The Golf Software Contract Checklist

Before your next renewal, take 15 minutes with your current contract. Fill in the blanks below so you know exactly where you stand, and what a fair deal should look like.

1. Find these in your contract

Most are in the first few pages or under "Term", "Renewal" or "Termination".

- [ ] **Contract end date**
  When the current term finishes. _____
- [ ] **Does it renew automatically? For how long?**
  Many renew for another full term unless you act. _____
- [ ] **Notice deadline to cancel**
  Often 30, 60 or 90 days before renewal. Put it in your calendar. _____
- [ ] **How notice must be given**
  Email, letter, certified mail? Keep a copy. _____
- [ ] **Penalty or fee for leaving early**
  Look for "early termination" or "liquidated damages". _____
- [ ] **Who owns the hardware at the end?**
  Readers, printers, screens: yours to keep, or returned? _____
- [ ] **Card processing terms**
  Are you tied to their processing? Can rates change? _____
- [ ] **Tee times given as part of the price?**
  How many, which days, and who sets the price? _____
- [ ] **Getting your data out**
  Full customer export? How long? Any fee? _____

2. Red flags to watch for

Auto-renewal with a narrow window
Miss one date and you're locked in for another term.

Fees for leaving
Penalties that cost more than staying a few more months.

Hardware you never own
Paying for equipment month after month, then handing it back.

Data held at arm's length
Slow, partial or paid exports of your own customer list.

This checklist isn't legal advice. If you're unsure what your contract allows, ask your vendor in writing or have it reviewed.

3. What a fair deal looks like

Tick each one your current software meets. A fair deal says yes to every line.

- [ ] **Monthly or yearly, your choice.** No multi-year term required.
- [ ] **Cancel anytime.** If the software stops earning its keep, you can leave.
- [ ] **No per-round fees.** Your bill doesn't grow every time a golfer books.
- [ ] **No markup on card processing.** You pay the processor's own rates.
- [ ] **Your tee times stay yours.** Nothing bartered or resold as part of the price.
- [ ] **Card money goes straight to your bank account.** Not through the vendor's.
- [ ] **Your customer list is yours.** A full export, anytime, at no charge.
- [ ] **Clear pricing in writing,** before you sign.

4. Hardware: buy it or keep renting it?

Add up what your contract charges for equipment over its full term, then compare with buying it outright.

Equipment	Number of stations	Cost to buy outright	Contract cost over the term
Tablet or computer			
Card reader			
Receipt printer			
Cash drawer			
Total			

5. Questions to ask any vendor before you sign

- What is the full yearly cost, including setup, hardware and anything per round?
- Do you take any of our tee times as part of the price?
- Where does card money go, and how fast does it reach our bank?
- Do you add anything on top of the card processor's fees?
- How long is the contract, and does it renew automatically?
- What does it take to cancel, and is there a fee?
- Can we export all of our data, anytime, at no charge?
- How do we reach support on a Saturday morning?

CourseOS was built to pass every line of section 3.

Tee sheet, online booking, POS, memberships and payments in one system. Monthly or annual, cancel anytime.

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