



SOUTHPORT OLD LINKS GOLF CLUB

BYELAWS

The Club for Everyone

1. COURSE

- Players must advise the General Manager on conclusion of their round if they strike a ball into any Neighbouring property
- Practicing is not allowed on the course except in the designated Practice Area to the left of the 1st Fairway.
- Players should ensure they do not cause damage to the Course or delays or disruption to other players or to Greens Staff while searching for golf balls.
- Fourballs are the largest group allowed on the Course except for designated Fun Competitions.
- All non-golfers playing in Fun Competitions must use mats or tee-up at all times other than on the putting green. Their golfing partners shall be responsible for the provision of approved mats for their use.

2. COMPETITIONS

- No Member (excluding Ladies, Juniors or Colts) shall represent the Club in more than one Team in the same calendar year, except that Members who play for the Handicap Team and are not, therefore, players in the regular Scratch Team pool, may be selected for the Scratch Team on not more than two occasions in one calendar year if the Scratch Team is unable to field a full team, at short notice, from its regular pool of players.
- The Scratch Team shall take priority over all other Teams for selection purposes.
- Any player selected for the Scratch Team who declines to play shall be ineligible for selection in the Handicap Team during the current (Winter) and future (Summer) year.
- Weekday members can play for the Scratch Team only if SOL is their Home Club for Handicap purposes. When the match is played at home on a Saturday or a Sunday, the normally required Green Fee will be waived.
- Players wishing to be considered to represent the Club should enter their details on the sheets provided in the Clubhouse for this purpose. Selection of players for representative Teams will be the responsibility of the respective Team Captain.
- Country Members may play in a maximum of 6 Club Competitions per calendar year but may not play in Board Competitions or represent the Club.
- Competition Entry Fees must be paid prior to play.
- On Competition Days, Members not playing in the Competition must give priority to golfers playing in the Competition.
- Other than as provided elsewhere in these Byelaws, the Conditions of Entry to Club Competitions, apart from designated Midweek Competitions, shall be that the Member concerned must be a Full Member, Honorary Member or Intermediate Member of the Club. The designated Midweek Competitions, which shall be Handicap Qualifying Competitions within the CONGU Unified Handicapping System, are Midweek Medal and Midweek Stableford Competitions.

- The Competitions Committees will maintain and publish a schedule showing the format and other details of each Competition. This will include which Competitions Junior Members may enter, together with any conditions in terms of handicaps, entry date etc.
- Competitions Committees may suspend Members from Club Competitions without recourse to the Club's Disciplinary Procedures. Players suspended by the Competitions Committee from playing in Club Competitions may still play in representative teams, subject to the approval of the respective Competitions Committee. The Competitions Committees will maintain and publish a list of situations that may result in suspension from Club Competitions and / or representative teams.

3. CLUBHOUSE

- Only Members and their Guests are allowed in the Members' Room and Bar. Visitors or people attending functions must use the Main Lounge only.
- The Clubhouse must be vacated within 30 minutes of the bar closing.
- Smart Casual shall be the dress rule for all Club Functions unless otherwise specifically stated by Council.
- Children under 10 are only allowed in the Clubhouse as follows:
 - Monday - Friday up to 7.30pm
 - Saturday - Sunday up to 7.30pm if dining with parents or other adults
 - When attending a private function

4. MISCELLANEOUS

- The use of mobile telephones is prohibited within the Clubhouse. Mobile telephones may be taken onto the Course for use in emergencies only. When switched on, whether on the Course or within the Clubhouse, mobile telephones and other devices should be turned to silent mode. It is accepted that mobile devices perform many other functions than just telephoning. Whilst the use of texts, mobile data, etc. is permitted, users should ensure that they are not providing annoyance to other Club users.
- Rules and Guidance applying to Junior Members will be maintained and published by the Council. Junior Members are required to comply with these Rules and Guidance at all times.
- All Members, Guests and Visitors are required to wear appropriate attire when on the Course, and in the Clubhouse. The Council will maintain and publish guidance on appropriate attire from time to time

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