



SGA TOUR
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LOCAL RULES

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The Society provides the opportunity for amateur golfers to enjoy the experience of competing on a 'professional' style tour, but with the knowledge that the core values embrace a sociable & inclusive mantra. We play to R&A rules with local Tour rules to aid all levels of golfers & allow members to apply common sense.

Membership | Rules

Joining

Please see Membership policy for more detail

- New members are to be nominated by existing members or invited by the Committee
 - Where possible new members will be asked to provide a handicap certificate or 3 x recent scorecards. The Committee has the right to adjust handicaps in line with the membership

Events | Attendance

We would request that all members arrive at least an hour prior to tee-off to support the Committee with collecting green fees & organizing groupings

- All events are booked for the following season.
 - 16 x spaces provisionally booked
 - Full members are guaranteed a place.
 - A non-refundable deposit is paid by the Committee
 - Final numbers are confirmed with the golf club 2 weeks prior to the event
 - Green fees will be collected 2 weeks prior to the event.
 - Member no shows or cancellations – Will be liable for entrance fee & attendance to future events will not be accepted until paid
 - Buggies will need to be booked by members who wish to use one.
 - Green Fees target cost £40
 - Where possible this will include food & beverage (bacon buttie & coffee)
- Local Golf Club rules, conduct & dress code to be adhered to



PLAYING RULES

Playing Rules

Golf is a game of honesty & integrity & it is expected that all members will abide by the rules of golf as set out by the R&A. Where possible we will ensure a serving or past Committee Member is placed in each playing group. However, we would ask that all members take responsibility of policing the groups play & be aware of factors such as slow play.

- R&A rules apply
- Local Golf Club rules apply
- World Handicap Slope Rating apply
- Event scoring system rules apply

Local Society Rules / Interpretation

- Mulligans not allowed
- Gimmies not allowed
- Pace of Play
 - Playing Honour
 - Unless a Matchplay event, please play when ready (within reason)
- Be aware of course & groupings pace of play, allowing faster groups play through
- Lost Ball
 - Ensure you identify a point of reference to guide when looking for a lost ball & speed up penalty drops
 - Ensure a provisional ball is nominated & in play
 - 3 minutes search time allowed
 - Ensure your ball is identified before helping others find a lost ball
 - Non-hazard (not red & yellow markers)
 - Stroke & Distance penalty rule applied

Stroke & Distance

A society local rule to be applied to speed up play & where a provisional ball is not in play.

- A lost ball or deemed out of bounds - the player can drop at point of entry with a 2 shot penalty. In essence, the same penalty would apply if returning to the tee or from place of errant shot.
- If the lost ball is deemed to have entered a red or yellow hazard, normal penalty drop rules will apply.



GENERAL RULES

General Rules Conduct

- Playing Groups
 - A referee will be nominated
 - A scorer will be nominated – We will be using VPAR but ask that a scorecard is also kept in case of VPAR App issues
- On course rulings
 - Group players to support any rulings including searching for lost balls
 - No member should take any rule action without confirming with another group player before continuing play

The rules of golf are there to aid the individual. The SGA Tour applies a common-sense approach. When unsure of what action to take, we ask that the Group take a responsible view & continue play, noting the incident & informing the Committee on return to the Clubhouse. The Committee will review using all resource available & confirm or amend the scoring accordingly.



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