

# Evergreen Park Pay to Play Policy

Approved by the Membership.

Date:

## **Policy**

The Grande Prairie Disc Golf Club (GPDGC) recognizes the need to raise revenue to maintain courses while also keeping disc golf financially accessible for all players.

The GPDGC will begin requiring non-members to make a financial contribution every time they play the disc golf course in Evergreen Park or use the course's parking lot for other recreation.

Occasional "free to play" weekends will be declared. There will be no charge for junior players (under 18 years of age).

## **Reasons for this Policy**

To encourage the purchasing of GPDGC memberships.

To generate revenue for the new Road Maintenance Fee being collected by Evergreen Park.

To generate revenue for new maintenance costs conducted by volunteers such as mowing, chainsawing, weed whacking, gravel and building supplies.

## **Additional Information**

The initial fee will be \$5 per vehicle for day use. This fee may be changed at any time by a motion of the Board.

GPDGC annual membership will entitle a player to unlimited free play. There will be no charge for non-members who travel to the course in the same vehicle as a GPDGC member.

Events held in Evergreen Park will pay the GPDGC a \$5 fee for each non-GPDGC member that participates. Tournament Directors of these events are encouraged to give every GPDGC member a \$5 discount. This fee may be changed at any time by a motion of the Board.

When there is a long weekend and no event planned for the course, it will be "free to play" for the weekend. The Management Board may declare other times to be "free to play."

Signs at the course and social media posts will be used to inform players and parking lot users of this policy.

Payment can be made through the GPDGC website or an e-transfer.

## Background Information

**This page is not included in the Policy. It is attached for information purposes only.**

There is no intention to ever institute a similar policy at South Bear Creek Park or Thrill Hill Disc Golf Courses. This policy is being introduced in recognition of significant costs the Grande Prairie Disc Golf Club is bearing to maintain the Co-op Community Disc Golf Course.

For example:

- Our other two courses are mowed by the City, and parking is on City land. The club is required to mow the course in Evergreen Park. The club is also required to maintain the parking lot.
- Evergreen Park required the Club to increase its insurance to \$5,000,000. This created an increase in premiums.

These costs were known to the club, and built into our budget. However, in 2022, there will be two new and unexpected costs:

- Evergreen Park is requiring the Club to get Forest Fire Insurance. This is something we have never required before, and which will come with another increase to our insurance premiums
- Evergreen Park is requiring the club to start paying a \$750/year "road fee." This fee may increase in the future if our course sees increases in usage.

This policy is being introduced to help the club recover some of the new, unexpected costs being required by Evergreen Park.