

ALLENDALE GOLF CLUB
CLUB RULES

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Changes from previous version – inclusion of 2010 AGM amendments

1. **Guests.**
 - a) A member may introduce not more than four guests on any single occasion. The name and address of each guest and the signature of the member introducing such guest shall be entered in the Visitors Book which shall be kept at the Clubhouse. The Committee may, at their discretion, limit the number of visits guests may make to the Clubhouse at any time.
 - b) Any member over the age of eighteen years shall be entitled to introduce guests to the Club provided that no person whose application has been declined or who has been expelled from the Club shall be introduced as a guest.

2. **Supply of Intoxicating Liquor..**
 - a) The purchase for the Club and the supply by the Club of intoxicating liquor shall be controlled and managed by the Committee and no person shall receive at the expense of the Club any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to the purchases of intoxicating liquor by the Club, neither shall any person directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor.
 - b) No intoxicating liquor or other articles for which a licence is required shall be supplied to any person under the age of eighteen years.

3. **The Clubhouse.** The Clubhouse will normally be open for the use of members and temporary members at times at the discretion of the Committee and in accordance with Club Rule 7.

4. **The Course.** Playing members shall have the use of the course daily subject to any restrictions imposed by the Committee for competitions and matches organised by the Club. Notification of visiting parties with reserved tee-off times shall be shown on the appropriate notice board.

5. **Closing of the Course.** The responsibility for closing the course due to weather conditions rests with the Chairman of the Greens Committee, but if unavailable any of the Greens Committee or the Head Greenkeeper. The decision is final.

6. **Insurance.** It is the duty of every member to insure against loss of clubs and equipment and any claim against them by other person(s) due to their negligence whilst playing golf.

7. Permitted Hours

- a) The hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor shall be
 - i. in accordance with the general licensing hours for the district.
 - ii. the hours appropriate to the Club under the Licensing Act 1964 which shall be displayed on the Clubhouse notice board.
 - iii. The opening hours shall be as shown above or those agreed by the Committee and having been posted on the Club notice board.
- b) Intoxicating liquor may be sold by, or on behalf of, the Club to the following persons or classes or persons for consumption on the premises.
 - i. Any person over the age of eighteen years who is a Member of the Club.
 - ii. The holder of a Green Fee Ticket during the currency of that fee.
 - iii. The bona fide guest of a member, as defined by Club Rule 1 (Guests) hereof.
 - iv. Members of any Golf Club or Golf Society belonging to the English Golf Union or affiliated County Golf Union as the case may be, who shall be admitted to the Club for the duration of the day of his/her visit whilst playing golf.
 - v. Those attending for a special event promoted by the Club, such special events are not to be held on more than 12 days in any calendar year and the date of such events shall be notified at least 7 days in advance, to the local Police.
 - vi. Intoxicating liquor may not be sold by, or on behalf of, the Club to Junior Members or any person under the age of eighteen years.

8. Children.

- a) There is no minimum age restriction for Junior membership at the Club and Juniors applying for membership are accepted on receipt of a duly completed membership form together with the current membership fee
- b) Juniors must be aged under 18 years at 1 January of the current calendar year. Note: Children under the age of 11 years, including Junior members, are not allowed unsupervised on the playing area of the course.
- c) Intermediate members are aged from 18 years up to 20 years at 1 January of the current calendar year, i.e. their 21st birthdays will fall in their final year as Intermediate members. However, any Intermediate member who continues in full time education may retain that membership beyond the year of their 21st birthday until their full time education ends.

9. **Trophies.** The winner of any Club Trophy will be held responsible for its safe keeping and its condition (All trophies will be presented at the end of

the season and must be returned in good order at least two weeks before Presentation Evening).

10. **Members Disks.** All members are to ensure that membership disks are clearly visible on their golf bags.
11. **Lost Balls.** Lost balls are the property of the Club until found by a member.
12. **Notices.** No notice of any kind shall be posted in the Clubhouse except by the authority of the Secretary or Committee.
13. **Dress on the Course.** Players are expected to maintain a respectable standard of dress. Shirts must not be removed.
14. **Dress in the Clubhouse.** No shoes of any kind worn on the course are permitted in the Lounge and Bar areas of the Clubhouse. Players using the changing rooms in the Clubhouse are expected to leave such premises in a clean and tidy condition after use for the benefit and comfort of other players.
15. **Competitions.**
 - a) Competition tee-off times shall be between 8am and 2pm or amended at Captain's express permission.
 - b) Competitors must register for the competition and pay the relevant entry fee before commencing play.
 - c) Competition tees (white – Gents – red – Ladies) shall be used for competition play.
 - d) Handicap allowances for all competitions shall be set by the Committee.
 - e) Junior Club competitions
 - i. will be played only from the red tees (i.e. on a 'measured course') over 9 or 18 holes.
In addition, for those with a Club handicap but just starting to play golf, 'junior development competitions' may be organised using the forward blue tees and played over less than 9 holes.
 - ii. Junior handicap allowances (maximum 54 for both boys and girls) are administered by the Club in accordance with the current EGU/EGLA recommended CONGU Junior Handicapping Scheme.
 - iii. For the allocation of 'Club handicaps' in the ranges of 29 to 54 (boys) and 37 to 54 (girls), the Club's Junior Organiser will process completed cards as set out in the scheme documentation.
 - f) Competitions should be played as two or three balls, or at the Captain's discretion.
 - g) Club Championships – Competitors must have played in a minimum of three singles Club competitions since the previous championship

- h) All score cards (including uncompleted rounds) must be returned immediately on completion duly signed by the player and marker. It is the player's responsibility to ensure that the score detail is correct. Cards not so completed will be disqualified.
- i) Ties between one or more competitors will be decided on the best net score over the last nine holes, last six holes, last three holes and then by the last hole. If after this there is still a tie then the same rules will be applied to the front nine holes. This will apply unless expressly amended by the Captain before the competition commences.
- j) Knockout competitions will be drawn with dates stated when the ties must be completed. Responsibility for arranging the matches is shared equally between the two competitors. Any extension to the stated date can only be given with the express permission of the Captain, who can disqualify any competitor(s) who fail to play a match by the stated date.
- k) Competitions will be administered by the Competitions Committee, which will have the final decision on any competition disputes in accordance with Rule of Golf 34-3. The Competition Committee will be comprised of the Gents and Ladies Captains, Club Secretary, Club Chairman and Ladies and Gents Handicap Secretaries. The Chairman shall have a deliberative as well as a casting vote provided he has cast his deliberative vote.

16. Captain's Responsibilities.

- a) The setting of dates and times for competitions.
- b) The organisation of all competitions.
- c) The checking of score cards.
- d) Implementing any necessary Local Rules.
- e) The setting of entry fees and the distribution of prizes and sweep money.
- f) Informing the Greens Chairman of any specific course requirements for competitions
- g) In the Captain's absence the Vice Captain or a member nominated by the Captain may perform the above duties.
- h) Future Vice Captains shall be nominated by the past Captains and shall become the nomination for Captain at the following years Annual General Meeting.

17. Courtesy on the Course and Care of the Course.

- a) The Captains shall have priority on the first tee at all times.
- b) Players commencing a round on the first hole shall alternate with those commencing the tenth hole.
- c) Players playing in competitions off white or red medal tees have priority over players playing off yellow tees.
- d) Players searching for golf balls or delaying those following should allow them to pass through.
- e) All divots and pitch marks must be repaired and damage to greens avoided due to careless removal of the flag sticks or spike damage. Bags and trolleys are not allowed on the greens.

f) Trolleys must have wide wheels.

18. General.

- a) All players must have a separated bag.
- b) Matches shall not consist of more than four players.
- c) Members are requested to use the car park in an orderly manner with due regard for other user's requirements. The specially reserved places must not be used except by the Club officials named. All cars are to be put in the car park to avoid any obstruction of the public road..