



Crossgar Golf Club

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Section 2

Club Rules and Bye-Laws

1.1 These Rules are made by the Committee under Part 1, Section 4.1, of the Club's Constitution for the purpose of the management of the Club and may be changed by the Committee at any time in order to reflect the Club's needs without validation at either an AGM or EGM.

1.2 Under Part 1, Section 4.2, of the Club's Constitution, every member of the Club shall be deemed to be familiar with and shall be bound by the Constitution, Rules, Bye-Laws and Policy Statements.

Personal Responsibility

1.3 Neither the Club nor its committee(s) 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.

Health and Safety

1.4 The safety of staff, 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 Secretary as soon as possible after the event.

1.5 Everyone using the Club's facilities shall observe all policies, notices and signage regarding Health and Safety matters.

1.6 Players should not under any circumstance go out or remain on the golf course when the course is closed.

1.7 Players should not seek to retrieve balls hit out of bounds into private property and must not enter any water hazards.

1.8 Cars are parked in the Club car park at the owners' risk and the Club accepts no liability for damage. All suspected golf ball damage caused by players must be reported immediately to the person manning the Club shop, who is to report the matter to the Secretary as soon as possible. During periods when the Club shop is not open, any suspected damage should be reported to the greenkeeping staff.

1.9 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.

Members' Guests

1.10 Any member may invite guests to use the Club's facilities and golf course. Members are responsible for the behaviour of their invited guests and are also responsible for ensuring that their guests pay the appropriate green fees.

Course

1.11 All players must observe the Rules of Golf and the etiquette and behaviour on the course that is published bi-annually by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.

1.12 The etiquette of golf must always be observed.

1.13 Anyone wishing to obtain a handicap must submit scores for 54 holes of golf, in either 9-hole or 18-hole format, duly marked and signed by a Club member to the Match and Handicap Secretary.

1.14 All players must book their tee times via the Booking & Reservation System ('BRS') and abide by those start times at the 1st and 10th tees.

1.15 Greenkeeping staff shall have priority on the course during periods of course maintenance.

1.16 The Greens Convenor or Greenkeeping staff, following consultation with the Committee, may at any time close the course or part of it during maintenance work or adverse weather conditions.

1.17 Should the Greenkeeping staff deem it necessary to ban the use of trolleys and buggies on the course, players may not use them.

1.18 Trolleys must not be taken onto the tees, between a greenside bunker and the green, or onto the fringes of the green.

1.19 Practicing on any part of the course with more than two balls is prohibited.

1.20 Tee markers, direction indicators, etc. must not be moved except under the Rules of Golf, after which they must be replaced. Except on teeing grounds, any turf cut up by a stroke must be replaced.

1.21 Hitting approach shots to a green, where the group in front is still on that particular green, is prohibited. Players must ring the bells when exiting the 2nd and 7th greens so that the group behind know that the green is clear.

1.22 Littering (including cigarette butts) is strictly prohibited on the course.

1.23 Members are to display their golf bag tags prominently at all times.

1.24 It is the responsibility of all members and visitors to be aware of, and fully abide by, these Rules and all current Local Rules that are documented on the Club's scorecard.

1.25 In addition to the above Rules, all players **must**:

- a. Repair pitch marks;
- b. Rake or smooth bunkers; and
- c. Replace divots.

1.26 In addition to the above Rules, members and visitors **must not**:

- a. De-face or damaging on-course signage;
- b. Damage course equipment, tee markers, flagsticks, rakes etc.; and
- c. Be disrespectful of staff, members, visitors or volunteers.

Competitions

1.27 When the Rules for Club competitions diverge from the format laid down in the Rules of Golf, these deviations are to be displayed on either the Club noticeboard or in the Ladies changing room.

1.28 Members wishing to play in Captain's Day, President's Day or Lady Captain's Day, must have played the requisite number of qualifying competitions as deemed appropriate by the Committee. Exemptions on medical grounds may be given by the Captain, President and Lady Captain for their respective competition.

1.29 Members wishing to represent the Club in inter-club or interprovincial competitions must adhere to the Club's dress code for all such competitions.

1.30 On competition days, green fee players must give way on the course to members playing in any competition.

1.31 All Club competitions are governed by the Rules of Golf and the Local Rules as printed on the current score card. Handicaps are governed by the World Handicapping System (WHS).

1.32 Competition entry fees, when appropriate, must be paid before starting unless the Club shop is closed, in which case, players must pay their fee immediately on completing their round.

1.33 The Match and Handicap Secretary shall ensure that the Rules of Golf are observed. Any serious or persistent breach of the Rules of Golf or Local Rules may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Club's Discipline Policy.

1.34 Any disputes are to be referred to the Match and Handicap Secretary or the Handicap sub-committee.

Clubhouse

1.35 The Clubhouse will not be open on Christmas Day. Any other closures of the Clubhouse and its opening hours will be published and advertised in advance.

1.36 Golf clubs, trolleys, bags and/or similar equipment shall not be brought into any part of the Clubhouse, other than the locker room, at any time.

1.37 Spiked golf shoes may not be worn in the Clubhouse.

1.38 Under no circumstances shall any member reprimand a member of the Club's staff. Complaints should only be made to the Secretary.

1.39 No notice of any kind may be displayed in the Clubhouse by a Club member or visitor without the express permission of the Committee. All such requests must be made via the Secretary.

1.40 Dogs, other than Guide Dogs, are not permitted in the Clubhouse.

Dress Code

1.41 All current dress code regulations are available on the Club noticeboard.

1.42 The wearing of footwear which may cause damage to any part of the course is not permitted.

1.43 Members and visitors must not wear distinctive clothing or sportswear which may be deemed offensive by others, e.g., football shirts, GAA shirts, and rugby tops.

Summary

1.44 The course should be the same, or even better, than when you arrived, so please repair divots, rake bunkers and fix pitch marks.

1.45 The simple act of repairing pitch marks helps to maintain the health and quality of the golf course for all players to enjoy. It also shows respect for the course and demonstrates good sportsmanship. So, even if the pitch mark was not made by you, taking the time to repair it is the right thing to do.

{Signed on Original}

Tony Moore
Secretary
Crossgar Golf Club