

Lee Valley Golf Club

Rules and Bye-Laws

The Committee and/or the Liaison Committee shall have the power from time to time in compliance with Sub-Sub Clause 9.5.2.1 to make such Bye-Laws as it considers necessary and to alter and repeal same, subject at all times to the approval of the appropriate Committee.



Club Colours and Emblem

The official Club Emblem is as displayed and the Club colours shall be green and blue.

Representative Dress

Members representing the Club in competition should wear navy slacks, white shirt and the official Club sweater.

Conduct on the Golf Course

1. Members are forbidden to trespass on lands adjoining the course.
2. Members are required to smooth out their footprints in bunkers, to replace divots and repair their ball mark on greens.
3. Members are expected to acquaint themselves as to Local Rules in place at the time of their play

Timekeeping

1. It is expected that a player in competition should arrive in good time before his appointed timeslot.
2. The committee reserve the right to invoke disqualification for breach of this Rule of Golf 6-3. Alternatively they may invoke a penalty for failure to start on time as follows: loss of the first hole in matchplay or two strokes at the first hole in strokeplay.

Slow Play

1. Inconsiderate slow play is considered to be objectionable conduct.
2. If a match fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than one clear hole to the players in front it must call through the match following.
3. Players searching for a ball should signal the players behind them to pass as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball would not easily be found. They should not search for five minutes before doing so.
4. When play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the green and proceed towards the next hole.
5. Players should ensure that golf bags are left on the correct side of the green to enable direct progress to the next tee without delay.
6. If there is a doubt about a ball being "out of bounds" or lost outside of a hazard it would expedite play if a "provisional ball" was played before proceeding.

Priority

1. The President and Captain of the Club have traditional rights and should have precedence on the course at all times.
2. Players shall not "cut-in" while a competition is in progress.
3. Players shall not "cut-in" on any part of the course unless the previous hole is clear from tee to green.

Competitions (Entry)

The Club retains the right to disqualify a player from a competition unless he has

- (i) Entered his name on the entry sheet
- (ii) Paid his competition entry fee
- (iii) Entered through swipe card (or PIN no.) on the computer (singles competitions)

Having completed his round, the player must

- (iv) Enter his score on the computer (singles competitions)
- (v) Place his completed scorecard in the competition box

It is obligatory that a member who enters his name on a club competition timesheet will compete in said competition.

Competitions (Prizegiving)

1. Competition results will be posted as soon as practical after a competition on the club noticeboard.
2. Whereas every effort shall be made to notify prizewinners, it is understood that the onus is on the individual to make himself available for prizegiving ceremonies.
3. In the event of the non-appearance of a prizewinner at a prizegiving ceremony, prizes will be awarded in order of appearance.

Competitions (General)

1. The Committee shall have the right to refuse any entry for an open competition and shall not be obliged to state any reason therefor.
2. A member of the Club may not win either the Captain's Prize or the President's Prize unless he has
 - (i) Paid in full all Club Subscriptions/Levies
 - (ii) Been a member on the Club on or before December 31 of the preceding calendar year, and
 - (iii) Played in at least 4 (four) Lee Valley Club qualifying singles competitions since the date of the previous competition in question
 - (iv) Juvenile/Student/Junior members are not eligible to win outright either the Captain's Prize or the President's Prize.
3. In all competitions where timesheets are in operation, all names must be entered on the timesheet. The word "Partner" is not acceptable.
4. In club fourball competition, the partners who are on the timesheet play together and the person with no partner shall play with the higher handicapper of the two.
5. In singles competitions, where re-entry is allowed, any player may not win more than one prize. In re-entry fourballs, foursomes and team events, the same pairings or teams may not win more than one prize.
6. Scores should be recorded on the scorecard before playing from next tee.
7. All cards must be returned without delay to the box provided for that purpose and cards so returned cannot be altered subsequently.
8. Ties shall be decided in accordance with rules set out by the Committee.

Juvenile Members

1. Juveniles on reaching an acceptable handicap may be invited by the Committee to play in adult competitions.
2. If given the privilege of playing in adult competitions it is understood that this privilege may be revoked at any time.
3. Two adult members will play alongside a juvenile if playing in adult competition.
4. Juvenile members who are not offspring of adult members must reapply for membership on a yearly basis.
5. One juvenile per timeslot is allowed when competing in adult single and 3-man team competitions; juveniles may only partner adult members in fourball or foursome competitions.
6. To maintain his Juvenile or Student/Junior membership the individual must declare his allegiance to Lee Valley Golf Club for the duration of his membership i.e. will be expected to play for Lee Valley Golf Club if selected.

Matchplay Competitions

1. All rounds in matchplay competitions shall be played from the medal match tees unless otherwise decided by the Committee.
2. In the event of tie holes, the 1st hole shall be the 19th and the match shall continue until a hole is won, taking strokes as on the scorecard.
3. In any competition where play is ordinarily spread over a prolonged period (e.g. matchplay) a competitor may continue to play off his handicap at the time of the first match unless it is otherwise specified in the condition governing the competition.
4. In the matchplay competitions the onus is equally on all players to make contact in order to arrange a suitable date to ensure that the match is decided on or before the date set for each round.
5. Where ties are not played by the prescribed date, progression to the next round shall be decided by the toss of a coin.
6. Entrance fees for knockout competitions must be paid before the draw is made.

Subscriptions/Levies

The committee reserves the right to decide on a set date by which all Subscriptions/Levies should be paid. A member in default of not paying all Subscriptions/Levies by this set date will be deemed no longer a member of the Club.

Etiquette

1. Members are reminded that the object of these Rules and of Etiquette generally is to enable all members to enjoy the facilities of the course and clubhouse with minimum inconvenience to others, and these should be complied with in all respects.
2. All players shall observe the general regulations regarding courtesy, priority and care of the course as outlined in the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews. (The local rules as displayed with regard to priority on the course shall take precedence).
3. All local rules and ByeLaws shall be posted on the Club Noticeboard and shall therefore take immediate effect.

Local Rules

1 Out of Bounds

Over the boundary fences, ditches and hedges surrounding the course. Over the boundary fences right of the 2nd and 10th holes. On or over the permanent burnt line on the following holes; back of the 1st tee, 2nd green and 18th green. Right of 9th hole. Left of 18th hole. Over the white painted kerbing back of the 10th and 15th greens.

2 Hazards (Rule 26)

All ponds and lakes marked by yellow stakes are Water hazards. All ponds or ditches marked by red stakes are lateral Water hazards. NOTE: stakes or lines defining the margins of hazards are in the hazard.

3 Immovable Obstructions (Rule 24)

Sprinkler heads, hydrant covers, tee markers, seats, manhole covers, drain grates and drainpipes, signs, ball washers, litter bins, distance markers and electricity cables crossing the course or their supporting poles, the stroke must be replayed without penalty.

4 Ground Under Repair

Areas surrounded by white lines and/or red and white stakes and marked GUR relief may be taken from GUR under Rule 25-1b

Tractor marks and red earth included.

- 5 A ball lying on a tee or green, other than that of the hole being played, must be dropped within one club length from the nearest point of relief, which must not be nearer the hole being played and not in a hazard.
- 6 All paths and roads within the boundaries of the course are in play.
- 7 A ball lying within two club-lengths of any staked tree must be dropped within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole.
- 8 Loose stone impediments may be removed from sand bunkers.
- 9 Distance Markers to Front of Green *Yellow 100yds; White 150yds; Red 200yds.*

Winter Rules (Non-Qualifying Competitions)

- 1 A ball coming to rest on a FAIRWAY may be lifted, cleaned and placed within six inches (not nearer the hole).
- 2 If your swing is impeded by the ropes or stakes protecting the greens, you are allowed relief of one club-length or such distance that allows you full relief (not nearer the hole).

Preferred Lies (Qualifying Competitions)

- 1 A ball coming to rest on a FAIRWAY may be lifted, cleaned and PLACED within six inches (not nearer the hole).