

CLUB RULES

General

The rules of golf as fixed from time to time by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, together with any local rules, shall be the rules of play.

The Committee has the right to reserve the course at any time.

Junior members may only play at such times and under conditions of the junior section as laid down by the Committee.

Children under five are not allowed to accompany anyone playing or play on the course and children under ten at the discretion of the Starter.

Dogs are not permitted on the course.

The issue of a membership disc for attaching to a member's golf bag is to ensure that only bona fide members play on the course. Anyone without a disc (or visitors ticket) should be challenged. In the event of a member's disc being lost, it is the responsibility of the member to obtain a replacement from the secretary.

Games consisting of more than four balls are not permitted on the course.

Players who do not start from the first hole, except with permission from the committee, or do not play in strict numerical order of holes, have no standing on the course and must give way if caught up by the following game. At all times players who have fallen one clear hole behind must, on being asked, allow following players to go through.

A booking system is run from the club house. It is advisable for members to check with the club for vacant tee times and on arrival at the course they must sign in with the starter before play if possible.

Course Upkeep

Turf removed by an act of playing must always be replaced except on tees, where divots should be filled with sand from the boxes provided.

After bunker shots the sand must always be raked, leaving the bunker in the best possible condition, as you would like to find it.

Plug marks on greens must be repaired.

The climbing of fences or walls to farmers fields in search of golf balls is strictly forbidden.

Each player must have a bag of clubs.

Practicing on the course is not permitted.

Behaviour/Etiquette

The attention of all playing Members is drawn to Section 1 of the Rules of Golf. All persons playing the course are expected to know these rules and to observe them at all times.

Members, guests and visitors are expected to behave in a polite and decorous manner and to treat all staff and club officials with courtesy and respect. Under no circumstances must complaints be made directly to staff. **Complaints must be made in writing to the Committee.**

Dress Rules

Members are expected to conform to the spirit of what is casual but smart. Denim trousers in good condition may be worn but running shorts, singlets, sleeveless or collarless shirts and football team colours are not permitted on the course or in the clubhouse. Ladies may dress according to the fashion of the day but they are expected to conform to the spirit of the above regulations.

Visitors

Each member is entitled to introduce guests at the concessionary rate of 50% of current green fees per guest. Members entertaining guests on concessionary tickets must accompany them during play and a maximum of three tickets will be issued at any one time- Tickets may not be used for group bookings. This booklet must be produced when purchasing concessionary tickets. Concessionary tickets are not transferable and guests must display a visitor's ticket on their golf bag. **The same guest shall not be introduced more than six times per calendar year whether introduced by the same member or other members.** Juniors do not have concessionary tickets.

Social Events

Members and their guests are welcome at all social events.

Insurance

As of 1st January 2008 all members, having paid their subscriptions, will be covered under golf club members insurance arranged by Carrick Neill. This also covers visitors to the Club,

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Any member changing address shall notify the same, in writing, to the Secretary. Failing such intimation, all notices sent to the last notified address shall be held as duly delivered.

No unauthorised member shall submit any employee of the club to a personal reprimand.

Members and visitors must comply with any regulations made and exhibited by order of the Committee.

Competitions

All competitions must start at 1st hole unless they have permission, pre-arranged with the Committee-

Regulations relating to Ladies' competitions are to be found in the appropriate section. All club competitions shall be arranged by the Committee who, in respect of Lady members and Junior associates, may delegate the responsibility.

On the day of stroke-play competitions, it is forbidden to play on the course prior to the competition.

It is the condition of entrance to all stroke-play competitions that a card must be returned, including "no returns".

Handicaps should be obtained from the handicap records in the clubhouse.

Gentlemen's Competitions and Ballots

On weekday competitions there will be three tee-off times at 9.00am 1.30pm and 5.00pm. (April/Aug) and 5.30pm (May/July). A draw for partners will take place 5 minutes before these times. Competitors teeing off at the above times will have priority on the course.

At weekends the tee off times will be 9.00am and 1.30pm when there will be a draw for partners, and at 4.00pm when competitors must arrange their own partner. Rules relating to priority are the same as for weekdays" Competitors cannot tee off before or after the designated start times on any day.

Additional competitions and start times will be posted on the notice board in the men's changing room and Handicap Master web site.

<http://www.mastersscoreboard.co.uk/Clubindex.php?CWID=6340>

The Wednesday and Saturday Competition starting sheets can be found in the lounge. On arrival, all intending competitors must enter their names on the competition sheet and pay the competition entry fee. On completion of their round they should enter their score into the computer and put their COMPLETED scorecard in the box.

Players must be available five minutes before their block ballot time. Play should be in threes but may be in twos if it is necessary to ensure all competitors are accommodated. Playing in fours is forbidden unless the competition format requires it, or in exceptional circumstances.

Match Play

The name of the competitor appearing first in each tie is the challenger and they must give their opponent the choice of three dates on which to play. The dates must be spread over the available period and one of them must be a weekend. **All matches must be completed by the specified date on the sheet.** In the event of a halved match, the tie must be brought to a conclusion within the time specified by either completing another eighteen holes, or less, as defined by the competition. Handicap allowance, where appropriate, to apply in either option. Where it becomes necessary to scratch a competitor under the terms of above, this may only be done by the Match Secretary or other duly authorised member of the Committee. In instances where a competitor feels he has been unfairly treated by an opponent in making arrangements he should immediately contact the Match Secretary. In all instances it is hoped that all members will adopt a true sense of sportsmanship and that mutually acceptable arrangements can be made.

Handicaps Gentlemen

To obtain a handicap Gentlemen must submit three scores at Muthill one of which must be in a competition. Cards should be marked by a player holding a current handicap and should be clearly marked "for handicap". They should then be placed in the competition box. All rounds should be played from medal tees.

When playing away from home in a bona fide competition players must enter their name, score and SSS or GSS if known, on the away sheets provided in the men's changing room and put them in the box. Failure to do so could result in suspension of handicap.

Handicaps Ladies

To obtain a handicap Ladies must submit three scores at Muthill Play must be in twos. Cards should be marked by a responsible person and should be marked "for handicap". They should then be placed in the competition box. All rounds should be played from medal tees.