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RULES

1. Golf Course Rules:

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

2. Etiquette:

There are a number of aspects under etiquette that will be enforced:

2.1 **Timeous arrival:**

- 2.1.1 Players have 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.
- 2.1.2 Cancellation of tee times must be done at least 24 hours before the scheduled tee time. Any short notice given may lead to the member having booked the tee time be held responsible for the green fees applicable to the tee-time.

2.2 **Slow play:**

- 2.2.1 The Rule that a four ball must keep up with the players ahead of them irrespective of the pace of play of the four ball behind applies.
- 2.2.2 The course marshal on the day shall be responsible to address slow play and players shall adhere to any request by the marshal to speed up play.
- 2.2.3 Penalties may become applicable to players guilty of slow play in the marshal's discretion.
- 2.2.4 Penalties may be strokes or the deduction of points depending on the nature of the competition as determined by the Director of Golf or the Golf Committee.

2.3 **Bunkers:**

- 2.3.1 Before leaving a bunker, a player and/or caddie is to fill up and smooth over all divots and footprints made by the player.
- 2.3.2 No children or pets are allowed to play in bunkers at any time.

2.4 **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.

2.5 **Damage to greens:**

Players must ensure that they or their 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. Pace of play:

- 3.1 Every effort should be made to speed up the pace of play generally.
- 3.2 The four-ball leading the field should take no more than 2 ¼ hours to complete nine holes. Halfway House should not take longer than 10 minutes, and to complete the entire round in no longer than 4 ½ hours.
- 3.3 If players fall behind due to a lost ball or a ball hit out of bounds the four ball behind must be let through in the event the hole in front is totally open.
- 3.4 If in doubt as to how to apply this Rule the Pro Shop must be contacted for a marshal to take charge of the situation.

4. Sandbags:

- 4.1 Sandbags are compulsory.
- 4.2 All golf carts must be equipped with sand bottles or must carry sand bags.
- 4.3 Divots must be filled at all times.
- 4.4 Caddies have to repair divots on tee boxes on a continuous basis before and after their players have teed off, if necessary.

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 Code:

- 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 on and off the golf course.
- 6.2 Golf attire must be worn on the golf course and extremes in casual dress will not be accepted.
- 6.3 Golf shoes with soft spikes shall be worn on the golf course.
- 6.4 The Golf Director and Golf Committee 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. Any misconduct will be reported to the home club of such visitor without fail.

9. Juniors:

- 9.1 Junior members are permitted to play on times reserved for full members as determined by the Club Committee in consultation with Club Management.
- 9.2 Juniors are permitted to play in all the club competitions and are eligible for prizes save to state that 4 (FOUR) junior members in one four-ball may not participate in a club competition. One adult member must be part of the junior four-ball.
- 9.3 It is noted that all requirements and formalities regarding the completion, marking and signing of score cards shall apply to juniors participating in club competitions.

10. Guests of members:

A member is obliged to inform his guest(s) regarding acceptable dress code and behaviour at all times.

11. Sharing of clubs:

- 11.1 Sharing of golf clubs is not permitted in competitions.
- 11.2 Sharing of clubs may be allowed with permission of the Golf Director or in an instance where a beginner is introduced to the game of golf under supervision.

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 other than the designated practise areas provided.

14. Handicaps:

14.1 Handicaps are being calculated as determined by SAGA.

14.2 Members not playing off correct handicaps will be disqualified from competitions and possible disciplinary action may be imposed.

14.3 Queries or uncertainty regarding handicaps must be directed to the Director of Golf prior to a competition being played.

15. Scorecards:

15.1 Participants in club competitions are required, as a condition of entry, to complete the scorecard correctly.

15.2 Any irregularity may lead to the player being disqualified at the discretion of the Director of Golf or the Golf committee.

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 out procedure for an 18 hole competition is as follows:

- Last 9 holes (holes 10-18)
- Last 6 holes (holes 13-18)
- Last 3 holes (holes 16-18)
- 18th 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.
- 19.2 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.
- 19.3 **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.
- 19.4 **Club knockout matches** – singles, doubles and mixed knockouts are restricted to full members only. The Rules and Conditions will be determined by the Golf Committee and will be stipulated on the entry form. The member must be handicapped at the Club to enter.
- 19.5 **Mixed competitions** – are arranged regularly. The Rules and Conditions will be determined by the Golf Committee and will be stipulated on the entry form.
- 19.6 **Club competitions** – These take place from time to time. The Rules and Conditions will be determined by the Golf Committee and/or will be stipulated on an entry form.
- 19.7 Club members will be elected for league teams and as they are representing our club must at all times be an ambassador of the club.

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. Any failure to co-operate must be reported to the Pro Shop.
- 20.4 Anyone who starts to play golf on any hole other than 1st or 10th tee will be reported and disciplinary action may be imposed.

21. **Suspension of play:**

- 21.1 The Golf Director in consultation with the Club Captain or a committee member and/or member of the 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.

21.2 Players ignoring the sounding of the siren to suspend play shall be disqualified from the competition.

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 or making cellular telephone calls, it must be restricted to calls of an urgent nature or emergency situations only.

22.3 When taking calls inside the Club, it shall be expected to move outdoors.

22.4 Cell phone use other than stipulated above may lead to disciplinary action.

23. **Golf Carts:**

23.1 Whilst using motorised carts, the rules displayed in the cart are to be adhered to at all times.

23.2 No person under the age of 16 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 are allowed 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 Abusive action can lead to damage of a golf cart. Damages shall be claimed from persons who cause damage due to abuse or failure to adhere to conditions pertaining to golf cart use.

23.9 The Pro-Shop shall notify players regarding change in the normal daily cart path rules. A 90- degree rule may be enforced when conditions do not permit driving on fairways due to rainy conditions.

23.10 Disciplinary action will be taken if the above rules are violated.

23.11 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.

23.12 Rule 4.40 Golf carts may only be driven on and off the golf course by a driver in possession of a valid motor cycle or motor vehicle licence. Golf carts are only permitted to travel on the public roads in the Estate for the shortest route on and off the golf course and must be fitted with front and rear lights if used anywhere after sunset.

24. **Pull carts:**

Pull carts are not permitted on the greens.

25. **Caddies:**

25.1 Caddie 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 unless additional caddies are hired by the club. Identification disks will be issued to registered caddies.

25.3 Caddies are not employed by the Club itself, but are engaged by the golfers. The safety of personal effects is the responsibility of the player.

26. **Course Marshall:**

The Course Marshall is being 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 Monday to Sunday with the exception of Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The course opens at times as determined by the Golf Committee 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 may 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 Golf Committee 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, the Club Captain or the General Manager of the SLHOA.

33. **Disclaimer of Liability:**

All persons entering the SLHOA's premises or using the SLHOA'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 SLHOA nor SLHOA 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 Profanity 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.

35. **Booking Times:**

All members are responsible for booking their own golf times. No pre bookings will be allowed.