



CLUB RULES

of Lyme Regis Golf Club

These Rules are made by the Management Committee under Section 1.4 of the Constitution for the purpose of the management of The Club and may be changed by them in order to reflect need without validation at either an AGM or EGM.

Under Section 1.5 of the Constitution every member is deemed to be familiar with and is bound by these Rules. Members must also ensure that their guests observe these Club Rules.

1.1 Personal Responsibility

Neither The Club nor its committees will be responsible for the loss or damage to property belonging to members or visitors while on the Club's premises, nor will they in any way be held responsible for personal injury suffered by players on the course, or damage or injury caused by players on or off the course. All players are therefore strongly advised to arrange their own insurance against such risks.

1.2 Health and Safety

- (a) The safety of members and others is paramount. Members should always exercise care, courtesy and patience on the golf course and be aware of any potential danger to which they and others are exposed. Any accident occurring on the course, which warrants medical attention at the time, should be notified to the Club Manager as soon as possible after the event.
- (b) Members should observe and obey all notices regarding Health and Safety matters.
- (c) Players should not under any circumstance go out or remain on the golf course when they hear one prolonged note of the klaxon. Players must discontinue play immediately because play has been suspended by a nominated representative of The Club. Play will be resumed on the sound of two short notes of a klaxon, repeated. (See notice on Club noticeboard).
- (d) Players should not seek to retrieve balls hit out of bounds into private property and any suspected damage caused must be reported to the office or the Professional's Shop after play.
- (e) Cars are parked in the Club car park at owners' risk and The Club accepts no liability for damage. All suspected golf ball damage caused by players must be reported to the office or the Professional's Shop after play.
- (f) Greenkeeping staff are mindful to allow golfers uninterrupted and undisturbed play but players should always alert them when they are about to hit a shot which might endanger them.
- (g) Care should be taken to observe the entitlement of walkers who have priority to use the South West Coastal Path which traverses the course at several points.

1.3 Members' Guests

Playing members may invite up to three guests at a preferential green fee; any individual guest may only avail of this discount on five occasions, subject to prior notification on The Club booking system. Members are responsible for the behaviour of invited guests and are also responsible for ensuring that guests are registered as visitors and that the appropriate fees are paid.

1.4 The Course

- (a) Members must observe the Rules of Golf and the Etiquette and Behaviour on the Course published by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.
- (b) The etiquette of golf must always be observed, particularly with reference to allowing following matches to pass through when players are holding up play behind them. For the avoidance of doubt, if a group has lost more than one hole on the group in front of them, then they should invite the group behind them to pass through.
- (c) All players must book their golf via The Club electronic tee booking system and abide by those start times for both their front and back 9 holes.
- (d) The 1st and 10th tees are reserved for Seniors competitions generally held on a Monday, Ladies every Thursday and Men every Sunday, between certain times as posted on the Club tee booking system.
- (e) Greenkeeping staff shall have priority on the course until 9.00 am with the exception of periods of course maintenance when that priority is extended throughout the day.
- (f) Should the Head Greenkeeper deem it necessary to ban the use of trolleys and buggies on the course, players may not use them. When such a ban is in force, the only exception is when the Captain's Committee decide to exempt individuals for physical or medical reasons.
- (g) Trolleys must not be taken onto the tees, between a greenside bunker and the green, or onto the fringes of the green.
- (h) The practice putting green by the Clubhouse may be used for practice putting and chipping only and pitching onto the green is strictly forbidden. The practice area between the 1st tee and the 17th green should be used for such practice.
- (i) Practising on any part of the course with more than two balls is prohibited.
- (j) Mobile phones (including pagers and similar devices) may not be used on the course for sending, or receiving calls or texts, except in cases of emergency.
- (k) Dogs are not allowed either on the course itself or in the Clubhouse, with the exception of Assistance or Guide Dogs. They are, however, allowed on the patio area.

1.5 Competitions and Knock-out Matches

- (a) All rules for competitions are displayed on either the club noticeboard or in the Ladies changing room, as well as on the Club website.
- (b) It is the responsibility of all competitors to be aware of, and fully abide by, these rules and all current local rules.
- (c) Any disputes are to be referred to the Competitions Committee.

1.6 The Clubhouse

Defined as the Clubhouse, the Professional's Shop and the Patio Area.

- (a) The Clubhouse will not be open on Christmas Day. Any other closures of the Clubhouse and its opening hours will be published and advertised.
- (b) No Junior members, under the age of eighteen shall purchase or consume alcohol on the premises.
- (c) Golf clubs, trolleys, bags and/or similar equipment shall not be brought into any part of the Clubhouse, other than the locker rooms or Professional's Shop, at any time.
- (d) Spiked golf shoes may not be worn other than on the patio.
- (e) No members, members' guests or visitors shall bring food or drink into the Clubhouse for consumption.
- (f) Under no circumstances shall any member reprimand a member of The Club staff. Complaints should only be made to the Club Manager.
- (g) Mobile phones may not be used for voice calls within the Clubhouse. Free Wi-Fi is available for the use of phones and other devices which may be used silently within the Clubhouse.
- (h) No notice of any kind may be displayed in the Clubhouse by a member without the express permission of the Club Manager.

1.7 Dress Code

All current dress code regulations are available on The Club noticeboard.