GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

A summary of the maintenance standards and regular cultural practices at Cedar Brae Golf Club

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Our Main Objectives

- Meet or exceed golf course conditioning expectations.
- Provide a premier golf course that honours its design and heritage.
- Consistently maintain exceptional levels of playing quality, environmental sustainability & property aesthetics.
- Ensure that member and staff safety is never compromised.

Greens

- Stimpmeter Reading Target: 9.5 and 11.25.
- Consistent ball roll from green to green.
- Maintain a firmness that accepts the ball but leaves a minimal ball mark.
- Maintain 60/40 Bentgrass to Poa while always promoting growth of Bentgrass.

Tee Decks

- Maintain level and firm teeing grounds with dense turf, uniform in colour and consistency, free of disease, weeds, and insects.
- Maintain turf firm enough for iron shots but soft enough to allow a tee to be put in easily.
- Maintain 80/20 Bent to Poa mix.

Cultural Practices for Greens

- Mowing- Daily (Double Cut as required).
- Rolling- As Needed.
- Hole locations changed daily- rotated as slope permits.

Cultural Practices for Tee Decks

 Mowing- Minimum three times per week.

Fairways

- Mowing Frequency- 3 times per week.
- To maintain firm playing surfaces with dense turf, uniform in colour and consistency, free of disease, weeds, and insects.
- To maintain a root system strong enough to sustain golf shots with minimal divot damage.
- To maintain 60/40 Bent to Poa Bent grass mix or increase the bent grass population.

Rough

- Mowing Frequency- 3 times per week.
- To maintain firm playing surfaces with dense turf, uniform in colour and consistency, free of disease, weeds, and insects.
- To maintain a consistent grass height of 2.25".
- To maintain a biodiverse mix of fescues, Kentucky blue grasses, and other grasses common to golf course roughs.



Bunkers

- Bunkers are raked daily.
- Measured for depth of sand once per week or after heavy rain or before key golf events.
- Pro Angle sand is used in all bunkers.
- Goal is to maintain flat bottom bunkers that have a firm, evenly patterned surface that is free of debris.

Important Comments

- Maintenance schedules and practices outlined above may need to be deviated from depending on weather or to accommodate golf events.
- Turf health will never be sacrificed to achieve desired conditions.
- How our members care for the golf course plays a huge role in the course conditioning and can have a significant impact on each member's exprience. Do your part! Replace divots, fix ball marks, care for the course like it's your own, because it is!