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Our Mission Statement

At Oakfield, we are privileged that our members choose to spend their time with us at the club. As such, we strive to offer them the best possible experience and service while they are here. We believe that our amenities and team members are the key to offering the best private golf experience in the area. With our Mission Statement in line, we will continue to go above & beyond for our members in providing great playing conditions on a daily basis.

Golf Course Playing Standards

Area of Play	Desired HOC*	Desired Speed*	Frequency of Cut (Weekly)
Greens	.110" - .130"	9.6" - 10"	7 Days
Rolling	NA	9.6" - 10"	4-5 Days
Tees	.450" - .500"	NA	3 Days
Fairways	.450" - .500"	NA	3 Days
Intermediate Cut	1.25"	NA	3 Days
Rough	2"	NA	2 Days

Area of Play	Playing Standard
Greens	Provide a firm, smooth and consistent surface for our members
Fairways	Maintain to provide a healthy, disease free, drought tolerant turf that is firm and smooth
Bunkers	Maintain with a minimum of 4" of sand in the bottom and 2" on faces
Rough	To present a fair and playble area that members can advance the ball

*Height of Cut

** Green health will never be sacrificed to achieve green speed

It is important to note that during the shoulder season months, typically in the spring and fall, our course will not meet the same playing standards as it does during the peak season months (June - Aug). This is due to staffing levels, fluctuating weather conditions and the amount of time required for our turf to recover and reach optimal playing conditions.

Oakfield's turf conditions will fluctuate throughout the season. The maintenance and appearance of our course may vary during different weather conditions. We want to assure you that our dedicated grounds crew is constantly monitoring and adapting to these changes to ensure the best possible playing experience for all members.

There are a few factors that can affect the turf conditions on our course. The most significant of these is the weather. Excessive amounts of rain or drought can have a significant impact on the health and maintenance of our turf. The amount of sunshine and temperature also plays a role in the growth and appearance of the turf. Additionally, the course may experience natural wear and tear from heavy foot traffic or wildlife.

We understand that our members have come to expect a high standard of course maintenance at Oakfield Golf & Country Club and our dedicated grounds crew is committed to meeting this expectation. These playing standards may be changed and or modified by the Superintendent as required to ensure the health and sustainability of the course and grounds



Maintenance Days

Here at Oakfield, we maintain regular “Maintenance Days” every Tuesday by moving our starting times to 9:00am. This allows the Turf Crew to complete tasks such as verticutting, topdressing, aeration and adding soil additives, along with a myriad of other practices. These tasks are crucial to delivering on our playing standards and often need extra time to complete. We are committed to giving our turf crew the time and space needed to complete these task. Some of these tasks are:

Maintenance Task	Discription
<p style="text-align: center;">Verticutting</p>	<p>Vertical mowing, as the name implies takes a reel comprised of sharp cutting blades mounted on a greens mower that cuts into the turf canopy and removes thatch. Thatch is the layer of dead and dying plant material produces by turfgrass stands. When it relates to green speeds, excessive thatch accumulation creates a softer playing surface that leads to greater disruption to ball roll because of unrepaired or improperly repaired ballmarks and spike marks. Verticutting is something that is completed monthly. It should be noted that this is an aggressive cultural practice and a risk assessment will be completed prior to completing this process during hot and dry stretches.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Topdressing</p>	<p>A common practice, particularly following a verticutting is topdressing. Topdressing is the process of applying a layer of sand to the turf that has a couple of goals: One is to dilute the layer of thatch. The second is to smooth the playing surface in an effort to cover up and minimize the effects the certain blemishes or various growing patterns of the turf will have. Oakfield typically topdresses every third week. There are variables such as turf health, upcoming events, etc. which will determine the amount of sand put down. Only USGA grade topdressing sand is used during this process.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Aeration</p>	<p>Thatch is the buildup of organic matter. Aeration physically removes excess thatch and replaces it with sand – firming up the surface, for quicker, smoother greens. Excess thatch can lead to poor rooting plants, disease pressure, poor fertilizer/fungicide use, improper water usage, and a very poor putting surface. Aeration keeps our root-system strong and able to withstand heat in those hot summer months. By creating holes in our root zone, we are physically creating channels for water to flow freely. This also stops/prevents any layering that we may encounter in the growing season that can stunt root growth. Aeration is completed in both spring and summer with solid tines (no cores pulled). A larger core aeration is completed in the fall along with a deep tine aration after the season. Tees are aerated annually and takes place in the spring/ early summer.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Nutient Applications</p>	<p>We apply a variety of growth products in order to protect the most important playing surfaces on the golf course. These areas include greens, tees, fairways, rough and even in some cases, fescure. The most treated area on the course, is ofcourse our greens. These applications include fertilizer, lime, herbicide, wetting agents, growth regulators and fungicide. All nutrient applications are carried out by the clubs Certified Applicators in good standing and in accordance with the Clubs Environmental Responsibility Programs and polcies.</p>



Environmental Responsibility



Oakfield Golf & Country Club maintains environmental policies and procedures to promote and maintain environmentally responsible practices for the benefit of our employees, customers, and the communities in which we operate. We conduct and grow our business in a manner that respects the environment and strive to protect and conserve our world's natural resources.

At Oakfield Golf & Country Club, we recognize the importance of being responsible to the environment when golf course planning and siting, design, construction, maintenance, and facility operations. Oakfield Golf & Country Club in their commitment to the environment and the community will enforce environmental policies throughout the operation of the course that will comply with applicable regulations and standard in the industry.

We continue to work towards improvement through the development of programs designed to address the environmental cost and impact of our activities, products, and services. Oakfield Golf & Country Club will:

- Comply with applicable regulations and standards in the industry.
- Support pollution prevention and minimization programs in the workplace; Use materials and energy efficiently to conserve natural resources; Minimize the emissions that contribute to climate change.
- Cooperate and develop relationships with our community, suppliers, contractors, government agencies, and other organizations engaged in improving the environment.
- Review environmental objectives and monitor performance, so that we can properly assess our strengths and weakness and address them accordingly.
- Maintain the golf course in a responsible manner, focusing on environmental best practices through industries.