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Deerfield Staff Directory

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2026 Golf Course Opening Hours

The first tee will open at the following hours. These hours are subject to change due to extreme weather, scheduled maintenance, emergency maintenance or scheduled golf events. The golf shop will open ½ hour prior to the first tee time and close 1 hour before dusk.

Tee Times

January: Monday-Sunday 9:30 a.m.

(Please check with the Golf Shop for daily a.m. frost situations.)

February: Monday-Sunday 9:30a.m.

(Please check with the Golf Shop for daily a.m. frost situations.)

March: Monday-Sunday 8:30a.m.

(Please check with the Golf Shop for daily a.m. frost situations and time adjustments after daylight savings)

April: Weekday-7a.m./Saturday-Sunday 7a.m.

May: Weekday-7a.m./Saturday-Sunday 7a.m.

June: Weekday-7a.m./Saturday-Sunday 7a.m.

July: Weekday-7a.m./Saturday-Sunday 7a.m.

August: Weekday-7a.m./Saturday-Sunday 7a.m.

September: Weekday-7a.m./Saturday-Sunday 7a.m.

October: Monday - Sunday 8:00a.m.

November: Monday - Sunday 9:00a.m.

(Please check with the Golf Shop for daily a.m. frost situations.)

December: Monday-Sunday 9:30a.m.

(Please check with the Golf Shop for daily a.m. frost situations.)

*** Please refer to the calendar for additional closings. ***

***Opening and closing times are subject to change at any time and Deerfield Management reserves the right to modify the nightly closing time based on business volume and/or weather conditions.**

Practice Area Hours

The practice area will open at the following hours. These hours are subject to change due to extreme weather, scheduled maintenance, emergency maintenance or scheduled golf events.

November, December, January, February, March: Monday thru Sunday-Mats Only

April, May, June, July, August, September, October:

Monday thru Sunday-Mats Only (if weather conditions dictate) or Grass Tee (when available)

Open-One half hour prior to first scheduled tee time

Closed-One hour before dusk

The practice range will close early on evenings prior to scheduled maintenance or morning grass mowing.

Please check with the Golf Shop for the current schedule, times, and days where a "Clean Pick" is required.

Management reserves the right to modify the nightly closing time of the practice facilities based on business volume and/or weather conditions. Additionally, please note that the range maybe scheduled to close at a moment's notice in order to accommodate additional or overflow parking. Every effort will be made by the Deerfield staff – mainly in the Passholder E-News - to communicate days that we anticipate usage of the practice range may be affected by this situation. The practice range may be subject to closing at any time.

Tee Time Reservations

Tee Time Procedures

- Tee times may be booked 14 days in advance.
- Online tee time booking is available. Please see a member of the golf staff for more information.
- For same-day tee time bookings, please call the Golf Shop directly at **302-368-6640 ext. 3**.
- If necessary, all starting times may be altered at the discretion of the Golf Professional staff.

Cancellation Policy

For tee time modifications or cancellations please call the Golf Shop at **302-368-6640 ext. 3** no later than 24 hours prior to the scheduled start time. Should a group short-show or no-show for the reserved tee time, Deerfield reserves the right to charge your credit card applicable no show fees (\$25 per person) for the missing player(s). If you need further assistance scheduling a tee time, please call the Golf Shop to report any potential difficulties at your earliest opportunity.

Weather

In the event of inclement weather, please call the Golf Shop at **302-368-6640 ext. 3**, or visit the "Course Conditions" link on the website to see if the course is closed. If the course is open, you can count on your tee time remaining in effect.

Dress Code Policy

Passholders, guests and all public play at Deerfield are required to observe good taste and dress appropriately for the golf course. Items of clothing such as shorts must be hemmed to a length just above the knee, tank tops, tee shirts, denim, and other items deemed so by the Golf Shop staff are considered inappropriate. Anyone dressed inappropriately will be asked to make the proper adjustment to his or her attire prior to the start of the round. Thank you for your cooperation.

Deerfield is a non-metal spike facility.

Deerfield Guest Guide

Welcome to Deerfield! We've prepared some helpful guidelines for frequently asked questions so that we can provide quick, accurate and consistent responses to your most common questions. Please feel free to ask any team member if we can help further. Please have a safe, fun visit playing Deerfield!

- All players must check in to the Pro Shop before accessing the golf course.
- Golfers must have appropriate golf shirt for men/women and no denim on course or at range or putting green, please.
- Personal coolers are not permitted other than approved medical coolers.
- No outside alcohol allowed on property, please.
- Golfers must have their own set of clubs or a set can be rented in the Pro Shop.
- All players must start from Hole #1 unless permitted from golf shop staff.
- No fivesomes, please. We encourage twosomes to join together and will pair singles with twosomes or threesomes whenever possible.
- Golfers must have a valid driver's license to operate a golf cart.
- Guests 12 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult on the course, at the driving range or on putting green. Kids under 6 years of age are not permitted on the course as golfer or paid spectator (other than private events or clinics at Deerfield's discretion) in the interest of guest safety. Strollers/baby carriages not permitted.
- Carts must remain on the paths near all tee boxes including forward tees. Please do not drive to the forward tees by leaving the path.
- Carts must be kept 30 yards or more from all greens, please.
- Golfers must fix their divots and ball marks.
- Music is permitted in carts at a reasonable volume as to not distract any other players/groups – Pro Shop staff reserves the right to lower or remove music at their discretion for the enjoyment of all guests.
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No handicap flags will be issued unless the cart rule is Cart Path Only – then it's 90 degree accommodation only – no additional preferred access is granted to guests with handicap flags to go nearer tees or greens.
- When lightning is in the area, Pro Shop staff will sound with one long siren blast – golfers must return to the clubhouse immediately. Play resumes after three short siren blasts.
- Rain policy – when rain causes termination of play, a credit will be given for the remaining holes not played – five or more holes is considered nine holes played and fourteen or more holes is considered eighteen holes played.
- At the putting green, only putting and chipping within one clublength of the green's edge is permitted. No pitching or lofted shots of any kind is allowed.
- Driving range – when on "mats only" please use no clubs you will hit longer than 240 yards and maintain eight feet or more of separation between other golfers for safety.

Tournament Information

The Deerfield event schedule will reflect the diversity of interests and ability levels of its passholders. The Tournament Program consists of an assortment of golf events, which are comprised of traditional and recreational formats.

Tournament Registration

Registration for events can be done by calling the golf shop @ 302-368-6640 ext 3 or by signing up in the golf shop.

Tournament Cancellation Policy

Any golfer registered to play in a Deerfield tournament will be responsible for the individual entry fee should he/she fail to cancel more than 24 hours before the event begins. Golfers will not be refunded for any portion of the entry fee should he/she elect not to finish or withdraw from any event in progress. Some special events will have a specific cancellation policy which will be longer than a 24 hour period. Any such events will have the specific cancellation policy stated clearly on the registration sign-up or invitation.

Event Eligibility

All passholders and guests with a U.S.G.A. approved handicap may participate in Deerfield tournaments. All players eligible for prizes must have an approved U.S.G.A. handicap. The professional staff may review/adjust all handicaps submitted for tournament play. In order for a player to participate in a tournament, the Professional staff may require a minimum number of recent local scores posted, or in lieu of this, may adjust the player's Handicap per the U.S.G.A Handicap System Manual. Note: Some event formats in the schedule will not require the use of a handicap.

Handicaps

Handicaps are computed under the supervision of the Golf Professional in accordance with the current U.S.G.A. handicap system. The current USGA handicap revision at the time of the entry deadline will be used for most tournaments. Unless otherwise directed by the Head Golf Professional, passholders and guests must enter their scores in the USGA handicap computer located in the golf shop after each round of golf. Passholders must maintain their handicaps per the posted U.S.G.A regulations on the automated USGA system provided. Entering scores for the 2026 season will be available beginning April 1, 2026.

Failure to post a score may result in the Golf Shop posting a score equal to the lowest score of the passholder's last twenty rounds. The Head Golf Professional will determine if there are violations by passholders in turning in their scores and has the authority to adjust handicaps. The Professional staff may adjust any player's handicap in accordance with Section 8 of the U.S.G.A. Handicap System Manual.

Use of Tees for Tournament Play

The Professional Staff will announce or post on the rules of play which teeing ground is to be played. Most event tees will be played as follows: Men=White Ladies=Red. Note: The Deerfield Club Champion will be named from the Blue Tee. Men 62 years of older and also having a 20+ (Gold Tee) course handicap may play from the Gold Tee if they normally play from that set of tees. Note: Special consideration of either temporary or permanent access to the gold tee will be addressed on a case by case basis. Final approval of special status will be granted by the Head Golf Professional only. Players competing in Deerfield events from different tees or men and women competing from the same tees will be subject to the recommended handicap adjustment as stated in the U.S.G.A. Handicap System Manual.

2026 Golf Event Schedule

April

Individual Match Play Championship - Begins 4/13/26 and runs through 9/6/25

Team Match Play Championship - Begins 4/13/26 and runs through 9/6/26

Mid-Atlantic Senior Golf Association – TBD

May

Deerfield Cup-36 Hole Individual Stroke Play Event - Saturday & Sunday 5/30/26 - 5/31/26

Mid-Atlantic Senior Golf Association – TBD

June

Mid-Atlantic Senior Golf Association – TBD

July

Deerfield Club Championship Weekend – Saturday & Sunday 7/18/26 – 7/19/26

Mid-Atlantic Senior Golf Association – TBD

August

Mid-Atlantic Senior Golf Association – TBD

September

Deerfield Team Championship- 27 Hole Modified Ryder Cup Format Sunday 9/6/26

Mid-Atlantic Senior Golf Association – TBD

October

Mid-Atlantic Senior Golf Association – TBD

Note: All 2026 Deerfield tournament information is subject to change. We welcome the feedback of any and all Passholders in reference to events you would like to see added, edited, or removed from the Passholder Golf Book or considered for future seasons.

Please direct this feedback to Hfelicia@deerfieldgolfclub.com. Thanks again for choosing Deerfield for 2026, and have a great season!

Individual Match Play Championship – Season Long

Date:	Registration runs from April 1 st – April 13 th Match Play – Begins April 14 th Round One – Matches must be played by May 31, 2026 Round Two – Matches must be played by June 30, 2026 Round Three – Matches must be played by July 31, 2026 Round Four – Matches must be played by August 31, 2026 Championship & Consolation Matches – must be played by Sep. 6, 2026 Field will be set and cannot be added to after April 13, 2026. Deerfield will communicate the field to the passholders on April 14, 2026. It is solely the responsibility of the participants of each individual match to schedule and complete matches on or before the round deadline. Matches not played by the round deadline will be determined by a coin toss (no exceptions). Schedule will be adjusted if needed based on participation levels.
Format:	The current USGA handicap that is in effect at the time of the match being played will be used. All matches will be played at 80% of full course handicap (stroke off low ball). Any set of tees may be used during the match play competition, but must be agreed upon by both parties prior to the start of the match. A handicap adjustment may be applied by the Pro Shop staff in matches conducted from differing sets of tees.
Guests/Public:	No- Open to all Deerfield passholders only
Cost:	Entry Fee - \$20 for the entire event MUST BE PAID AT REGISTRATION All other fees are included unless a 5 Day/Twilight passholder competes in a match on a weekend or before twilight access begins. In this case, he or she is responsible for a \$20 players fee.
Field:	Limited to the first teams registered to fill the bracket. Once a bracket size is filled additional interested participants will be placed on a wait list until enough players are signed up to open up the next bracket size.
Entry Deadline:	4-13-26 (other rounds – see above)
Schedule of Events:	Determined by participants within deadlines above
Scoring:	Match Play Net – 80% Handicap
Prizes:	Prizes will be awarded in Golf Shop credit/merchandise.

Team Match Play Championship- Season Long

- Date:** Registration runs from April 1st – April 13th
Match Play – Begins April 14th
Round One – Matches must be played by May 31, 2026
Round Two – Matches must be played by June 30, 2026
Round Three – Matches must be played by July 31, 2026
Round Four – Matches must be played by August 31, 2026
Championship & Consolation Matches – must be played by Sep. 6, 2026
- Note: Matches not played by the round deadline will be determined by a coin toss.
- Format:** Match Play – Match handicaps will use the current USGA handicap revision that is in effect that the match is played. All matches will be played at 100% individual handicap. Matches will stroke off the low handicap in the foursome for team match. Competitors can choose tee location for match play competition. A handicap adjustment may be applied by the Golf staff in matches conducted from different sets of tees.
- Guests/Public:** No- Open to all Deerfield passholders only
- Cost:** \$40 per two person team entry fee for the entire event
All other fees are included unless a 5 Day/Twilight passholder competes in a match on a weekend or before twilight access begins. In this case, he or she is responsible for a \$20 players fee.
- Field:** Limited to the first teams registered to fill the bracket. Once a bracket size is filled additional interested participants/teams will be placed on a wait list until enough players are signed up to open up the next bracket size.
- Entry Deadline:** 4-13-26
- Schedule of Events:** Match Play- Brackets will be posted 4-14-26. All matches must be played by the round deadline or a coin toss will determine the winner.
- Scoring:** Match play
- Prizes:** Prizes will be issued in golf shop credit/merchandise

Mid-Atlantic Senior Golf Association Tournaments

- Date:** April through October. Six play dates @ various local courses.
- Format:** The events are stroke play-team competition. The teams are randomly selected and composed of an A, B, C, & D skill level player using individual U.S.G.A. full handicaps, compete for modest individual Golf Shop award gift certificates. The emphasis is on camaraderie and a good time playing golf.
- Guests:** Open to all Deerfield Passholders and invited guests age 50 and older only. All participants must have valid U.S.G.A. handicap index.
- Cost:** TBD
- Entry Deadline:** A tournament announcement sheet providing tournament details and an entrance sign-up is posted in advance of each tournament.
- Scoring:** Team Scoring: The team score is the sum of individual player tournament scores. A player's tournament score is his gross points minus his point quota. Each player is given a predetermined point quota, which is based on player's handicap. (The player's quota is determined by subtracting his handicap from the value 54.) Accumulated player points are awarded for scores at each hole as follows: Eagle, eight points; Birdie, five points; Par, three points; Bogie, two points, Double Bogie, one point and Triple Bogie or higher, zero points.

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Deerfield Cup-Trophy Event

- Date:** Saturday 5/30 and Sunday 5/31
- Format:** 36 hole individual stroke-play (gross and net). A stroke-play competition consists of participants completing each hole of the stipulated round and, for each round, returning a scorecard on which there is a gross (total) score for each hole. Each competitor is playing against every other competitor in the competition. The competitor who plays the stipulated rounds in the fewest strokes is the winner. In the net competition, the competitor's course handicap will be used to determine the winner by subtracting the player's handicap strokes from their gross (total) score. The lowest two-day total net score will be the net winner of this event.
- Guests:** No- Open to all Deerfield Passholders
- Cost:** All Deerfield Passholders- \$50 per person covers event entry, prizes & food
- Entry Deadline:** 5/25/26
- Schedule of events:** Tee times starting at 8:00 a.m.
- Scoring:** Gross and Net
- Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded in Golf Shop credit/merchandise.



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Deerfield Club Championship Weekend
(Men's, Women's & Seniors)

- Date:** Saturday 7/18/26 and Sunday 7/19/26
- Format:** Stroke/medal play/flighted
Note: Participants will declare their intent to compete for the Championship or enter the flights at the time of registration. Note: A minimum of five participants are needed in order for a division to stand.
- Guests:** No - Open to all Deerfield Passholders
- Cost:** All Deerfield Passholders- \$50 per person covers food & prizes
- Entry Deadline:** 7/15/26
- Field:** Open to all male, female, and Senior Deerfield Passholders
- Schedule of Events:** Tee Times starting at 8:00am
Awards following play on 7/19/26
- Scoring:** Gross-Flights and Net

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Deerfield Team Championship

Date: Sunday 9/6/26

Format: 27 hole Modified Ryder Cup Format-
All games are played under Match Play rules, where the result of each game is determined by the number of holes won. The order of play for the first nine holes of play is Fourball and Foursomes during the 2nd nine holes. The final nine holes of play will be in Singles format.

FOURBALL

"Fourball" play is a match in which each member of the two-man teams plays their own ball. Fourballs are in play per hole with each of the four players competing. The team whose player has the lowest score on that hole wins the hole. Should players from each team tie for the best score, the hole is halved.

FOURSOMES

"Foursomes" play is a match where two golfers play together against two other golfers and each team plays one ball. The golfers play alternate shots (player A hits tee shot, player B hits second shot, etc) until the hole is played out. Team members alternate playing the tee shots, with one golfer hitting the tee shot on odd-numbered holes, and the other hitting the tee shot on the even-numbered holes. The team with the better score wins the hole. Should the two teams tie for best score, the hole is halved.

SINGLES

"Singles" is a match in which one player competes against another player. A player wins the match when he is up by more holes than there are holes remaining to play.

Guests: No-Open to all Deerfield passholders only

Cost: All Deerfield Passholders- \$60 per person including food & prizes

Entry Deadline: 8/31/26 Note: this format will require even teams. A waiting list will be kept for all interested passholders beyond 24 players.

Schedule of Events: Tee Times starting at- 8:00 a.m.
and awards following play.

Scoring: Modified Ryder Cup

Prizes: Prizes will be awarded in Golf Shop credit/merchandise