



WATERFORD GOLF CLUB

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Golfing in Waterford since 1912

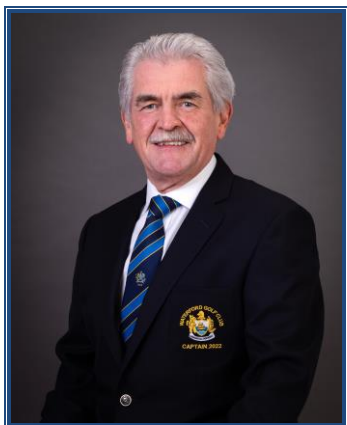
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Founded in 1912, Waterford Golf Club is situated on a hill overlooking the historic city of Waterford in the sunny South East of Ireland. The front 9 was designed by Willie Park junior (twice Open Champion), and the back 9 was designed by the great James Braid, five times Open Champion. With its magnificent views, this parkland course is a gem on the outskirts of Waterford. The irregular city, with its towers and steeples spread before the eye along the valley, and in the west, Slievenamon and the Comeragh Mountains, make a background of enduring splendour



Captain: Eamonn Rice



Lady Captain: Gabrielle Finnegan

This booklet has been prepared to help you get the most out of your club membership. It provides useful information about how the club is managed and what your obligations are as a member. We trust you will find the content helpful.

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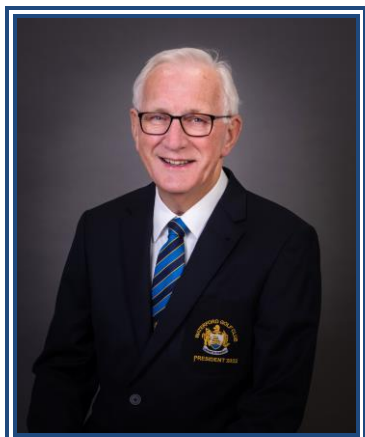
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Financial Director: Martin Freyne

Honorary Secretary: Frank Farrelly

Resource Director: Joe Greene (Acting)

Board Director: Anne Ryan

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Board of Directors 2020: The Board of Directors main role is to run the business of the Club. The 7 Core Areas in the Strategic Business Plan provide Board Members with a clear focus, plus guide & inform decisions made by the Board. The Men's, Ladies and Junior Committees deal with golfing matters.

1. **Governance** - We aim to ensure Waterford Golf Club is managed responsibly with an effective organisation structure.
2. The **Course & Facilities** will be developed and maintained to compete with the best in the locality, to ensure that both Members and visitors enjoy the golf experience.
3. **Golf** - increased participation and an improvement in overall playing standards will be prioritised. A balance between competitive and social golf will be maintained.
4. **Financial** - We will manage the Club's finances prudently to ensure that we meet our existing commitments to staff, creditors and lenders.
5. **Membership Retention & Growth** – WGC will retain existing members and recruit new members so as to maintain the Club's social vibrancy and financial viability.
6. **Communications & Marketing** - WGC will communicate with members and stakeholders to let them know what and when events are happening.
7. **Clubhouse & Social Affairs** - All Members, Guests and Visitors will enjoy a memorable experience in Waterford Golf Club.





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WGC FACILITIES

The following facilities are available at Waterford Golf Club

- Golf Course- an 18 hole Par 71 course.
- Clubhouse-changing rooms, golf shop, office, bar and restaurant, meeting room.
- Lockers –in the changing rooms. (Limited availability)
- Trolleys and buggies are available for hire, weather permitting.
- The Golf Shop – sells golfing equipment, clothing, drinks and snacks.
- Members can avail of club house facilities for private events.
- Reciprocal playing rights in all of the following club: Athlone Golf Club, Ballyneety Golf Club, Rush Golf Club & Enniscorthy Golf Club. (Reciprocal Golf Pass available from Office)
- Putting/chipping green/bunker/driving range available for practice.

Club Rules and Procedures

Like all other clubs Waterford Golf Club has a set of rules to ensure the smooth running of the club. It is important that you abide by the rules. They are there to make the game more enjoyable for everyone.

Etiquette

In golf the way you behave on and off the course is called etiquette. Following course etiquette will keep you safe, help you look after the course and encourage you to give consideration to your fellow players. Please read the section on etiquette in the R&A Rules of Golf booklet.

Driving Range

- No disruptive or dangerous behaviour.
- Under no circumstances should you enter the range to retrieve golf balls.
- No hitting or practicing outside ropes or defined areas.
- Aim down the middle of the range or at provided targets only.

The Core Values of Golf underpin Conduct, Standards and Participation.

Please follow these basic good conduct rules at all times:

- Respect your fellow golfers.
- Be courteous at all times.
- Play fair and honest.
- Listen, learn and try to improve.
- Replace all divots and repair pitch marks.
- Look smart and be polite.
- Treat others as you expect to be treated yourself.
- Be a role model to juniors.
- Familiarise yourself with WGC Bye-Laws.

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Dress Code

Players must at all times be appropriately dressed on the golf course and in the clubhouse. All players must wear collared or round neck sports shirts (including with appropriate brand logos) but excluding football and rugby shirts of any kind or t-shirts bearing names or logos of football, rugby or sports other than golf. Shorts must be tailored. Appropriate golf shoes must be worn while on the course. The following are not permitted: tracksuits, sleeveless shirts, beach or football shorts and trousers tucked into socks, flip/flop footwear. Golf shoes with spikes are not permitted in clubhouse bar/restaurant and foyer.

ACCEPTABLE

Shirts
Shirts must be tucked in & have collars or mock collars and sleeves.

Trousers / Shorts
Knee length tailored shorts or long trousers.

Socks
Long, Ankle & Trainer socks.

Shoes
Golf shoes.

UNACCEPTABLE

Shirts
Untucked shirts, T-shirts, Vests, Rugby/Football Shirts, Blue Denim.

Shorts
More than 4" above knee. Beach Shorts, Rugby/Football Shorts, Blue Denim.

Socks
No socks.

Shoes
Trainers or improper golf shoes.

DRESS RULES
FOR COURSE & PRACTICE FACILITIES

ACCEPTABLE

Shirts
Shirts must have collars. Shirts designed to be worn outside shorts are acceptable.

Socks
Long, Ankle & Trainer socks.

UNACCEPTABLE

Shirts
Cropped tops/ Strappy tops, T-shirts etc, Blue Denim.

Shorts/Skirts
More than 4" above knee. Beach Shorts, Blue Denim.

No Socks.

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Handicaps

The purpose of the World Handicap System (WHS) is to enable all golfers to be able to compete on a fair and equitable level, regardless of skill. Affiliated golf club members to Golf Ireland can obtain an official WHS index, specific course and competition handicaps can then be determined which allows entry into club competitions and access onto other courses. Handicap Index tables for Blue, White and Red tees are displayed prominently around the club house. You will need to create your account at www.golfireland.ie using your eight-digit CDH number and 4-digit PIN, both of which are printed on the rear of your Membership Card.

What is a Handicap Index and how do I get one?

- Every club member with a CONGU handicap will be allotted a WHS Handicap Index automatically. If you are new to golf you must, as now, return the required 54-hole scores of either 18/9 holes or a combination of both. If you are a returning player it should be possible to calculate an initial Handicap Index from your previous CONGU record.
- You are able to return casual rounds of golf for handicap purposes by pre-registering your round as an acceptable score before you go out and play. If you are playing at a course other than your home club then you can still pre-register your score.

As a member of WGC you are expected to:

- Act with integrity by following the Rules of Handicapping and to refrain from using, or circumventing, the Rules of Handicapping for the purpose of gaining an unfair advantage,
- Attempt to make the best score possible at each hole (Rule 1)
- Submit acceptable scores for handicap purposes as soon as possible after the round is completed and before midnight local time.
- Submit acceptable scores to provide reasonable evidence of their demonstrated ability,
- Play by the Rules of Golf, and
- Certify the scores of fellow players.
- Where a player is a member of a golf club located in a different jurisdiction from the location of their home club, the player may be required to hold a separate Handicap Index issued by the Authorized Association responsible for handicapping within the different jurisdiction. While such a requirement is discouraged, in order to ensure the same Handicap Index is issued by both Authorized Associations, it is the player's responsibility to return all acceptable scores to both their home club and the golf club that is located in the different jurisdiction.

Further information on handicaps can be found at: www.golfireland.ie. This website is the premier resource for golf participation in Ireland. Download the Golf Ireland App and access your handicap and game result, Membership Number and more.



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How to register for Online Booking

To book online you must first register on the club website: www.waterfordgolfclub.com

On the homepage select the Members Menu and click on "Online Tee Times". A new window will open and you should then select "Members Click Here". On the following page you will be invited to "Click here to Register". Complete the short Registration Form and submit. WGC uses BRS Clubv1 as a booking and management software facility, visit WWW.Clubv1.com. and enter your GUI/ILGU 8 digit number to register. As a member of WGC you have access to WWW.HowDidiDo.com. This is a free golf statistics database including personal handicap data and detailed competition results and personal performance. It also includes a facility for score entry when electronic scoring is being used for competitions.

Entering a Competition

For the majority of club competitions Tee booking should be done online through the club's Website or through the Club Shop. The time sheet for weekend competitions is generally available to members for online booking from 8.00pm/10pm on the Wednesday before the competition date. Ladies competition timesheets open on a Monday @ 7.00pm.

Booking can also be available through 'Electronic Sign In' and 'Score Entry System' using WWW.HowDidiDo.com only available if authorised by Men's/Ladies Committees. You can also book through the Club Shop the following day. Once entered, you may amend or remove your booking in one of two ways:

- Online, up until midnight on the day before the competition.
- Through the Club Shop or Office no later than the day before the competition.

If your name is on the timesheet on the day of the competition you are "Committed to Play". Members who do not pre book have the option of simply turning up on the day of a Competition and playing should there be a tee time available.

Competitions

During the year we run competitions on a number of days:

- Monday – Long Handicap Apl/Oct, Seanoiri Oct/ Mar.
(No booking required, just turn up at clubhouse)
- Tuesday Ladies 18h & 10h.
- Wednesday – Gents 10h & 18h semi-open 4ball & junior competition.
- Thursday – Ladies competition day. (see notice board for details of timings)
- Friday 9h Open Ladies & Gent competition. Monthly Mixed competition.
- Saturday – Casual & Competition. (pre booking available)
- Sunday – Mens 18h Competition. (pre booking available)

Golf Ireland Swipe Card

All members are provided with a Golf Ireland swipe card. It is used for entering competitions and ensuring your scores are returned to the correct club/ player. It is essential that you have your swipe card with you at all times (playing at home or away) and provide it on request.

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Competition Entry Fee

This varies from competition to competition and MUST be paid in advance of your participation. Members are not eligible to compete in competitions if annual subscriptions are in arrears or a personal payment plan (Direct Debit) is not in place.

Returning a Score Card

A player has a responsibility to return all scores (Home and Away) to the Handicap Secretary for consideration. Failure to do so may result in your Handicap being suspended. In Waterford Golf Club competitions please:

- Ensure the score card is fully completed and signed by Marker and Player.
- Ensure Your Handicap index, course/competition handicap is on the card and correct.
- Enter your scores in the terminal/mobile device and post the score card in the Competition Box.

Presentation Nights

On Captain's Day and President's Day prize winners MUST attend the presentation as failure to do shall result in the forfeit of any prize they may have otherwise won.

On other designated Presentation Nights prize winners or their nominated representative MUST attend as failure to do shall result in the forfeit of any prize they may have otherwise won. Presentations are normally held between 9.00pm to 10.00pm.

Please note that while the Competition Committee will endeavour to contact you, it is your responsibility to contact the club after 8.00 pm to find out if you have won a prize.

Teams

Each year the club will enter a number of Inter-Club competitions for all handicap categories. If you meet the criteria, be in good standing and wish to be considered, contact the Team Captain who shall be identified at the start of the year.

Reservations for visiting parties and societies

From time to time visiting parties and societies make a block booking of the course.

Members cannot play during this reserved time but are free to do so outside of these times.

Members need to be aware that visiting parties and societies are an important source of income for the club. They should be made welcome as they help subsidise the annual subscription of members.

Annual Fees

Waterford Golf Club financial year runs from the 1st October and ends on the 31st September.

Annual subscription bills are issued in first week of January and are then due. Failure to pay your subscription on time may result in the temporary suspension of member privileges, including playing rights, pending receipt of payment. Your fees can be paid in a number of ways including by

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single payment or monthly by direct debit. For further information on paying your fees contact the office. Finally, remember to keep your contact details up to date. Please forward your email address to the office.

Insurance

Members and visitors have a legal liability to other members and third parties for bodily injury or loss of or damage to property or for any accidental damage they cause on the course, to members or visitors property, cars on driveway / car park or to the person of any other course user.

Members may purchase insurance through the office, which is available at a small additional cost, or secure insurance elsewhere which may cover some or all of the cost incurred depending on policy conditions.



On the course

- Please avoid slow play at all times.
- Replace divots and repair pitch marks, players are encouraged to use sand bags to repair divots, available adjacent to the 1st Tee.
- Electronic measuring devices are permitted. Use of mobile phones is only permitted to determine distance and competition sign-in and input of competition score entry if electronic scoring is authorised by Mens/Ladies committees. Penalty for any other usage is disqualification from competition.
- Players must give way to vehicles/pedestrians when starting from the 11th tee.
- Players and caddies are not permitted to enter driveways or gardens of adjoining properties to retrieve out of bounds golf balls, penalty in competition is disqualification.
- Players should be aware of the presence of Green-keeping staff and give way to staff at all times.




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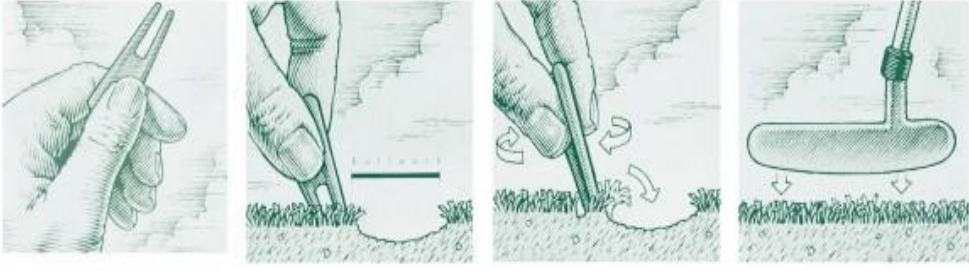
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The Proper Way to Repair a Ball Mark



- 1** Use a prolonged ball mark repair tool (preferably), knife, key or tee.
- 2** Insert at the edges of the mark- not the middle of the depression.
- 3** Bring the edges together with a gentle twisting motion, but don't lift the center. Try not to tear the grass.
- 4** Smooth the surface with a club or foot. You're done when it's a surface that you would putt over.



Source: Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

How to repair a pitch mark:

- Discard any loose turf taken out by the ball
- Insert the pitch mark repair tool just outside the back of the pitch mark
- Lever the turf (not the soil) towards the centre of the pitch mark
- Repeat this action on all sides of the pitch mark
- Tamp the repaired mark gently with your putter

What NOT to do:

- Do not replace any pieces of turf taken out by the ball....they will die anyway and delay the healing process
- Do not lift the soil from the centre of the pitch mark, as this will create a larger area for grass to grow over and delay the healing process
- Do not insert the pitch mark repair tool and twist.....it will only break away more turf and delay the healing process



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Waterford Men's Club Committee 2022

Captain	Eamonn Rice
President	Jerry Ahern
Vice-Captain	Kevin Finnegan
Vice President	Joe Tobin
Hon Secretary	Sean Healy
Handicap Sec.	Michael Penkert
Ex Officio	Paul Long
Committee	John Quinn
Committee	Pat O'Driscoll
Committee	Derek O Toole
Committee	Michael Duggan
Committee	John Hale
Committee	Keith Cooney

Waterford Ladies Club Committee 2022

Lady Captain	Gabrielle Finnegan
Lady President	Ellen O Halloran
Lady Vice Captain	Noreen McDonald
Hon Secretary	Marie Farrelly
Hon Treasurer	Maíre Hogan
Handicap Sec.	Fiona Leech
Ex Officio	Geraldine Walsh
Competition Sec.	Sharon Byrne
Committee	Maria Hennebry
Committee	Angela Cashman
Committee	Michele Ryan
Committee	Deirdre Reid
Committee	Marie Breen
Committee	Treasa Ryan



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WGC Committees

All Committees and Sub-Committees are accountable to the Board and work in liaison with the Chairperson.

Executive Committee

- The Board of Directors appoint an Executive Committee to consist of the Chairperson, Hon. Secretary & Finance Director to execute Board policies and operational decisions as necessary and will be subject to Board review at the next meeting of the Board.

Handicap Committees

- The duties of the handicap committee are explained in the CONGU booklet on handicapping. There should be three people on handicapping committee to ensure that in the event of a dispute that it would not be left to one person to take any adverse reaction that may occur.

Course Committee

- The course committee is responsible to the Board for all aspects of the course in accordance with the clubs strategic plans.

House Committee

- The House Committee is accountable to the Board for the bar, restaurant, staffing and the organisation of all social functions in the club.

Communications Committee

- Accountable to the Board for all communications for the club.

Teams Committee

- The Teams committee are accountable to the Board for the overall co-ordination of teams and team managers.

Junior Committee

WGC is fully committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of juniors. Every individual in golf should at all times, show respect and understanding for all member's rights, safety and welfare and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of Waterford Golf Club.

Junior Captain Girls



Katie Leslie

Junior Captain Boys



Seán Dowling

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Links:

Club Newsletters and other Important Club documents available at:

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WGC Bye laws

http://howdidido.blob.core.windows.net/clubsitespublic/file_619d21ec-1e36-48e4-8a7d-c19c03dbdc54.pdf

Men's Club Constitution 2013

<https://waterford.hub.clubv1.com/Club/Documents?folderId=12692&folderName=GOVERNANCE#/>

Waterford Golf Club Articles of Association October 2018

<https://waterford.hub.clubv1.com/Club/Documents?folderId=12692&folderName=GOVERNANCE#/>

World Handicap System and Rules of Golf

<https://waterford.hub.clubv1.com/Club/Documents?folderId=12663&folderName=WORLD%20HANDICAP%20SYSTEM%20%2B%20RULES%20OF%20GOLF>

R&A Rules of Golf booklet.

www.randa.org.

Further information on handicaps can be found at:

WWW.congu.com

BRS Clubv1 booking and management software.

WWW.Clubv1.com.

Personal handicap data and detailed competition results and personal performance.

WWW.HowDidiDo.com.

Golf Ireland

<https://www.golfireland.ie/my-golf-login>