



Dear Members,

As approved by the Board of Directors during its regular meeting on 10 February 2026, pursuant to the amendment of the **Zero Tolerance Policy on Premature Ball Hitting** initially issued on **27 January 2025**, the Club hereby reminds all stakeholders that a golf ball hitting a person is, more often than not, caused by a player in a trailing flight prematurely hitting a golf shot. This premature ball-hitting poses a significant risk of causing severe injuries, including but not limited to internal bleeding, brain trauma, hemorrhaging, and potentially, fatal consequences. Additionally, incidents of premature ball-hitting often lead to disputes and altercations among members and guests, thereby undermining the harmonious atmosphere of the Club.

To address these risks and pursuant to the recommendation of the House Committee, the Club has adopted and will strictly enforce a zero-tolerance policy against prematurely hitting a ball while any member, player or caddie, of a preceding flight remains within range.

Definition of “Within Range”

The flight ahead is within range if any of its members, either a player or caddie, can be reached by the potential maximum distance of a shot by a player in the trailing flight. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following circumstances shall give rise to a presumption that the preceding flight was within range and that the ball was prematurely hit:

- (a) the ball flew over any member of the preceding flight;**
- (b) the ball landed or carried equidistant to any member of the preceding flight;**
- (c) the ball carried or landed within fifteen (15) yards short of any member of the preceding flight;**
or
- (d) when the preceding flight is on the putting green, the ball carried or landed within fifteen (15) yards short of the green.**

Such presumption shall be evaluated together with the surrounding facts and circumstances of the incident.

The determination of whether a ball was prematurely hit shall be made on a case-to-case basis, taking into account all relevant factors, including, but not limited to:

- (a) the handicap of the player;
- (b) the distance of the shot;
- (c) the position where the ball landed or carried;
- (d) environmental and course conditions at the time of the incident;
- (e) adherence or non-adherence to the advice or warning of caddies, forecaddies, and marshals;
- (f) the extent of injury caused by the premature ball hitting; and
- (g) the player's conduct following the incident, including the prompt extension of an appropriate apology.

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Additional Violations

The following acts shall likewise constitute violations of this policy:

- (a) hitting a ball before the forecaddie has signaled that it is already safe to do so; and**
- (b) disregarding a caddie's advice or warning that the flight remains within range.**

For the avoidance of doubt, the assessment by a player's caddie that the flight ahead is within range shall be considered controlling.

The Club reminds all members and caddies of the flight ahead to immediately remove themselves from the putting greens and its surrounding premises, including the cart part area, right after completing the hole. **For clarity, the flight ahead is still within range even if its members have already left the putting greens but are still on their way to their respective carts and/or their carts have not left the golf cart area.**

The Club acknowledges that there are certain holes in both the Player and Palmer Courses where the golf shots may be within range between holes (e.g. Player 3 green and Player 4 tee mound), Player 8 and Player 9, Player 16 green and Player 17 tee mound, Palmer 1 and Palmer 9) and/or may cross over the other course (Player 1 and Palmer 10). Players are advised to take extra care in hitting their shots. Wayward shots shall be addressed on a case-to-case basis, taking into account the surrounding circumstances.

This policy is being instituted for the safety and well-being of all players (members and guests), caddies and course staff. Compliance is mandatory, regardless of a player's personal assessment of his ability or range. Any breach of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Club's established procedures.

To address one of the root causes of premature ball-hitting – FRUSTRATIONS ARISING FROM SLOW PLAY – the Club encourages members to play ready golf without compromising the safety of others and to seek the assistance of Golf Marshals, if needed. These marshals are tasked with resolving and expediting issues related to slow play. Members are reminded that any deviation from this process will be treated as a violation and will result in appropriate sanctions. Similarly, slow flights are encouraged to allow faster flights to overtake them in the spirit of good golf ethics.

THE CLUB APPRECIATES THE COOPERATION OF ALL STAKEHOLDERS IN MAINTAINING A SAFE AND RESPECTFUL ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE.

The Management