

WATERFORD GOLF CLUB

Bye-Laws

PERSONAL BELONGINGS

- 1) All personal belongings of Members, Associates, Visitors and others brought to or kept at, or left on the premises of the Club (either in the Club House or outside) shall be at the sole risk of the owners, and the Club or Board of Directors shall not be responsible for any loss or damage thereto however arising; but this rule shall not prejudice any claims by the Club or the owners against Insurance Companies in case of fire or when otherwise covered by insurance

MISCELLANEOUS

- 2) All complaints must be made in writing to the General Manager who, if unable to remove the cause, will submit same to the Board of Directors, and their decision thereon shall be final.
- 3) The rent of lockers will be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors and payable in advance. Lockers, the rent of which is one year in advance, may be assigned to any member.
- 4) Members or Visitors shall not be allowed in any circumstances to bring dogs on the Course, or into the Club House.
- 5) No member or members shall raise subscriptions for any purpose in connection with the Club or its servants without first having obtained the permission of the Board of Directors for so doing.
- 6) The Rules of Golf, as they may from time to time be fixed by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St Andrew's shall as far as applicable, and with such special additions as may be made by the Board of Directors, be the Rule of Golf for this Club.
- 7) A Member taking part in any Club Competition should return his/her card; otherwise, his/her handicap is liable to be suspended.
- 8) Competitors in Singles competitions must enter their score in computer, if operating. Consistent failure to do so will render the competitor liable for suspension from competition for a period of time.
- 9) In matchplay competitions, competitors who have not played their matches by the closing date as shall have been fixed by the Board of Directors shall be scratched from the competitions.
- 10) Players are not entitled to cut in on any part of the course or at any time unless the hole behind is clear from tee to green.
- 11) If a 10/13/15 hole competition is in progress people who are not eligible to play in competition have priority on the hole immediately after the hole where competition ends.
- 12) Any match commencing to play, either when the course is clear, or with two clear holes in front, must permit any other players who have started a clear hole behind and caught up with them to pass on request. Slow players (either beginners or others) are particularly requested, as a matter of courtesy, to avoid on all occasions delaying other players, and to invite them to pass through if unreasonably delayed.
- 13) Under no circumstances may a player intentionally drive into or pass other players without their permission. If the players in front are in default and will not give way they should be reported to the General Manager
- 14) A competitor shall be disqualified in any competition unless he/she shall have paid his entry fee before starting.

- 15) No Competitor shall represent the club on a club team or win a prize of any sort in a competition unless his/her subscription is paid by the 1st of April in the corresponding year except where special arrangements have been made for payment of subscription.
- 16) Disqualification under Rule 37-3, "Rules of Golf" (Practice on day of Competition) shall not apply to a competition played after a previous competition held on the same day.
- 17) No competitor may take more than one prize in any Competition excluding Special prizes eg. Nearest pin and longest drive. (For the purpose of this Bye-law, a qualifying round will be deemed to be a separate competition from the subsequent matches).
- 18) Singles Competitions for which there are less than 15 entries are void. Fourball, Foursomes and team, competition for which there are less than 12 pairs/teams are void.
- 19) If any condition occurs that makes play impossible during competition the competition itself may not be cancelled if more than 25% of the players entered on the Timesheet have finished their stipulated round.
- 20) If a member wishes to have his/her date of joining the club altered the onus of proof is on the member to justify this change.
- 21) In the event of a difference of opinion as to the application or construction of any Rule, Bye-law or Local Rule of the Club, the matter shall be referred to the Board of Directors who may consult the R&A for assistance before reaching a decision.

LOCAL RULES

OUT OF BOUNDS:

A ball played:

- a) Over any of the boundary fences.
- b) To the 5th Fairway or left of its limits while playing the 6th hole
- c) To the 15th Fairway, or left of its limits while playing the 14th hole.
- d) The Practice Ground as defined.
- e) The roadway and left of the roadway on the 11th hole as defined.
- f) Machinery compound and surrounds as defined.

The penalty for Out of Bounds is stroke and distance.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

- a) Pavilion and Concrete Surrounds.
- b) Toilets
- c) Winter Mats
- d) Staked Trees
- e) Fixed Seats and Concrete Surrounds
- f) Litter Bins
- g) Tee Markers
- h) Wooden Steps
- i) Pathways
- j) Fairway Distance Markers
- k) Wire Screens
- l) Protective Fencing
- m) Electric Standards and Poles
- n) Surface Rocks on Fairways
- o) Fixed Sprinkler Heads
- p) Manhole Covers

MOVEABLE OBSTRUCTIONS

Stones in bunkers are moveable obstructions. (Rule 24-1 applies)

INTEGRAL PARTS OF COURSE

The access roads and Car parks are integral parts of the course.

ELECTRIC STANDARDS, POLES AND WIRES

If a ball strikes an Electric standard, pole, support or wire the stroke is cancelled and the player must play a ball as near as possible to the spot where the original ball was played in accordance with Rule 20-5

PUTTING GREEN

The putting green is defined as the area in front of the practice area forward of a line defined by the two posts. Under no circumstances may a player play a pitch and chip shot to the putting green or from areas around the front of the green.

CHIPPING GREEN

This area is defined as the ground beyond the two posts. Pitch and chip shots may only be hit from beyond this line and may only be played towards the back of the practice area.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

Devices that measure distance only, may be used. If during a stipulated round a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g. Gradient, wind speed, temperature etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3 for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is used.

- 1) Use of Mobile Phones on the course is not permitted. Penalty for use in competition is disqualification.
- 2) Practice is only permitted from designated teeing grounds on practice ground.
- 3) The playing of any more than two balls by any person constitutes practice.
- 4) Players must not leave the Golf Course Property to retrieve out of bounds golf balls. Penalty in competition is disqualification.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Every member should behave in a manner befitting a Lady or Gentleman.

The following behaviour is not acceptable. This list is not exhaustive.

- Foul or abusive language
- Violent or aggressive behaviour.
- Lewd behaviour
- Substance abuse.
- Repeated drunkenness

Serious or continuous breaches of the Code of Conduct will incur sanctions up to and including expulsion from the club.

The code of conduct also applies to Club members playing at other golf courses.

ETIQUETTE

- a) No one should move, talk or stand, close to, or directly behind the ball, or the hole, when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke.
- b) The player who has the honour should be allowed to play before his opponent or fellow-competitor tees his ball.
- c) No player should play until the players in front are out of range.
- d) In the interest of all, players should play without delay.
- e) Players searching for a ball should allow players behind them to pass through.
- f) Before leaving a bunker, a player should carefully fill up any holes left therein.
- g) Through the green a player should ensure that any turf cut or displaced by him is replaced at once and pressed down
- h) Players should ensure that any pitch marks made by them are repaired immediately. It is also good practice to repair any other pitch mark seen on the green. After the players have holed out, any damage to the putting green (Spike Marks etc) made by the players should be carefully repaired.
- i) Players should ensure that, when dropping bags or the flagsticks, no damage is done to the putting green and that neither they nor their caddies damage the hole by standing close to the hole or in handling the flagstick. The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before the players leave the putting green.
- j) When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green.
- k) Players should not take a stroke to any green while Green Staff are working in the vicinity of Green or have moved away when aware of player's presence.
- l) Players should not play a stroke to fairway until Green Staff working in area are out of reach or have moved aside when aware of player's presence.

PRIORITY ON THE COURSE:

- m) A singles match in any official Club competition shall have precedence of and be entitled to pass any other kind of match.
- n) A foursome match (i.e. a match in which two play against two and each side plays one ball) in any official Club competition shall have precedence of and be entitled to pass any other kind of match, except as in (1) above.
- o) A Fourball match (i.e. a match in which two play their better ball against the better ball of two other players) in any official Club competition shall have precedence of and be entitled to pass any form of unofficial or friendly match.
- p) The order or priority for unofficial or friendly matches shall be: (1) Singles matches; (2) Foursomes; (3) Threeball; (4) Fourball.
- q) A single player has no standing and should give way to a match of any kind.
- r) Players using a lesser number of bags of clubs than there are players in the match have no standing and shall give way to a match of any kind.
- s) Any match playing a whole round is entitled to pass a match playing a shorter round and in this respect it should be noted that: -
 - (1) Players coming from the tenth green shall have precedence on the 11th tee except if they have played a ten hole competition whereupon the people starting on 11th have priority.
- t) If a match fails to keep its place on the course and lose more than one clear hole on the players in front, it should allow the following match to pass through.

TIMESHEETS

- Time sheets are in operation for play every day.
- Time sheets will be made available at times decided by Board of Directors.
- People on the timesheets have priority on the first tee (excepting the Captains Priority).
- Players must report to the starter 15 min's before allotted time. Failure to do so may result in tee time being forfeited.
- Habitual failure to turn up at allotted time without notification may lead to sanctions imposed by Board of Directors up to and including suspension of playing rights for a specified period.

TIMES OF PLAY

Unless otherwise stated from the 1st of April to the 30th of September the following groups have priority on the first tee.

- Mondays:** 4:00pm to 7:00pm.Mens Long Handicap.
- Tuesday:** 9:00am to 12:00pm.Lady Members
1:30pm to 3:00pm.Lady Members
4:00pm to 6:00pm. Lady Members.
- Wednesday:** 8:00am to 10:00am (1st June-31st Aug) Juniors
2:00pm to 8:00pm Male Members
- Thursday:** 9:15am – 10:45am. Lady Long Handicap
5:00pm to 6:00pm. Female Ordinary, Female Full Family Member, Female Honorary and Female Ordinary Life Members.
- Friday:** 1:00pm to 8:00pm Ordinary, Full Family Members, Honorary and Life Members.
- Saturday:** 7:00am to 3:00pm.Ordinary, Honorary, Life & Family Full Members.
- Sunday:** 7:00am to 11:30 am Male Ordinary, Male Full Family, Honorary Male and Life Male members.
11:30am to 3:00pm.Male and Female Ordinary, Full Family, Honorary and Life Members.

Unless otherwise stated from the 1st of October to the 31st of March the following groups have priority on the first tee.

- Tuesday:** 9:00am – 12:00pm & 1:00pm – 3:00pm.Lady Members
- Wednesday:** 12:00pm to 4:00pm. Male Members.
- Thursday:** 9:15am – 10:45am.Ladies Long Handicap.
- Friday:** 12:00pm to 4:00pm.Male and Female Ordinary Full Members, Honorary, Life and Family Full Members.
- Saturday:** 7:00am – 2:30pm.Male & Female Ordinary Full Members. Honorary, Life & Family Full members
- Sunday:** 7:00am – 2:30pm. Male & Female Ordinary Full Members, Honorary, Life & Family Full Members.

The exception to all of the above playing times is that if there are spaces on the timesheet two days before, then these times may be booked by other categories and green fees.

DRESS CODE

Neat Dress essential at all times.

Course

The following are not permitted on the course:

- Runners
- Tracksuits
- Singlets
- Trousers tucked into socks.
- Sports Strips
- Collarless Shirts

Please Note:

- Golf shoes must be worn.
- Tailored shorts are permitted, provided they are accompanied by socks

Clubhouse

The following are not permitted in the Clubhouse.

- Golf Shoes
- Tracksuits
- Headwear
- Sport Strips
- Collarless Shirts
- Flip Flops

CLOSURE OF COURSE DUE IN INCLEMENT WEATHER

If play is in doubt due to inclement weather conditions the course will be inspected at 7:00am during the months May to September and at 8:00am in months October to March.

The course may then be closed for the day if deemed necessary and once an announcement to this effect is made it may not be changed.

If it is felt that conditions might improve during the day then further inspections will be held and times will be advised.

If course is not opened before 1:00pm on any day then it may not be opened at all on that day.

If the course opens during the day the people who are on the timesheet for earlier times will have priority, providing they are at the club at time of opening of course. If some people have decided not to play at later times these times may not be given to people who are not on the original sheet until all people on original sheet, and who want to play are accommodated.