

# **SILVER LAKES GOLF CLUB - RULES**

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# **RULES**

## **1. Golf Course Rules**

The Game of Golf shall be played under the Rules approved by the R&A Ltd and under such local Rules as may from time to time be adopted by the Club Committee in conjunction with the Director of Golf.

## **2. Etiquette:**

There are a number of aspects under etiquette that a member should remember:

### **2.1 Safety:**

Prior to playing a stroke or making a practice swing, the player should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the golf club or any debris that may be moved by the golf club.

### **2.2 Consideration for other players:**

2.2.1 Players are urged to report to the tee 10 minutes before their tee-off time. So as not to disrupt the field, late arrivals will forfeit their game or, times permitting, be moved to the back of the field.

2.2.2 The player who has the honour should be allowed to play before opponent or fellow competitor tees his ball. 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. No player should play until the players in front are out of range.

### **2.3 Pace of play:**

In the interest of all, play without delay. If a player believes the player's ball may be lost outside a water hazard or out of bounds, to save time, the player must play a provisional ball. Players searching for a ball should signal the players behind them to pass as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not be easily found. They should not search for more than 5 minutes. They should not continue play until the players following them have passed and are out of range. When a hole has been completed players should immediately leave the putting green. If a match fails to keep its place in the field and loses more than one clear hole on the players in front, it should invite the match following to pass.

### **2.4 Bunkers:**

2.4.1 Before leaving a bunker, a player and caddie is to fill up and smooth over all divots and footprints made by the player.

2.4.2 No children or pets are allowed to play in bunkers at any time.

2.5 **Repair divots and pitch marks:**

A player should ensure that any divot made by the player on the fairway and rough, should be filled with sand. Likewise any pitch mark made by the player on the green should be correctly repaired. The piece of green knocked out by the ball should be thrown away – do not replace it in the pitch mark.

2.6 **Damage to greens:**

Players must ensure that they or caddies do not damage the greens by dropping their bags or the flagsticks on the greens. They must further ensure that they do not damage the holes when replacing or removing the pins.

3. **Slow play:**

3.1 In an effort to maintain harmony and discipline, we remind all golfers of any match and/or game that can't maintain the pace of a following match and/or game, that they are obligated to let the faster match play through. Every effort should be made to speed up the pace of play generally.

3.2 The golden rule is that you are to keep up with the fourball ahead of you or if you are leading the field, take no more than 2 hours to complete nine holes. Halfway House should not take longer than 15 minutes, and to complete round no longer than 4 hours 15 minutes.

3.3 If players are more than one hole behind – allocate two holes to catch up or receive warning.

3.4 If after two holes players have not caught up – final warning

3.5 If two holes later players have still not caught up, they may be asked to leave the course.

4. **Sandbags:**

4.1 Sandbags are compulsory for all players on Silver Lakes Golf Course.

4.2 All golf carts to be equipped with sand bottles or sand bags.

4.3 Please fill divots - you may lie in it tomorrow. Please remember to repair pitch marks and rake bunkers – it's the right thing to do.

5. **Local rules:**

The local rules are printed on the back of the scorecard. Any additional rules will be displayed on the notice board. These are subject to change from time to time.

6. **Dress:**

- 6.1 All members or visitors are required to be neat and presentable at all times. Any member or visitor not adhering could be requested to leave the premises. A member is responsible to ensure that his or her guests conform to the regulations.
- 6.2 Extremes in casual dress will not be accepted.
- 6.3 No jeans allowed on golf course
- 6.4 Golf shoes with approved soft spikes shall be worn at all times on the golf course. (No metal spikes will be permitted on club property.)
- 6.5 The Golf Director and Golf Management reserves the right to decide whether dress is appropriate or not and shall approve golfing attire.

**7. Children:**

- 7.1 Children who are not junior members are not permitted unaccompanied on the course, driving range and putting green.
- 7.2 Parents will be held responsible for children found playing on the course, driving range and putting green.
- 7.3 Children in the Clubhouse area must be supervised at all times and no persons under 18 are permitted in the upstairs bar.

**8. Visitors:**

Visitors are welcome at the Club. The Management, however, reserves the right to control visitors subject to the conditions published in the Rules.

**9. Juniors:**

Junior members are permitted to play on times reserved for full members as determined by the Club Committee in consultation with Club Management.

**10. Guests of members:**

A member is responsible for the member's guest's dress and behaviour at all times.

**11. Sharing of clubs:**

Sharing of golf clubs is not permitted while playing on the Silver Lakes Golf Course.

**12. Lost property found on Course:**

Golf clubs or any items found on the course should be turned in at the Pro Shop.

### **13. Practice on course:**

No practising whatsoever is allowed on the Golf Course. At no stage may more than one ball be played except as provided under the Rules of Golf.

### **14. Handicaps:**

Handicaps are being calculated as determined by SAGA. Queries can be directed to the Director of Golf. Members not submitting a score before 72 hours after completion of 9 or 18 holes of golf will have a penalty score recorded at the next handicap provision. Handicaps are calculated on the morning of the first day of every month.

### **15. Scorecards:**

Participants in club competitions are required, as a condition of entry, to complete the scorecard correctly. Should any information not be on the card, the player may be disqualified. Scorecards must be handed-in at the Pro-shop after play.

### **16. Condition of entry into competitions:**

The Director of Golf, with the assistance of the Club Committee, reserves the right to stipulate conditions for any entry and if any member does not comply, the member is liable for disqualification.

### **17. Corporate Membership:**

Persons using the floating cards of Corporate Membership must have official handicaps to play on Saturdays.

### **18. Count out procedure:**

The count procedure for a 18 hole competition at the Club is as follow:

- Last 9 holes (holes 10-18)
- Last 6 holes (holes 13-18)
- Last 3 holes (holes 16-18)
- 18<sup>th</sup> hole
- If still equal a toss of a coin
- Unless otherwise specified in the Tournament rules, if a competition is contested over more than 18 holes (e.g. Club championship), a sudden death playoff will take place. All other prizes will be done on a count out over the last 18, 9, etc holes.

### **19. Club Competitions:**

19.1 **Club Championships** - will be held annually on the date that is prescribed by the governing golf bodies under condition of final approval by the Club Management. The draw will be seeded, according to handicaps in the respective divisions. The tournament will include an A, B, C Division as well as a Seniors Section. If there is a tie

for the Championship a play off will take place. For other prizes the count out rule of the Club will apply. The member must be handicapped and be a full member at the Club to enter.

- 19.2 **Monthly medal** – will take place on the first Saturday of the month and is also restricted to members only and will be contested in different divisions.
- 19.3 **Club knockout** – singles, doubles and mixed knockouts are restricted to full members only. The Rules and Conditions will be determined by the Club Management and will be stipulated on the entry form. The member must be handicapped at the Club to enter.
- 19.4 **Mixed competitions** – are arranged regularly. The Rules and Conditions will be determined by the Club Management and will be stipulated on the entry form.
- 19.5 **Club competitions** – These take place from time to time. The Rules and Conditions will be determined by the Club Management and/or will be stipulated on the entry form.

## **20. Control of persons on the course:**

- 20.1 All players who want to use the course must register in the Pro-Shop.
- 20.2 Extreme caution must be taken to ensure the safety of persons making use of the cart paths.
- 20.3 All golfers must assist by informing non-golfers of the danger of being on golf course property during golfing hours.
- 20.4 A fine will be imposed upon anyone who starts to play golf on any hole other than 1<sup>st</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> tee.

## **21. Suspension of play:**

The Golf Director in consultation with the Club Captain and/or member of green's committee and/or the Green keeper will decide when the golf course becomes unplayable. Notice to discontinue play immediately will be announced by a long continuous blast of the siren. No play is permitted once play is suspended. Two repeated short blasts will announce resumption of play. Note: even in absence of sirens players are the sole judges to suspend play when lightning strikes are visible.

## **22. Cellular phones:**

- 22.1 Cellular phones must at all times be on "silent" mode and only be used with the greatest respect to fellow players.
- 22.2 When taking cellular telephone calls, please consider others, be discreet, move away from other players

22.3 When taking calls inside the Club, preferably move outdoors.

### **23. Golf Carts:**

- 23.1 Whilst using motorised carts, the rules displayed in the cart and on the lease agreement are to be adhered to at all times.
- 23.2 No person under the age of 18 years may drive a golf cart.
- 23.3 Golf carts are utilised at the driver's own risk.
- 23.4 Owners of their own carts will adhere to the same rules as rental carts.
- 23.5 Carts must follow signs as indicated on the Course.
- 23.6 NO vehicles other than golf carts on cart paths.
- 23.7 All club golf carts must stay on golf course property and be returned to the Pro-Shop at the end of play.
- 23.8 Any abusive action that can lead to damage of the cart. This includes, but is not limited to, putting the cart in neutral and racing down hills, driving the cart too fast and slamming on the brakes, hitting the cart with a club or kicking the cart, etc.
- 23.9 Observe 90 degree rule for fairways unless otherwise posted in Pro Shop. Keep carts on path until you are in-line with your ball, then turn 90 degrees to take golf cart to your ball. When you reach each tee and green, park the cart on the cart path.
- 23.10 Check with the Pro-Shop for daily cart path rules.
- 23.11 Disciplinary action will be taken if the above rules are violated.
- 23.12 Members and residents may use their own motorized golf carts after payment of an annual trail fee as determined by the Club Management and after signing a consent form to adhere to the golf cart rules.

### **24. Pull carts:**

Pull carts are not permitted between the bunkers and greens and on the greens.

### **25. Caddies:**

- 25.1 Caddy fees will be published on the notice boards and can change from time to time.



- 25.2 No caddies from outside will be allowed at the Club. Identification disks will be issued to registered caddies.
- 25.3 Caddies are not employed by the Club itself, but are engaged by golfers who might require their assistance when playing golf. The safety of personal effects is the responsibility of the player.

**26. Course Marshall:**

The Course Marshall has been employed to see to the flow of the field and is the spokesperson of the Director of Golf. The Course Marshall has a set of tasks that must be performed. As a representative of the Club, the Course Marshall has the right to implement the rules pertaining to slow play. It is a breach of the Rules to verbally abuse or rebuff the Course Marshall.

**27. Driving range and practice facilities:**

The driving range and practice facilities are the responsibility of the Director of Golf and are provided for all persons on the Estate, visitors and members. Any person using these facilities will abide by instructions issued by the official on duty.

**28. Golf Club times:**

The course is open Tuesday to Sunday with the exception of Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The course opens at times as determined by the Director of Golf in consultation with Club Management.

**29. Private property:**

Under no circumstances may any member or visitor enter any private property to collect golf balls. Any breach of this rule shall result in disciplinary action.

**30. Payment of playing fees:**

No person is entitled to commence playing golf before they have paid the applicable fees at the Pro-Shop.

**31. Exception to rules:**

The Club Management reserves the right to make exceptions to rules under certain circumstances. These exceptions will be placed on the notice boards whenever possible.

**32. Suggestions and recommendations:**

Any suggestions and recommendations can be made in writing to either the Director of Golf or the General Manager of the Club.

**33. Disclaimer of Liability:**

All persons entering the Club's premises or using the Club's facilities do so at their own risk and all such persons are responsible for their own safety and for the care of their belongings. Neither the Club nor Club Management, employees, agents or contractors shall be liable for any injuries (including loss of life) incurred by such persons or loss or damage to their belongings, whatever the cause.

**34. General Club Rules:**

- 34.1 Profane and abusive language is prohibited at all times on the Club property.
- 34.2 No Smoking is allowed inside the Club, Pro-shop, half way house and restaurant.
- 34.3 In terms of the Liquor Law, persons under 18 years of age are not permitted to buy liquor.