

# BISHOPS GATE

## **2024 Membership Renewal Information and Forms**

Dear Bishops Gate Members and Residents,

Thank you for being a part of the Bishops Gate Family. With the unique combination of members, residents and academy students, Bishops Gate is grateful for the opportunity to serve all partners that enjoy the facilities. Thank you for your continued trust in us to provide top-class conditioning in a private, serene setting.

While our goals are simple, they embody what we wish to model in our golf community:

- Provide top-class conditioning, specifically on all playing surfaces
- Provide a fair, challenging golf facility
- Support and foster an environment of harmony between all the partners at Bishops Gate: Members, Residents, Academy Students, Academy Personnel, visiting National and College Teams and Guests
- Provide a social experience for the Residents of Bishops Gate

## Programs and Terms

In 2023 for the Year 2024, Bishops Gate is offering two membership programs to fit the needs of prospective Members – a Full-Time Annual Membership and Short-Term Monthly Memberships.

For the Full-Time Annual Membership dues for Bishops Gate, we are raising the fee for single members by a modest \$100 p.a. to \$2,600 per single member and by \$100 for couples to \$3,250. In both cases this would include for both single and couple memberships their children or grandchildren up to 18 years old, payable in advance. If you choose to pay monthly, the monthly fee will remain the same at \$275 or \$3,300 per year for single member or \$325 or \$3,900 per year for a couple. You must commit to the whole year for this rate and payment will be set up to be taken on the first of the month, either by standing order or by a credit card on file. Dues and membership are subject to annual review.

The Short-Term Membership dues for Bishops Gate are:

	<b>Single Member</b>	<b>Couple Members</b>
i) One Month:	\$600;	\$750
ii) Three Months:	\$1,400;	\$1,750
iii) Six Months:	\$2,000;	\$2,500
iv) Weekend Membership:	\$1,500.	\$2,000

All of the short-term membership dues are payable in advance. If anyone takes out the six-month membership and opts to stay for one additional month, the cost for the additional month will be \$275 for a single member or \$300 for couple members. Anyone who is here for eight or more months will be required to pay for a full-time annual membership.

Membership fees are non-refundable except in extenuating circumstances. Any Member providing substantial, legitimate reasons in writing for leaving before the end of the term of their membership may be reimbursed a pro-rated amount calculated on the fee amount of the most expensive Membership described above. Therefore, if leaving within three months of the start of the year, then the three-month rate of \$1,400 or \$1,750 would apply, with a \$1,000 or \$1,500 credit on a Full-Time Annual Membership. All refunds are subject to approval by Bishops Gate Management.

Short-Term members who split their time in Florida between the beginning and the end of the year will be required to pay their fees as outlined below.

	<b>Single Member</b>	<b>Couple Members</b>
i) January – March:	\$1,500;	\$2,000
ii) October - December:	\$1,250;	\$1,600

## **Facilities**

Bishops Gate Golf Facilities include:

- 10 holes of golf, with double tees and double pin positions, creating an 18-hole playing experience
- 16-acre practice facility, with multiple tee areas and target greens
  - Multiple short game practice chipping/putting greens

As host to the International Junior Golf Academy (“IJGA”), a premier junior golf training program, the facilities were developed to challenge the golfer in all facets of the game. Strategy and precision are required, much like a game of chess which inspired the name of the development. All facilities are maintained to the highest standard demanded by IJGA, who bear much of the cost of the facilities.

IJGA students principally make use of the facilities in the afternoons, with certain students using the course in the mornings. The intent is to create an exclusive and private golf course experience, for the easy enjoyment of Students, Residents, Members and Guests. In 2024, the IJGA morning golf students and coaches will work around Member play and will be instructed to use morning golf course time principally for playing rounds on Member regular play days and modestly as “practice on the course” on non-Member regular play days, and respectful of Residents and Members priority on the golf course. In this way, our goal of efficient pace of play will be maintained for all players.

## **Guests**

Residents and Members are welcome to bring Guests, who are charged \$50 per day for unlimited play on the golf course and use of the practice facility. A reduced rate of \$30 is offered on Men’s Day (Thursday) and Ladies’ Day (Friday). Guest vouchers may be purchased in any quantity from the IJGA Business Office (House #26605) and must be purchased IN ADVANCE. When the guests are brought to the club, the Resident or Member is required to place the requisite number of vouchers in the Guest Voucher box by the golf cart pick up point.

## **Services**

Golf Carts and Golf Push Carts are available to Residents, Members and Guests at no charge, subject to availability. Golf Carts are allowed to be used by International Junior Golf Academy students on the weekends and weekdays after 5pm for play and practice. At times they may also be permitted to use them during the morning program to maintain pace of play. Bishops Gate Management reserves the right to allow staff, students, and guests to use the green carts at their discretion while still being mindful of having enough carts available for use by members and their guests.

From November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, a complimentary “continental style” breakfast is available from 8:00am-8:30am Tuesday - Friday, followed by a buffet style lunch from 11:30am-12:15pm Monday – Friday. Neither breakfast nor lunch will be served on weekends. Food service may be limited or suspended over Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. All food service is available at the discretion of Bishops Gate and is subject to change at any time, particularly in the event of another outbreak in the Covid pandemic.

Bishops Gate is registered as a golf club with the Florida State Golf Association, and Residents and Members are given a GHIN number to update their handicaps.

### **Member Bag Tag**

All existing Members and Residents should have a Bishops Gate bag tag. These bag tags are meant to serve two functions: primarily to express gratitude for our Members’ continued support and secondly to help ensure the golf facility is preserved for Members and their Guests.

All Members are asked to please display the bag tag on their bag in such a manner that is always visible (whether being carried or on a cart).

# Application for Membership

(New and Renewing Members and Residents)

Please complete application for principal household member and return electronically to [drake.edmond@ijga.com](mailto:drake.edmond@ijga.com) or by post to *International Junior Golf Academy | 26945 Bella Vista Drive | Howey-in-the-Hills, FL 34737*  
*Attention: Membership*

## Personal Information

### Principal Member:

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First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
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### Spouse of Member:

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First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
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Home Address	City, State/Province	Zip/Postal Code
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Home Telephone

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Principal Member Cell

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Spouse Cell

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Principal Member Email

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Spouse Member Email

Type of Membership (see Program Information above): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: Principal Member \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Reference (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Resident or Member Reference)

Children in Household: Number \_\_\_\_\_

Names and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

## Approval Process

- Each application is reviewed by a Membership Committee, who seeks references from current Residents and Members, and/or invites Applicants to play a round of golf with one or more members of the Committee, as a way of getting to know the Applicant.
- All memberships are subject to renewal on an annual basis.
- The Membership Committee has the final decision on memberships.

## Disciplinary Procedure

- Members may approach another Member with their complaint, and then bring it to Bishops Gate, who will address the violation of any of the rules directly with the Member. Members may not address junior golfers of the IJGA.
- For a major or repeated violation, the Member will be asked to appear in front of the Membership Committee where both parties will have the opportunity to give their viewpoint.
  - The Membership Committee has the authority to immediately terminate memberships for serious violations, particularly improper behavior towards the junior golfers, or to decide not to renew the Membership at the annual renewal review. Any Member terminated with cause will not receive a refund of dues paid.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name:

## Course Rules

- Golfers are expected to exercise good golf etiquette as it relates to on and off-course behavior, respect for one another, respect for the facility and proper golf attire (collared shirts required at all times, no denim).
- Aggressive, confrontational, and any improper behavior is unacceptable, particularly if targeted at the junior golfers. Any complaints about junior golfer behavior must be addressed to a golf coach of the IJGA.
- When using Bishops Gate golf carts, the golfer to golf cart ratio should be 2:1 at all times.
  - E.g., 2 golfers = 1 cart, 3 golfers = 2 carts, 4 golfers = 2 carts
  - Residents using their personal golf carts are not required to share their cart. However, in an effort to keep as many carts available as possible, it would be greatly appreciated.
- When off a cart path, golf carts are **never to be within 10 yards of any green or beyond any markers guiding golf carts away from greens.**
- The bringing of any Guests without the purchase of a Guest Pass is a betrayal of trust and a serious infringement.
- All members must sign a golf cart waiver to be able to drive a golf cart. Members choosing not to sign the waiver will not be allowed to use a golf cart.
- As Bishops Gate is a shared facility with the golf academy, alcohol in any form is prohibited, except for special events arranged in advance. Smoking is permitted in designated areas, on the golf course and away from students. Smoking is expressly prohibited around the clubhouse area.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Resident, Member and Academy Access

- **SEPTEMBER - MAY**

- **Residents and Members have priority, but not exclusivity**, on the golf course from **8:00am-1:15pm** and **6:00pm-DUSK weekdays**. Members and Residents have reserved station(s) on the practice facility throughout the morning hours of 8:00am-1:15pm.
- **Academy Students have exclusivity** on the practice facility from **1:15pm-6:00pm** and reserved stations on the practice facility from **8:00am to 1:15pm**, weekdays. There will be a Member Tee set-up for use by members and residents, however, Bishops Gate Management reserves the right to use this tee should the need arise.
- Academy Students have priority, but not exclusivity, for practice and play on the golf course from **1:15pm-6:00pm** weekdays.
- The Academy operates junior golf events over weekends, with three 54-hole events a year in which case the golf course is not available to members on those weekends. The other four events are 36 holes, generally shotgun starts, in which case the course is available to members in the afternoon.
- The course is not available for use on Mondays until Noon to allow the Maintenance team time to do uninterrupted work. The day of the week for this may change from time to time but we will notify members as far in advance as possible.

- **JUNE – AUGUST**

- **Residents and Members have priority, but not exclusivity** on the golf course from **8:00am-1:00pm** and **5:00pm-DUSK weekdays Tuesday-Thursday**. Academy students play in a tournament each Thursday and Friday, teeing off between 8:00AM to 8:30AM, often in a shotgun formation depending on the number of students. Members and Residents have reserved station(s) on the practice facility throughout the day. Bishops Gate Management reserves the right to use this tee should the need arise.



- **Academy and Summer Students have priority** on the golf course and practice facility from **1:00pm-5:00pm** and reserved stations on the practice facility from **8:00am to 6:00pm, weekdays.**
- On weekends, Residents, Members and IJGA Students have equal priority on the golf course, and each have reserved stations on the practice facility.
- Priority access is defined as the privilege of having tee box priority and play-through priority when pace of play is slowed. Exclusivity is defined as being the only persons allowed on the golf course during that specific time.
- During approved special Member events, Bishops Gate will close the course accordingly.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **GOLF CART WAIVER AND RELEASE AGREEMENT**

1. Members and Residents of Bishops Gate have electric golf carts, and push carts available to them for use on the golf course and practice facility areas.
  
2. As a Member / Resident, I acknowledge that driving a golf cart or riding in a golf cart driven by someone else has inherent risks, which cannot be eliminated, especially on hilly and woodland terrain, and I freely and voluntarily assume any risks/hazards inherent in the program/activity and understand and acknowledge that I may suffer personal and potentially serious injury due to an unforeseeable event associated with participation. International Junior Golf Academy, LLC, Bishops Gate Property Company, LLC and all affiliate businesses accept no liability or responsibility for personal injury to the driver or passenger of a golf cart, nor injury to someone who may be hit by a golf cart or damage to the golf cart or property involved in any accident or incident.
  
3. I have been informed to abide by the rules and regulations of Bishops Gate.
  
4. Damage Waiver: I understand that there is a minimum damage fee of \$350 for any damage caused in relation to the usage of the golf cart, or lack of care thereof. I also understand that I will be charged for the replacement or repair value of the broken item accordingly.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_