

HELEN'S BAY GOLF CLUB BYE-LAWS

Council has the right to change the Bye-laws at any time, as provided by Rule 53 of the Rules of Helen's Bay Golf Club.

1. CLUBHOUSE

1.1 Hours of Opening

The Clubhouse will be open daily from 9.00 am to 11.30 pm from Monday to Saturday except when an extension is in force, or at the discretion of the Council. On Sundays the Clubhouse will be open from 9.00 am to 30 minutes after the bar closes in the evening, or at the discretion of the Council.

Members are requested to leave the Clubhouse promptly at closing time.

1.2 Bar Service

In accordance with club rules, the Bar will be open at the following times:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

12 noon to 11.00 pm

Tuesday

12.00 noon to 2.30 pm. and from 5.30 pm to 11.00 pm.

Saturday

11.30 am to 11.00 pm

***Sunday (1st April to 31st October)**

12.30 pm to 7.00 pm

***Sunday (1st November to 31st March)**

12.30 pm to 6.00 pm

Good Friday

5.00 pm to 11.00 pm

* On Sundays when a competition is held, the bar will remain open until 9.30pm.

1.3 Snooker Room

Play on the snooker tables is restricted to Ordinary Members, Associate Members, House Members and Junior Members.

Visitors may play only if accompanied by a Member.

Juniors may play before 9.00 pm in the company of a Member over 21 years of age.

1.4 Dufferin Lounge

Junior Members and other persons under 18 years of age are not permitted unless in the company of an adult member.

1.5 Dress

Casual dress is permitted in the Clubhouse but must be such that it will not cause offence to members; the following items of dress are unacceptable on the Course and in the Clubhouse - men in shirts without sleeves; caps/hats not worn in the way designed; trousers tucked inside socks; tracksuits; garments displaying printed slogans and ladies' suntops or short shorts/skirts/skorts. 'NB: Shorts/skirts/skorts must be knee length or longer'. 'Knee length skirts; tailored shorts/skorts are acceptable'.

(GUI guidelines prohibit the use of jeans on the course in GUI competitions.)

Footwear used for playing on the Course must not be worn in the Clubhouse. With the exception of Juniors aged 15 years and under, golf shoes must be worn when playing golf but cannot be worn in the Clubhouse.

Only tailored shorts are acceptable on the Course, and Gentlemen must wear socks if wearing shorts. Gentlemen may not wear shorts anywhere in the main Clubhouse.

On Saturday evenings after 7.30 pm Ladies may not wear golf clothes in the lounge and Dining Room, or the Longmore Room when used as an extension of the Lounge for a Club function.

1.6 Notice Boards

Notices must not be put up in any part of the Clubhouse or Locker-Rooms without permission from the Honorary Secretary or the Council. Removal or disfiguration of an official notice shall be considered a disciplinary offence.

1.7 Juniors (7 to 18 years of age)

Juniors must use the Hall, Dining Room, Longmore Room, Dufferin Lounge and Lounge subject to any conditions which may be laid down from time to time by the Council of the Club. They may also use the Locker Room facilities as appropriate. They may obtain soft drinks and confectionery, but only at the Dining Room hatch. After 6.00 pm. Juniors are not allowed in the Clubhouse, unless in company of an adult member. They must remain in the company of that adult member while in the Clubhouse and it is the responsibility of that person to ensure that such Juniors are off the premises by 9.00 pm. The Gaming Machine Area is out of bounds to all Junior Members.

1.8 Visitors

Visitors to the Clubhouse may be introduced on no more than 10 occasions in any calendar year. They must be signed in and accompanied by that member who must remain in the company of their visitor(s) at all times. Proxy introduction of visitors is not permitted.

1.9 Catering

Cooked meals may only be served in the Dining Room, Dufferin Lounge, Longmore Room and, on certain occasions in the Lounge, when approved by Council, excluding at the bar and pedestals.

Tea/Coffee, biscuits/sandwiches and cold snacks may be served in the Lounge, the Dufferin Lounge, Longmore Room and snooker room.

Unaccompanied Juniors may have meals and snacks in the Dining Room between 12.00 noon and 2.30 pm. on weekdays.

No person or group is permitted to make hot or cold beverages in the Clubhouse, or bring foodstuff of any kind into the Clubhouse, unless with permission of Council.

1.10 Dogs

Dogs, other than Guide dogs, are not permitted on the course or in the Clubhouse.

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2.1 Rules of Golf

The Rules of Golf must be adhered to at all times. In particular, attention should be given to the etiquette of the game. Local Rules as defined by the Greens Committee and notified on the score card and Notice Board must also be observed. Slow play will not be tolerated at any time. (See Rules of Golf Section 1 Etiquette).

There are two starting points on the Course, namely the 1st tee and 5th tee. However, play cannot commence from the 5th tee if there is anyone playing the 4th hole. All holes must be played in numerical sequence.

Players putting out on the 9th green have priority on the 10th tee, except when the 1st/10th is reserved. However, in the event of a queue forming at the 1st/10th tee those starting will alternate with those moving off the 9th green.

2.2 Medal Tees

Medal tees may only be used in competitions, official practice for Inter-Club competitions and by players marking a card for handicapping purposes.

2.3 Competitions

Time sheets will operate for all competitions run on Saturdays and on Thursday evenings.

A Member playing in a club competition must play with another Member or an approved marker and must return his marked card, whether complete or not, signed by him and by the marker. Any player failing to return a card may be suspended from playing in subsequent competitions for such a period as the Council, or the appropriate committee, may decide.

All Inter-Club matches and Club competitions, including Ladies and Junior Inter-Club matches and competitions, have priority on the Course.

2.4 Dress

See Bye-Law 1.5.

2.5 Disputes

Any disputes concerning the interpretation of the Rules of Golf, Local Rules and competitions should be referred to the Match & Handicap Convenor (Men), or Handicap Manager (Ladies).

2.6 Practice Area

Players may practice from the rough, but not from any tee, fairway, or bunker or on to any green, other than the practice green to the right of the fifth fairway. Practice must not interfere with play on the Course.

2.7 Permitted Hours of Play – Lady Associate

Sunday to Wednesday, Friday-	-	all day (except when course otherwise booked for Competition. Interclub Match or outing).
Thursday	-	until 6.00 pm, but must be through the two recognized starting points by 4.15 pm.
Saturday	-	after 5.00 pm
Bank & Public Holidays	-	all day

On their weekly Competition Day (Tuesday) Ladies have sole use of the Course until 6.15 pm and priority thereafter.

On Lady Captain's Day, Lady President's Day, Captain's Prize for Ladies' Day and 'Open' Competition Days, Ladies have sole use of the Course until 8.00 pm. or such other time as may be determined by Council.

2.8 Permitted Hours of Play - Associate Members

Sunday	-	all day
Monday	-	until 6.00 pm
Tuesday	-	from 6.15 pm (See 2.7)
Wednesday	-	until 6.00 pm
Thursday	-	until 5.00 pm (See below)
Friday	-	until 6.00 pm
Saturday	-	after 5.00 pm
Bank & Public Holidays	-	until 6.00 pm

Outside the above permitted hours an Associate Member will be charged the appropriate "playing with a member" Green Fee, and any accompanying visitor will be subject to the appropriate full Green Fee.

Associate Members may play in Mixed and Veterans' competitions only within their permitted hours for playing. If playing outside those hours in a competition, the appropriate green fee must be paid in addition to any competition entry fee. They are also permitted to play, for handicap purposes, in a limited number of Thursday evening and/or Saturday Competitions as determined by the Match and Handicap Committee.

2.9 Permitted Hours of Play - House Members

House Members may play on the Course at the appropriate 'playing with a member' Green Fee as follows:-

Sunday	-	all day
Monday	-	all day
Tuesday	-	after 6.15 pm (See 2.7)
Wednesday	-	until 1 pm
Thursday	-	until 1 pm
Friday	-	all day
Saturday	-	after 6.00 pm
Bank & Public Holidays	-	after 4.00 pm

House Members are not permitted to play outside these hours and may play on no more than 8 occasions in any calendar year.

Green Fee concessions are not granted to a visitor playing with a House Member.

2.10 Permitted Hours of Play - Juniors

Sunday	-	all day but Juniors must be accompanied by an adult if playing before 1.00 pm
Monday	-	until 6.00 pm During July and August Juniors may play after 6.00 pm but must be accompanied by an Adult Member, or be a Category 1 golfer.
Tuesday	-	after 6.15 pm, but must be accompanied by an Adult Member, or be a Category 1 golfer, and must give priority to Ladies playing in their competition.
Wednesday	-	until 6.00 pm During July and August Juniors may play after 6.00 pm but must be accompanied by an Adult Member, or be a Category 1 golfer.
Thursday	-	until 4.30 pm
Friday	-	Mornings to 1.00 pm, but after 1.00 pm must be accompanied by an Adult Member, or be a Category 1 golfer.
Saturday	-	after 5.00 pm
Bank & Public Holidays	-	all day but must be accompanied by an Adult Member or be a Category 1 golfer.

- 1) On Junior Competition days, Juniors have sole use of the Course until 11.45 am and priority until the end of their Competition.
- 2) Category 1 golfers are those with a handicap of 28 or less.
- 3) An adult visitor playing with a Junior Member will be charged the appropriate full Green Fee.
- 4) Junior members under 10 years of age may only play in the company of an Adult.

2.11 Permitted hours of play - Temporary Members (Visitors)

Sunday and Monday	-	all day
Tuesday	-	after 6.15 pm and must give priority to Ladies playing in their competition.
Wednesday	-	all day
Thursday	-	until 4.30 pm
Friday (except July & August)	-	all day
Friday (July & August)	-	after 11.30 am (See 2.10)
Saturday	-	after 6.00 pm
Bank and Public Holidays	-	restrictions may apply - see notice board.

Temporary Members must pay the appropriate Green Fees as shown on the Schedule of Green Fees before playing; otherwise they may be liable for double the fee.

When playing with a member other than a House Member, Temporary Members, to a maximum of three, are charged at the 'playing with a member' rate. (Subject to the restrictions contained within 2.9 and 2.10).

The "playing with a member" green fee does not apply to Society or other Golf Outings.

2.12 Locker Room

The Locker Room must be kept tidy at all times. Articles left lying in the Locker Room will be removed and, if not claimed within 30 days, will be subject to disposal.

Clubs, shoes etc. and items of clothing must not be left overnight on the seating, under it or in the passageways.

2.13 Damage

Any damage caused by anyone playing on the Course must be reported to the Honorary Secretary without delay.

3.0 Public Liability

The Club has in force a Public Liability policy which protects the Club in respect of its legal liability arising out of incidents about the Course or Premises. However, members are reminded that it is their responsibility to have in force cover in respect of their own legal liability. If a member causes injury or damage whilst playing at the Club, they could be personally held liable by a Court and should insure against such eventualities. This cover can be incorporated under most Household Contents policies, although the club has a Compulsory Insurance Scheme for playing members. You should contact your personal Insurance Adviser or the Golf Club for further details.