 1st, 2023 _____

Credit Card # _____ Exp _____ CVV _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

All post-dated cheques will be deposited on payment dates. Any NSF cheques will result in \$50 fee



Policies and Procedures

1. All **new** full, spousal, Monday – Friday, intermediate, and 30 round members are required to purchase a share for the price of \$115 tax included. Upon forfeiture of your membership, the share price less the tax is refundable.
2. **Family Membership** includes two full members and two members under 19 in any category. Proof of residency will be required for the entire family. Adults have full playing and booking privileges. See below for playing and booking time privileges for Junior, Pee Wee and Early Birds.
3. **Spousal Membership** is offered to couples who reside at the same residence. Proof of residency may be required. Full playing and booking privileges.
4. **Full Members** are 41 years or older on April 1, 2023. Full playing and booking privileges.
5. **Monday – Friday Members** - members will be eligible to play Monday – Friday only. All weekends and holidays are excluded. Any play, including member events that is outside these days, the member is required to pay the posted green fee rate. If the member chooses to play outside permitted days, they will no longer be eligible to use the member- only 7 day booking window and are subject to the public 5- day booking window.
6. **30 Round Memberships**-Once you have completed your 30 rounds, you will then be required to pay per play at \$43 per round. 30 round members will not be permitted to pay a green fee until their package has been completely used. You will also no longer be eligible to play in member events after the package has been finished. **The non-transferable, non-carryover rounds expire at the end of the 2023 season.**
7. **Intermediate A Members** have full playing and booking privileges and must not be older than 40 by April 1, 2023. **Intermediate B Members** have full playing and booking privileges and must not be older than 35 by April 1, 2023. **Intermediate C Members** have full playing and booking privileges and must not be older than 25 by April 1, 2023.
8. **Junior Members** must be 13, but not yet 19 as of August 1st, 2023.
 - **Booking Privileges:** Weekdays- 11:00 am -4:00pm,
 - Weekends and Holidays-closed before 2:00pm
 - Before 11:00am, any available tee times will be released at noon three (3) days before day of play.
 - Between 4:00 and 6:00pm, on the day of play, tee times will be released to Juniors playing with an adult.
 - There will be no pre-booking of these times. This option will be closed during July and August.
 - After 6:00pm, pre-booking is permitted.
9. **Pee-Wee Members** are classified as not yet 13 and at least 8 years of age as of August 1st, 2023. Hours of play are at the discretion of the General Manager.
10. **Early Bird Members** are classified as not yet 8 and at least 5 years of age as of August 1, 2023. Hours of play are at the discretion of the General Manager.
11. If applying for **Leave of Absence/ Social Membership** status as defined in the By-laws, submit a written request to the General Manager no later than **March 1st**. A full member is entitled a maximum of 3 periods of such status during their time of membership, Intermediate members, just one such period, and Pee-wees/ Juniors are not permitted any.
12. **Please note:** The Club's By-laws set a limit on membership. Although openings are currently foreseen, in the event of a surplus of applications, the priority for acceptance will be per Club policy and date of receipt of applications will become a factor. Please ensure your application for membership **or** renewal is received at the Club no later than **March 1st**.



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13. All equipment left with the Club under the care and storage services is either attended during operating hours or kept under lock and key after hours with security monitoring in effect. Notwithstanding, users of these services (or the Club's facilities in general) are advised that the Club accepts no liability for theft or damage to members' property at any time. Personal property that is brought onto course property is solely at the risk of the person and the course shall not be responsible or liable to the member/ or guest for any loss thereof or damage thereto.
14. Club account set up is required if the member wishes to have charging privileges in food & beverage and golf shop purchases. All spending credits will be required to be prepaid as no account is eligible to be in arrears.
15. Member account balances are cleared if not used by October 31, 2023.
16. There is no guarantee of tee time availability. All adult members can book 7 days in advance.
17. Respect the golf course, equipment, daily golf car rules and facilities. Replace divots, repair ball marks, and rake sand traps. Do not discard apple cores, banana peels, sunflower seeds, food wrappers, or drink containers on the golf course. Please use the trash bins.
18. To help us manage the tee sheet, all members and guests must register in the pro shop prior to playing. If you cannot make your tee time, cancel online within 24 hours, or call so we can re-book the tee time and maximize tee sheet usage. Failure to cancel reserved tee-times, update number of golfers, or no show may result in a warning. Multiple no shows will be referred to the General Manager for further action.
19. The first and last name of all players must be recorded when reserving tee-times. Using golfer's initials or only first name does not help us manage the tee sheet. Do not book multiple tee times with the same players on the same day then "chase" the preferred tee time later. These types of bookings can be deleted from the tee sheet.
20. Golf car usage will be limited when the golf course conditions are wet or soft. There will be times when it is car path/rough only and 90 degrees. These times usually are Spring, Fall, after a heavy rain and golf course saturation. There could also be times when golf cars are not allowed on the golf course after heavy rain and/or continued periods of rain.
21. Rounds at Avon Valley should be completed within 4hr 20-minutes. Players falling behind more than 1 hole should skip a hole and catch up with the group in front of them.
22. Abide by all local, provincial, and national laws and regulations. Players must not be intoxicated on the property.
23. Members have no authority to instruct staff on duties or job performance. Comments regarding operations can be directed to the General Manager or to a Board member. Member behaviour must always be respectful in dealing with employees, management, Directors, other members, and guests.
24. All persons are treated with dignity and respect while playing and working at Avon Valley Golf and Country Club. With membership payment, all members consent to abide by the Policies and Procedures. The privileges and rights are governed by the Club Bylaws, policies, procedures, and rules. When at Avon Valley please follow the Policies and Procedures to ensure an enjoyable experience for all members, guests, and employees. Infractions may result in actions that range from warnings, suspension of playing rights and privileges, or termination of membership.



Disciplinary Procedures

1. *The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the standing President of the Board and the two most immediate Past Presidents available.*
2. *The Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to discipline, suspend or expel any member, whose conduct is, in the opinion of the Committee prejudicial to the interests of the Club or likely to endanger the welfare of the Club or any of its members, or who is responsible for any which is inconsistent with the aims, objectives and ethics of the Club.*
3. *A suspended member shall lose all rights of membership during his suspension. An expelled member shall have his membership terminated. Suspended and expelled persons may also be barred from Club property for such period, up to and including indefinitely, as the Committee may determine.*
4. *Upon the Disciplinary Committee being notified of any complaint or complaints which could result in the disciplinary action, suspension or expulsion of a member, the Disciplinary Committee shall immediately set a date for hearing the complaint or complaints and shall so notify the member.*
 - a) *Such notification shall state:*
 - i) *time, date and place of the hearing;*
 - ii) *reason or reasons for the hearing,*
 - iii) *the hearing will be held whether the member appears or not; and*
 - iv) *possible consequences should the hearing uphold the complaint or any of them.*
 - b) *If mailed, such notice of hearing shall be deemed to have been received by the member on the third business day following the date of mailing by registered mail.*
 - c) *If the same incident or act results in a complaint against more than one member, the complaints against any or all members involved may, at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee, be heard at the same time.*
5. *For conduct by a member that the Board considers to be so serious as to place the Club or any of its members in imminent and immediate peril, the Disciplinary Committee may suspend that member pending the hearing of the complaint. Notice of any such suspension shall be included in the notice of hearing set out in paragraph 4 (a) of this Article.*
6. *The procedure applicable to such hearing is as follows:*
 - a) *the member against whom the complaint has been made shall be entitled to:*
 - i) *be present during the hearing including, but not limited to the presentation of any statements or evidence;*
 - ii) *have disclosed to him and to examine any relevant documents:*
 - iii) *be heard; and*
 - iv) *defend themselves and correct, refute or contradict any evidence presented or statement made during the hearing.*
 - b) *the member is not entitled to be present during any deliberations of the Disciplinary Committee.*
 - c) *Any member of the Disciplinary Committee, who is in conflict of interest shall be replaced by the next available past president.*
7. *Suspension or expulsion shall take effect immediately, unless otherwise ordered by the Disciplinary Committee. The member and the Board shall be notified forthwith of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee. Notification of suspension or expulsion shall be in writing, but may also be oral and shall also state*
 - a) *the reasons for suspension or expulsion:*
 - b) *in the event of suspension, the period of suspension and/or condition of reinstatement, if any; and*
 - c) *the procedure for appeal.*



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8. Appeal Process

Any disciplined, suspended, or expelled member may request, in writing, an appeal of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee to the Board of Directors (with the exclusion of any members of the Disciplinary Committee) within fourteen days of receiving Notification of Discipline. The decision of the Board of Directors on the appeal request shall be final. If the member is not reinstated, his suspension or expulsion shall stand confirmed, and he / she shall have no privileges of the Club.

9. No Refund

The Club's Policy on refunds notwithstanding, an expelled person is not eligible for refund of any portion of his/ her dues.

10. General Manager's authorities

Notwithstanding anything in Article VII, the General Manager may take such timely measures during his day-to-day administration of the Club as may be necessary to ensure the safety of the membership, staff, visitors, as well as the protection of the Club's grounds, facilities and other property. Such measures may include the immediate administrative suspension of members'/visitors' playing privileges, use of power cars, access to Club facilities etc. as in the General Manager's opinion may be required to address the situation at hand. Appeals against measures taken by the General Manager under this Section may be brought directly to the Board of Directors for review.

*Avon Valley Golf and Country Club
November 14, 2022*