

## MUCKHART GOLF CLUB

### BYELAWS

As at 17th October 2017

These byelaws supersede all previous editions of the byelaws, and all clauses in this document, dated 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017, will apply to all members, irrespective of the date they joined the club.

### COURSES

#### 1. General

- a. The Rules of Golf, as they may from time to time be approved by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, will, except where otherwise specifically provided in these Bye-Laws, be the Rules of the Club.
- b. Local Rules will be those set forth on the scorecards for the Club's Course or as they may be altered by the Board from time to time and set forth on the Club notice board.
- c. The Board will have power to regulate or restrict play on the course, and to adjudicate on any queries or disputes that may arise in connection with all Club competitions.
- d. The handicaps of members shall be determined by the Match and Handicap Committee based on the CONGU Unified Handicapping System. The Committee's decision shall be final.
- e. The "Board" shall refer to the Board of Directors of Muckhart Golf Club.

#### 2. Player Identification

- a. A member will display a current membership tag on his or her golf bag at all times whilst on the golf course and will permit inspection of the tag by any Club Representative.
- b. A guest or visitor must carry the supplied green fee ticket at all times whilst playing on the course. This does not apply to pre-booked visiting parties, who are issued with a single party ticket.
- c. A player not displaying a valid bag tag or a correct green fee ticket may be asked by any representative of the Club to leave the course or pay the visitor green fee.

#### 3. Pace of Play

- a. If a group fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than one hole on the players in front, it must invite the group following to play through. The correct position for a group is behind the game in front, not just in front of the game behind.
- b. In keeping with standard golf etiquette, if a following group is being held up, it must be invited to play through by the preceding group unless that group is also being held up.

#### 4. Etiquette

- a. Players should not play until the greenkeepers are safely out of range. Greenkeepers have priority on the course at all times.
- b. Players should leave bunker rakes in the bunker ensuring that the handle is within reach.

#### 5. Dress Code

- a. Members and Guests are requested to wear suitable golf attire.

#### 6. Dogs

- a. Dogs are welcome on the golf course but must be kept on a lead at all times.
- b. Dogs are not permitted on the greens or in bunkers.
- c. Any fouling must be removed and disposed of by the owner.
- d. Dogs are not permitted in the clubhouse at any time with the exception of guide dogs.

#### 7. Rules of Competition

- a. Competitors are required to hold a valid CONGU handicap.

## 8. Reserved Tee Times

a. Tee times will be reserved on the designated course as required for member competition as follows:

Tuesdays	Ladies:	8.50-9.40 (9.50 – 10.00 available if required) 11.00-11.30 13.00-13.30 17.00-18.00 (May-Aug)
Wednesdays	Seniors:	8.00-9.30
Thursdays	Juniors:	16.30-17.00 (Summer season)
	Ladies:	10.00-10.30
Saturdays	Gents:	7.00-9.30
	Ladies:	9.40-10.00
	Ladies:	12.00-12.10
	Gents:	12.20-14.20

- b. The non-designated course and practice areas are reserved for the sole use of the Junior Development Programme on Thursdays between 16.30 & 18.30 (Summer season).
- c. Reserved tee-time allocations are subject to change and may be released for general booking subject to demand, at the discretion of the Club Secretary and Golf Professional.

## 9. Golf Reservations

- a. Casual tee times may be reserved 14 days in advance through the Pro Shop or online through [muckhartgolf.com](http://muckhartgolf.com)
- b. For information on competition entries, please refer to the Members' Competition Handbook
- c. Golfers are required to report to the Pro Shop before commencing play.

## 10. Cancellation of Tee-times

- a. Unrequired tee-times must be cancelled in advance.
- b. Repeated failure to cancel may result in withdrawal of booking privileges.

## 11. Guests

- a. Members are responsible for their guest(s), including their conduct, for the duration of their visit.
- b. Members are responsible for ensuring all guest fees are paid prior to the commencement of their round.
- c. A guest is entitled to a maximum of six rounds per year at member guest rate.
- d. Members are entitled to bring a maximum of seven guests per booking at member guest rate.

## 12. Golf Carts & Trolleys

- a. Golfers hiring golf carts and those with private golf carts, are required to adhere to the regulations as displayed in the Pro Shop.
- b. Golfers using their own golf carts are required to provide proof of third party insurance.
- c. The use of golf carts may not be permitted if the greenkeeper deems that the weather or ground conditions are unsafe or that damage may be caused to the course.
- d. Only trolleys with wide wheels are allowed on the course.

## 13. Dedications

- a. Relatives of late members who wish to provide a memorial dedication may at the discretion of the Board be permitted to provide a bench, seat, tree or similar tribute, with a small nameplate. The positioning of such will also be at the discretion of the Board.

## CLUBHOUSE

### 14. Clubhouse Hours

- a. Closure of the Clubhouse / bar is at the discretion of the Club Secretary or, in their absence, the staff on duty.

### 15. Dress Code

- a. Members and Guests are requested to wear suitable attire, which excludes the following: Singlets, football shirts.

### 16. General

- a. Alcohol will not be served to any person under the age of 18.
- b. Advertising of goods or services is not permitted without approval.
- c. Members and guests are requested to consider others when using their mobile phone.

## FINANCIAL

### 17. Annual Membership Fees

- a. Membership Fees must be paid in full to the Club by 31<sup>st</sup> January of the year in question or by Monthly direct debit, by 31<sup>st</sup> July.
- b. An administration charge may be applied to membership fee payments made by Direct Debit.
- c. Membership Fees are not refundable.

### 18. Application Process

- a. Individuals wishing to join the club should apply to the Club Secretary for an application form.
- b. Application forms should be completed and returned together with either full payment of fees or completed direct debit mandate.
- c. Different categories of membership are offered on a non-discriminatory and fair basis.

### 19. Refunds

- a. Membership fees will not be refunded except at the discretion of the board.

### 20. Non- Payment

- a. Any member who has not paid or undertaken to pay their Membership Fees by 1<sup>st</sup> March of the year in question will be deemed to have ceased their membership of the Club.

### 21. Reduction of Membership Fee

- a. If a member requests consideration of a discounted membership fee for reasons such as health or incapacitation, the board may approve such a reduction, if they believe that the case merits such consideration.
- b. The board may choose to offer either a 25% or a 50% reduction in the annual fee, taking into consideration various factors including length of time as a member, contribution to Muckhart Golf Club and / or the severity of the issue.
- c. A reduction in fees may be applied to the membership year in question only and each case will be reviewed annually, on request.

Signed on behalf of the Board by

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Alex Glaister  
Club Captain  
17<sup>th</sup> October 2017

