



CLUB RULES

of Lyme Regis Golf Club

These Rules are made by the Rules Committee (a Sub-Committee of the Captain's Committee) on behalf of the Management Committee under Section 1.4 of the Constitution for the purpose of the management of The Club. The Rules Committee may change any of these Rules in order to reflect need without validation at either an AGM or EGM.

Should a significant number of Members (20 or more) disagree with any of the Rules or changes to the Rules, they may jointly submit a notice in writing to the Rules Committee via the Office. The Rules Committee will review the notice and recommend any action that may or may not need to be taken for ratification by the Captain's Committee and thence the Management Committee. The decision of the Management Committee on this matter shall be final.

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.

Under no circumstances shall any member reprimand a member of The Club staff. Complaints should only be made to the Club Manager.

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 may be exposed. Any accident occurring on the course or in the Clubhouse, which warrants medical attention, should be notified to the Club Manager as soon as possible.

(b) Members should observe and obey all notices displayed by the Club regarding Health and Safety matters.

(c) Suspension and Resumption of Play for matters of safety (Rule 5.7 of the R&A Rules of Golf). When the Office or Pro-Shop are open, they will alert players out on the course using the following signals:

- i. Immediate Stop for imminent danger: one prolonged note of a siren. Players must discontinue play immediately (ie not make another stroke) because play has been suspended by a nominated representative of The Club. Players should return to the Clubhouse and remain there until The Club signals Resumption of Play.

- ii. Normal Suspension (Such as for Darkness or Unplayable Course): three consecutive notes of a siren. Rule 5.7b of the R&A Rules of Golf applies.
 - iii. Resumption of play: two short notes of a siren.
 - iv. Any of these signals may be repeated so as to ensure that players are aware of the situation.
 - v. When the Office or Pro-Shop are not open, the siren will not be sounded and responsibility for determining safety lies solely with each individual player.
 - vi. Playing golf when lightning is around is dangerous and players do so at their own risk.
- (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 Pro-Shop as soon as possible 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 Pro-Shop as soon as possible 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 Coast Path which traverses the course at several points. Players should be aware that walkers may also have dogs with them.

1.3 Member's 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) All players must observe the Rules of Golf as published by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews. These may be found at <https://www.randa.org/en/rog/the-rules-of-golf>.
- (b) Of particular note for the way players should behave on the course are:
- Rule 1 The Game, Player Conduct and the Rules and
 - Rule 4 Player Behaviour. 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 Course Manager deem it necessary to ban or restrict the use of trolleys and buggies on the course, they shall publish the restrictions on the Club V1 system. All players must abide by the published restrictions.
- (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 only. The practice area between the 1st tee and the 17th green should be used for chipping and pitching 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 voice or video calls, except in cases of emergency. Phones should be set to silent whilst on the course.
- (k) Dogs are not allowed on the course itself except for those accompanying walkers on the South West Coast Path (see Rule 1.2(g)).

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 V1 System.
- (b) It is the responsibility of all competitors to be aware of, and fully abide by, these rules and all current local rules.
- (c) All Local Rules are displayed on the club noticeboard and on the Club V1 System.
- (d) Any disputes are to be referred to the Competitions Committee.

1.6 The Clubhouse

The Clubhouse is divided into two parts: Private Areas and Public Areas.

Private Areas include storage rooms, the flat and the Kitchens. Members, members' guests and visitors are not allowed into the private areas except by special invitation by a Club representative.

Public Areas (hereinafter referred to as The Clubhouse) are defined as the Bar, the Locker Rooms (which includes the corridors from the Locker Rooms to the Clubhouse Entrance / Exit), the Professional's Shop (Pro-Shop), the Toilets, the Offices 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 in The Clubhouse or on the Course.

- (c) Golf clubs, trolleys, bags and/or similar equipment shall not be brought into any part of The Clubhouse other than the Patio, the Locker Rooms or the Pro-Shop.
- (d) Clean golf shoes (without metal spikes) may be worn in The Clubhouse. Metal spiked golf shoes may only be worn in the Locker Rooms or on the Patio Area.
- (e) No members, members' guests or visitors shall bring food or drink into the Bar for consumption. Only food and drink purchased in the Bar may be consumed there.
- (f) Mobile phones may not be used for voice calls within the Bar. Free Wi-Fi is available for the use of phones and other devices which may be used silently within the Bar.
- (g) No notice of any kind may be displayed in The Clubhouse by a member without the express permission of the Club Manager.
- (h) Dogs are not allowed inside The Clubhouse, with the exception of Assistance or Guide Dogs. Well behaved dogs are allowed on the Patio Area, but must be kept on a lead at all times.

1.7 Dress Code

All members, members' guests and visitors must follow the current Club dress code regulations which are displayed on The Club noticeboard and website.