



VISITORS

Visitor play cannot commence until the appropriate green fee has been paid at the Golf Club bar or at the shop. There are no exceptions to this rule unless in extreme circumstances prior agreement has been obtained from a Club Director. Visitors must display a bag tag confirming the payment of the green fee and this must be displayed in a prominent place on their bag to be viewed at all times. Failure to do so may result in being asked to leave the course. Visitors may be introduced at the members rate no more than THREE times in any one calendar year. Playing members of Clubs in the Bolton and Bury Golf Association may be introduced as often as desired on payment of the appropriate green fee.

Visitors are allowed to play on competition days but must not hold up competitors in the competition if reasonable to do so.. It is also requested that where possible they play the format of the day.

Dress Rules on the Course

All Golfers should be smartly dressed at all times on the course, wearing suitable golf attire.

Under no circumstances will denim jeans, trainers, track suits or other non-golf sportswear (i.e. football shirts) be considered as suitable attire.

Ride on Buggies

When using, please ensure all on course directions and safety notices are followed at all times.

Only members with prior approval of the Directors may use non-hire buggies or personal buggies. The approval is conditional on the members holding appropriate public liability insurance cover.

HEALTH & SAFETY

The Golf Club Health & Safety policy is posted in the entrance hall of the Clubhouse. All members should read it and be aware of its implications.

Members Responsibilities

- Take responsibility for their own health and safety
- Consider the safety of others who may be affected by their acts
- Use the Club in accordance with the information provided
- Refrain from intentionally misusing or recklessly interfering with anything that is provided for health and safety reasons
- Report any defects in plant and or equipment or short comings in the existing health & safety arrangements to a member of the Council without delay.
- Not undertake any task for which authorisation and or training has not been received.
- Not use a ride on buggy unless prior approval from a Club Director has been received and adequate public liability insurance is in place.
- Take care when using the trolley store. Ensure your trolley is secure and does not present a hazard to other members
- All players (members & visitors) are responsible for their own 3rd party and public liability insurance cover

Whatever is done there will always be a small risk to members using the golf course. All staff and members should be aware of this and ensure the risks are kept to a minimum by:

Being generally aware of their situation on the golf course and from where a stray ball may arrive. By shouting FORE as soon as it is obvious that a shot played either by themselves or a playing partner could go near anyone on the course. **IF IN DOUBT ALWAYS SHOUT. Please** be aware of green staff particularly whilst they are operating noisy machinery which may drown a warning shout.

Green Staff have priority and shots should not be played if there is any danger of a ball landing close to or potential to cause harm.

Greens staff preparing the course at weekend should not be delayed by members not in the competition and must allow them immediate access to greens, tees, fairways or bunkers as required in preference over their own game.

Be aware of the risk represented by the two reservoirs adjacent to the 4th & 5th fairways and behind the 17th green. These areas are outside the course boundary and do not belong to the Club. Reservoirs are deep, banks slippery and represent a real risk. There are public footpaths that cross the course – across the the 4th fairway, across the 7th and 8th holes, down the left side of the 8th hole and across the 9th fairway. Players should be aware of these areas and not play if there is any chance of a ball hitting any member of the public.

All stray balls hit out of bounds on to the road on the 3rd hole MUST be reported immediately after completion of play.



GOLF RULES

The Club recognises the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews

As the ruling body of amateur golf and agrees to abide by the rules of Golf and amateur status as established by them.

Local Golf Rules

As printed on the score card and displayed on the Club notice board or mentioned as a condition of entry to a golf competition.

All players, whether casual or competition, should ensure that they have a booked tee time on BRS AND register in the shop before commencement of play.

Golf Etiquette

No one should distract, move, talk and stand close to or directly behind the ball or the hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke. Do NOT play unless the group in front are out of range.

If you lose a complete hole on the preceding match you must allow the group behind to play through.

Always play without delay, in the interest of speeding up play; players should play when ready as long as it is safe to do so.

At the green, leave your club, trolley at the side of the green where you will walk to the next tee

Players who fail to find a ball which may be lost should invite the following group through as soon as it becomes obvious that the ball may not be found. You must NOT wait three minutes before doing so. Having invited the group through you should not continue until the group is out of range.

A player should see that any divot is replaced and pressed down.

A player should see that any pitch mark on the green is repaired

A player should carefully fill and smooth all holes in a bunker

A player who has incurred a penalty should inform his opponents as soon as possible.

Players should ensure that when dropping bags and removing flag sticks no damage is done to the putting green and that neither they nor their caddies damage the hole by standing close to the hole.

Players should ensure that no damage is done to the hole when removing the ball. Extreme care should be taken if using attachments to putters as these can cause damage to the lip of the hole.

If putting with the flag in place, the flag and the ball should be removed separately

Slow Play

Often slow play can be caused by bad etiquette or may be just lack of thought. In that respect the following guidelines from the R&A should help members complete rounds in a reasonable time and avoid holding up other players

Play at a Good Pace and Keep Up

Players should play at a good pace (for 3 balls: 11 mins par 3, 13 mins. Par 4 and 15 mins. Par 5). It is the groups responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If it loses a clear hole and is delaying the group behind, it should invite the group to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that group. **REMEMBER, YOUR PLACE IS BEHIND THE GAME IN FRONT, NOT IN FRONT OF**

THE GAME BEHIND

Be Ready to Play

Players should be ready to play as soon as it is their turn to play. When playing on or near the putting green they should have their bags or carts in such a position that will enable quick movement off the green and on to the next tee. When the playing of a hole is completed, players should immediately leave the putting green i.e. they should head for the next hole before filling in their score card.

Lost Ball

If a player believes his ball MAY be lost in a water hazard or MAY be out of bounds he or she should play a provisional ball in order to save time. Players searching for a ball should signal the players in the group behind to play through as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not easily be found. **They should not search for 3 mins before doing so.**

General Comments

It is accepted that the members of the Club covers a wide range of abilities and age groups and each play at a different speed.

However if etiquette and the R&A guidelines are followed, each group should obtain the maximum enjoyment from their round and reduce the time spent on the course.

Using the R&A formula for calculating the length of time a round of golf should take. A round for a 3 Ball at Brightmet should take 3.5 hours.

Players stopping at the Club house should only do so if play can continue without delay. Players do not have the right to restart a round of golf unless there is a clear gap in the field.

Priority on the Course

The basic principle is that players playing a full round in the correct order shall not be inconvenienced or held up by players not playing a full round or holes in the correct sequence. Players playing a full round of golf shall have priority over any match playing a shorter round or any round of golf playing holes out of sequence



Players opting to play holes out of sequence MUST give way to players playing in the correct order in all circumstances
Players shall not play more than one ball if the following group is waiting to play. General play must always give way to players playing in competitions or representative team matches, as sanctioned by the Directors

Practising on the Course

Under no circumstances are players allowed to practice on the course or greens unless being coached by the club professional. All players are advised that playing more than one ball unless allowed under the rules of golf is classed as practice.

Competition Rules

Any notices posted in the Club or as a condition of entry take precedence over the rules in this booklet.

Competition Committees decision is final in all matters of dispute or question.

Payment of Subscriptions

Members are not allowed to enter competitions until they have paid all due subscriptions.

Entry in to Competitions

All competitors must enter their name in the competition entrance sheet and deposit the appropriate fee in the shop or as directed before the commencement of play. Otherwise they shall be "deemed not to have entered".

Play will normally be in two or three balls (4 balls may be allowed at the discretion of the competitions committee)

Entry of Name on Starting Sheet

Players shall not enter more than two other people's names on BRS in single competitions of three other persons in a four-ball event.

Starting and Finishing Times

The earliest starting and finishing time will be the first and last times time designated as competition on BRS

Number on Entries

Any men's competition having less than twelve entries shall be void. In junior competitions the minimum shall be eight, unless waived by the competitions committee.

Handicap Restrictions in a Board Competition

Glaister Cup 22

Captains Prize 22

Cort Cup 22

Members with a higher handicap may still enter the competition but must play off 22

General Conditions of Entry

Junior members are allowed to play in competitions except for invitation day and mixed foursomes, upon reaching a handicap of 18. They are not allowed to enter any monetary sweep or take the prize. In the event of the junior having a winning score, the club will provide a prize.

Juniors with a handicap of nine or less are allowed to enter the Club Championship and take the prize of the Club Championship.

On invitation day, guests must be members of a recognised golf club and hold a current handicap controlled by the appropriate governing body of that country.

In any competition a competitor may only take one main prize. This excludes ancillary prizes such as nearest the pin, longest drive etc.

If a members name is still entered on the competition starting sheet by lunchtime the day before the competition, he/she must turn up to play in the competition unless there is good reason such as ill health. Repeated infringement of this rule will lead to the competitions committee considering barring the member from competitions.

Ties:

All tied competitions apart from the club championships shall be decided by card play-off, the player having the best score over the last nine holes. In the event of the last nine holes being tied it shall be decided by the player having the best score over the last six, then the last three in that order. In the event of scores still being level at this stage, card match play will be used to decide the winner.

In 36 hole competitions a tied competitions shall be decided by the best score over the second 18. If no outright winner is obtained the normal card play-off rules will apply using the back 9 of the second 18.

Late Starting Times

Players not on the tee ready to commence play 2minutes after their starting time will be disqualified in all but exceptional circumstances.

The general principle is that players should not delay their starting time because of inclement weather or other circumstances to seek an advantage over players who have adhered to their correct time.

In general play, a group not on the tee at their starting time, must not commence play until the next tee time or the end of the sheet.



Foursomes / President's Knockouts

Players entering these competitions must do so by depositing the appropriate entry fee(s) in an envelope clearly marked "Foursomes / President's Knockout". The draw will be made from players having paid the correct entrance amount on the appropriate day.

Players not depositing the appropriate fee will be excluded from the draw.

The Competitions shall be Match Play (Foursomes or Singles), played off the competition tees of the day and using the current handicap recommendations of CONGU to decide on the shots available.

CORT CUP

The Cort Cup is a yearlong par competition played off full handicap. Players can count a card from any competition so long as the appropriate fee has been paid.

To enter a valid score in this competition a player must enter a duplicate card marked as a par comp in the comps box clearly marked CORT CUP card.

Additional Cort Cup cards can be taken out at any time at a cost of £3.00. Play must be from the competition tee of the day.

MILLENIUM TROPHY

This competition will be played off full handicap and shall consist of three qualifying rounds and a final round on dates to be decided by the Competitions Committee.

Players add the best two scores from the qualifying rounds to their score on the final round to produce a 54 hole total. The winner will be the player with the lowest 54 hole nett score

MIXED FOURSOMES

It is a local rule that Gentlemen drive off the first tee in a mixed foursomes competition