

Denbigh Golf Club Rules (Issued by the Management Committee June 2020)

1. Consideration for other players

- 1.1 Play without delay
- 1.2 Do not play until the players in front are out of range.
- 1.3 Obey all safety warning signs.
- 1.4 When searching for a ball, call through the players behind as soon as the ball is not easily found. Do not wait 3 minutes before doing so.
- 1.5 Move away from a green as soon as the hole is completed.

2. Behaviour during play

- 2.1 Do not talk, make a noise, move or stand close to a player making a stroke.
- 2.2 On the putting green, do not stand directly behind the ball or hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke.
- 2.3 Be aware of players elsewhere on the course, do not make a noise or distract players on adjacent holes.
- 2.4 Shout 'fore' as a warning if a ball is played towards other players or if in any doubt about the safety of other players if a ball goes out of sight.
- 2.5 The sharing of clubs is strictly prohibited.

3. Priority on the course

- 3.1 Greens staff have priority at all times.
- 3.2 Priority on the course is determined by a group's pace of play. If the group behind are continually waiting to play, then they must be playing faster than your group. Unless you are being held up by the group in front, call through the group behind. The term 'group' includes a single player.
- 3.3 If either the President, Captain or Ladies' Captain is waiting at the first tee, priority of the tee must be offered to his/her group.

4. Practice on the course

- 4.1 Players may not practise from white tees.
- 4.2 A player, practising on the course, must not delay those playing a round.
- 4.3 A player, during a practice round, must not play more than two balls. He/she may only play a second ball if it causes no delay to those behind.
- 4.4 Greens on the course must not be used for chipping/pitching practice except as in 4.3
- 4.5 Driving balls from a tee, under the supervision of the professional, does not constitute practice on the course.

5. Care of the course

- 5.1 When taking practice swings, players should avoid causing damage to the course, particularly teeing grounds.
- 5.2 Before leaving a bunker, a player must carefully fill in and smooth over all holes and footprints. On completion, the rake must not be left outside the bunker.
- 5.3 In The General Area, a player must ensure that divots are replaced and pressed down.
- 5.4 Control your temper. Do not damage the course, particularly greens and teeing grounds.
- 5.5 Bags are not permitted on putting greens.
- 5.6 Players must repair pitch marks on greens.
- 5.7 Players must ensure that no damage is caused to putting greens when laying down flagsticks and that the edge of the hole is not damaged when handling a flagstick or removing a ball.

5.8 To protect the putting green from damage, players should avoid leaning on putters when removing a ball from the hole.

5.9 The flagstick must be correctly replaced in its hole prior to leaving the putting green.

6. Trolleys and Buggies

6.1 Notices and markings regulating the movement of trolleys and buggies should be strictly observed.

6.2 Trolleys and buggies must not be taken onto teeing grounds, greens, green aprons or between greens and greenside bunkers.

6.3 When the ground is soft, keep buggies well away from greens, make every effort to keep off fairways.

6.4 The rules for driving buggies (available in the professional's shop) must be followed at all times.

7. Dress

On the course

7.1 For safety reasons only golfing footwear is permissible. No trainers or non golfing footwear.

7.2 Only clothing that is designed for the purpose of playing golf is acceptable.

7.3 Rugby/football type shirts or shirts without a collar (other than recognised golf shirts) are not acceptable.

7.4 Jeans and tracksuits are not acceptable.

7.5 Shorts must be tailored. No sports shorts or non regulation shorts.

In the clubhouse

7.6 Smart casual wear is acceptable at all times, unless otherwise stated for formal occasions.

7.7 No golfing footwear, tracksuits or headwear to be worn in the lounge or dining room.

7.8 All clothing including denim jeans must be clean, not soiled.

7.9 Golf equipment is NOT permitted in any area except locker rooms.

8. Playing Guests

8.1 Members may introduce up to three guests to play a round of golf at the guest green fee. An individual guest is limited to a maximum of six rounds per calendar year, at the guest green fee, irrespective of his/her host.

9. Juniors

9.1 Juniors not accompanied by an adult must always report to the Professional before starting a round.

9.2 Junior Boys and Junior Girls who hold a CONGU handicap, are eligible to enter stroke play and knockout competitions

9.3 Juniors may not play for the President's, Captain's, Ladies' Captain's, or Ladies' Vice Captain's Prizes unless requested by the relevant officer of the club (President etc)

10. Miscellaneous

10.1 Bookings by a member for social golf, may only be made 2 weeks in advance. Note; Gents' Winter League is classified as social golf.

10.2 As a mark of respect, on the death of a member, (or, at the discretion of the Management Committee, an ex-member or non member) the club flag may be flown at half mast.

10.3 Players should refrain from cleaning shoes and equipment in the car park. Compressed air equipment is provided, in an adjacent area, for such a purpose.

11. Second Club Members

11.1 Second club members may enter all Denbigh competitions but are not eligible to win the first prize in board competitions.