



Easingwold Golf Club

Handicaps and Competitions – December 2018

Single Golfers and 'Five Balls'

Further to recent incidents on the course, we wish to clarify the Clubs policy on the following:

SINGLE GOLFERS AT EGC

In accordance with R&A guidelines, we confirm that single golfers have equal standing to groups of players on the golf course and priority is determined by the pace of play. In golf rules, " It is a Groups responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If it loses a clear hole and is delaying the group behind, it should invite the Group behind to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that Group" . Consequently, it is incumbent on every golfer to exercise a degree of common sense on the course when players are waiting behind them.

5 BALLS AT EGC

The Club do not ban golfers from playing in a 5 Ball group. However, as it is becoming more prevalent, golfers playing in a 5 ball group are subject to the following strict conditions:

1. Golfers should check with the Professional prior to playing to ensure that there are no visiting parties or competitions on the day of play.
2. If there are no other golfers waiting at or approaching the first tee then a Group may start as a 5 ball.
3. It is necessary for players in a 5 ball group to be aware of play behind them and to call any following groups through immediately. Alternatively, the 5 ball should split up into a 3 ball and a 2 ball.

Once again, a common sense approach should prevail.

In both of these situations, we request all members to show respect to their fellow golfers on the course.

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