



Stirling Golf Club

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Local/Club Rules and Courtesy on the Course

It is each player's responsibility to know and apply correctly all Rules of Golf and Local Rules.

Should a player be unsure as to the correct application of a rule he/she should consult the other members of the group. Should there still be some confusion, players should request a ruling from the Club Captain or Vice Captain prior to handing in their cards.

"Calling up" on par 3s

The Club has been advised by the management of the Wembley Golf Complex that they would prefer that we do not "call up" following groups on Par 3s.

Until further notice, members must **NOT** play their tee shots on Par 3s until all players in the group in front have holed out and left the green.

Hitting of Provisional Balls

In the interests of speeding up play, all players should hit a provisional ball if their original ball fails to land on the fairway and / or cannot be seen.

The player must inform at least one member of his group of his intention to play a provisional ball and must nominate the ball he/she is playing, (brand and number), prior to playing it. The provisional ball should not be identical to the original ball.

Calling Through

Players searching for a ball should signal the group behind, (if the group behind is part of the Stirling Golf Club), to "play through" as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not be easily found.

Players have a maximum of five minutes in which to locate their ball, (from the time they reach the general area of the search), after which time they must declare the ball lost and proceed to play the provisional ball.

Once declared lost, the original ball is "out of play" and cannot be replayed even if found.

Players should not wait for the full five minutes before calling through the group behind.

Fines

A \$2 fine will be payable for the following:

1. Four putts or more on a hole.
2. 10 strokes or more on a hole.
3. A drive from the tee not making it past the ladies tee.
4. Golf club abuse.
5. Audible ring tone from a mobile telephone.
6. Making a stroke at the ball and failing to make any contact.
7. Not wearing a Stirling Golf Club shirt during the regular season.
8. All of the first group if a novelty marker is not placed.

It is the responsibility of the marker of the player incurring the fine to write an asterisk for each fine next to the player's name on their card. This will be used as a quick visual check at the end of the round.

Use of distance measuring devices

In accordance with the R&A New Decision 14-3/0.5, the Committee of the Stirling Golf Club has decided to permit the use of distance measuring devices, including GPS based systems and laser rangefinders, by Local Rule. This applies to devices that measure distance only, **not** any other conditions that might affect a player's game such as wind or gradient.

Should a player be unsure as to legality or otherwise of a device, the player can choose to present the device to the Captain or Vice Captain for a decision.

"Scraping" of the Greens to Position the Novelty markers

In the interests of avoiding damage to greens, the practice of "scraping" the green to mark the position of the marker for Novelty holes is no longer acceptable. In future, the player shall place the Novelty marker, a ball marker, small coin or other similar object two (2) putter head lengths, or more if required, to one side and place the Novelty marker in the correct position after the putt.