

RULES OF THE CLUB

1. Guests are only allowed to play one round per fee paid.
2. An individual guest is not entitled to more than 6 reduced green fees per year.
3. Members are allowed to sign in up to three guests per one tee time per course per day.
4. Members must personally play with their guests when a guest privilege is used.
5. Member's golf course dress regulations exclude the wearing of
 - (a) Denims or jeans of any kind,
 - (b) Collarless or Tee shirts,
 - (c) Trainers or cricket shoes,
 - (d) Track suits or shell suits.

Tailored shorts may be worn only in conjunction with sports socks. Golf shoes are the only type of footwear allowed on the course.

6. The Golf Club carries insurance relating to the trading and operational activities of the Golf Club as a whole. Individual items privately owned by members, and accidental cover for members, is not part of this cover and members are advised that it is essential to take out private cover on a separate policy relative to golfing activities.
7. Members are not permitted to retrieve golf balls from local landowners property outside the perimeter of the golf course, nor from the lakes and ponds situated within the confines of the golf courses.
8. The use of the Driving Range and adjacent practice greens and bunkers is restricted to players using Range Balls provided by the Company. These are available from the Golf Club House. Rules governing the use of this facility are available at the Golf Club House.
9. Members must reserve a tee time and check in at the Golf Reception in the Golf Shop before commencing play on **any** course.
Members must also notify the Golf Reception if they do not intend to use a previously reserved tee time, so that this may be released to others.
10. Flexible members must present their membership card at the Golf shop before commencing play.
11. If you wish to make use of the BRS on-line booking system then you can access it via the Golf Club web site (www.hpgcgolf.com). Once on the web site, follow the instructions. You will need your personal access number which will have been separately given to you.

COURTESY ON & CARE OF THE GOLF COURSE

CODE OF CONDUCT

Consideration for other players

In the interest of all, players should play without delay, when ready a stroke should be made within 40 seconds. No player should play until those in front are out of range.

Players searching for a ball should signal those behind them to pass as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not be easily found; they should not search for three minutes before doing so. They should not then continue play until the players passing through are out of range.

When the play of a hole has been completed, players should leave the putting green immediately.

SEE SEPARATE PACE OF PLAY POLICY

Behaviour during play

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. The player who has the honour should be allowed to play before his opponent or fellow competitor tees their ball, but ready golf should be practiced where possible.

Priority on the course

Any match playing a whole round is entitled to pass a match playing a shorter round.

If a match fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than one clear hole on the match in front, it should allow the match following to pass.

CARE OF THE COURSE

Restore Divots, Repair Damage to Greens

In the general area, a player should ensure that any turf cut or displaced during play is replaced at once and pressed down, and that any damage to the putting green made by the ball is repaired carefully. Damage to the green caused by golf shoe spikes, scrapes or indentations caused by equipment or a flagstick may be repaired to restore the putting green as nearly as possible to its original condition.

Impressions in Bunkers

Before leaving a bunker a player should repair and smooth over any damage caused, i.e. Divots and footmarks. Please leave bunkers in the condition you would expect to find them.

Damage to Greens – Flagsticks, Bags etc.

Players should ensure that when putting down bags, or the flagstick, no damage is done to the putting green and that neither they nor their caddies damage the hole by standing close to it, in handling the flagstick or in removing the ball from the hole. The flagstick should be replaced properly in the hole before the players leave the putting green. Players should not damage the putting green by leaning on their putter, particularly when removing the ball from the hole.

Damage through Practice Swings

In taking practice swings, players should avoid causing damage to the course, particularly the tees.

Buggies

Members with buggies must report to the Golf Shop before commencement of play to check on any restrictions on the use of buggies.

Local notices regulating the use of buggies and trolleys must be strictly observed.

Always keep the buggy 10 metres clear of greens and approach areas. Never drive a buggy between a greenside bunker and green. Always use paths and parking areas where possible near tees.

GOLF CENTRE INFORMATION**Phone numbers:**

Golf Reception/Golf Shop	(01948) 841775
Dilys Airey	(01948) 841776
Golf Club Secretary	(01939) 200365

Golf Club Website: www.hpgcgolf.com

E-mail: secretary@hpgcgolf.com

Golf Course Opening Times:

December, January & February	Open from 0800
March & November	Open from 0730
April to October	Open from 0700

NOTE:

Climatic conditions may lead to course closures or restrictions that will conflict with the above course opening times. When necessary, a daily assessment of course conditions will be made, which may also preclude the use of buggies, trolleys, etc. If in doubt please ring the Golf Shop 01948 841775.

CLUB COMPETITIONS & HANDICAP RULES**Day competitions****Competition Pre-Entry:**

Entry is via the designated on line sites of HowDidiDo and entry fees will be deducted from accounts at the time of entry and will be returned should the competition be deemed cancelled by the Matches and Comps Committee.

Main Competition Entry:

Members pre pay on to their personal competition account by topping up on the Club V1 Hub or by bank transfer only, a sum of money, not less than £20 minimum and enter the competition by HowDidiDo. Please allow 7 days for your account to be credited. It is a player's responsibility to check they have sufficient funds in their competition account. This is readily available on your own member's Club V1 Hub. Players may not enter a competition if they have insufficient funds on their own account.

Scores must be returned as soon as possible on completion of their round. Scores must be electronically signed by both player and marker to be valid. ALL scores must be returned under WHS. Failure to comply with these rules will mean disqualification.

Any member who pre enters and does not appear on the tee at the appointed time without first informing their playing partner(s) or golf reception will be asked to explain their action.

Twos Competition (optional)

These are entered at the time of signing in to the competition

Knock-out Competitions

Pre entry is via HowDidiDo or the Club V1 Hub until the given published closing date. Once the draw is published, the member(s) have equal responsibility to arrange the match and should such a difficulty arise they must contact the Chair of Match & Competitions. Should one side fail to turn up on the tee at the set time the match will be awarded to the other side. No time extensions without adequate and acceptable reason.

RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL CLUB COMPETITIONS

1. Competitions throughout the year will be set up to play in 2,3 or 4 balls
2. All information pertaining to Hawkstone Park Golf club competitions will be on the clubs website
3. For certain competitions blocks of starting times are reserved and administered by the Golf Club. Members should normally play within these times, although play outside these times can be allowed.
4. The Committee has agreed to allow members who cannot play on the main competition day to play on an alternate stipulated day .This will be the Friday prior for men and either Saturday or Sunday prior for the ladies (see club fixtures).An alternate day for Juniors or Seniors' competitions would be available subject to authorisation by the Chair of M&C There are exceptions, for example Captains day, Presidents day and The Masters for example. In the event of members representing the Golf club or County at outside events an alternative day of

play (within 2 days prior to the main competition day) may be authorised by the Captain or Chair of Matches and Competitions discretion

5. The use of buggies is not allowed in Club competitions, unless the player is covered by the Disability Act or has a medical exemption, in both cases the person must seek prior permission from the Chair of Matches and Competitions. All requests will be in confidence and dealt with sympathetically.
6. EGU approved measuring devices are allowed in Club competitions, **with any slope option not active.**
7. Club trophies are normally presented at the Annual dinner. Members are requested to make every effort to attend this event. Any trophy winner who is unable to attend is expected to send their apologies to the Captain accordingly.
8. Prizes as distinct from trophies and glasses will not be given to absentees but will be awarded at the Matches and Competitions discretion
9. **ELIGIBILITY FOR TROPHIES - MEN'S AND LADIES sections** - Major trophies can only be awarded to members who have returned a minimum of 3 completed qualifying competition scorecards to the Committee during the 12-month period preceding the date of that competition

Note any amendments/additions to these rules can be found on the Clubs Website

Handicap requirements:

The WHS handicapping system is in operation. To obtain a handicap in the first instance members must return 3 completed scorecards, preferably marked under medal play conditions and from specific tees.

ANY score submitted which is marked by a player who at the time is **not** a current paid member of the golf club is not acceptable.

HAWKSTONE PARK GOLF CLUB

Pace of Play Policy

Rules of Golf - Rule 5.6b. Prompt pace of play.

A round of golf is meant to be played at a prompt pace.

Your pace of play is likely to affect how long it will take other players to play their rounds, including both those in your group and those in following groups.

You are encouraged to allow faster groups to play through.

Pace of Play Recommendations.

You should play at a prompt pace throughout the round, including the time taken to:

Prepare for and make each stroke,

Move from one place to another between strokes, and

Move to the next teeing area after completing a hole.

You should prepare in advance for your next stroke and be ready to play when it is your turn.

Playing Out of Turn to Help Pace of Play (Ready Golf).

In stroke play, play "ready golf" in a safe and responsible way.

In match play, you and your opponent may agree that one of you will play out of turn to save time

General Play

Leading matches have a responsibility to set the pace for the rest of the field.

Make up ground on the match in front of you after playing a short hole.

Leave the halfway hut as soon as the 10th tee is clear, if necessary, taking your refreshments with you.

On the Tee

Be ready to play without delay as soon as the match ahead have played their shots and are out of range.

All members of the group to take a clear, careful line on wayward balls.

If a wayward ball is clearly in trouble, play a provisional ball.

Looking for a Ball

Walk directly to your own wayward ball before assisting with other ball searches.

If, during the search for a wayward ball, the match behind is seen to be waiting, then invite them to come through immediately.

Maximum ball search is 3 minutes, after this the ball is lost and you must play the provisional ball.

When called through, make sure you catch up with the match in front.

From the Fairway

Avoid continually changing club selection and keep practise swings to a minimum before playing your shot and no practice swings afterwards.

Do not stand admiring your shot but walk briskly after the ball.

Think ahead to where you can most conveniently place your trolley or bag for exit from the green to the next tee and take such clubs as are necessary to complete the hole.

Take a clear, careful line on wayward balls and if a wayward ball is clearly in trouble, play a provisional.

On the Green

Judge the line of your putt at the same time as other player(s).

You can elect to leave the pin in the hole when putting on the green.

In medal play, if your putt finishes close to the hole, follow up and tap in (with permission).

When the first player has putted out, he should collect the pin ready to put back, after the other players(s) have completed the hole.

After putting, leave the green promptly and proceed to the next tee.

Mark your card when you get to the next tee, whilst ensuring that you are ready to take your turn to tee off.

Discipline

Help and encourage other players who you judge to be unduly slow in their play, if they ignore your advice to improve their pace of play, then report them to a Club official.

The Committee is empowered to penalise players who fail to achieve a prompt pace of play.