

**WEYMOUTH GOLF CLUB
BYE-LAWS**

General

1. All Bye-Laws passed before 1st January 2017 are cancelled.
 2. These Bye-Laws are subject to the provisions of the Articles of Association and the Rules of the Club. In the event of conflict or inconsistency therewith, firstly the Articles of Association, and secondly the Rules, shall prevail.
 3. Any alteration or addition to these Bye-Laws may be made by the Management Board and the Golf Club Committee in its absolute discretion from time to time and shall be published by notice.
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4. Representative Sub-Committee

Chaired by the Captain and made up of Chairman of House, Chairman of Greens, Chairman of Competitions, Ladies Captain, Seniors Captain, Junior Representative and Club Professional. The Chairman will call a meeting of this committee when necessary. It may submit to the Management Board any suggestions, requests or ideas that they think may benefit the club.

5. Staff Committee

This committee will comprise of the Projects Chairman, Assistant Secretary, the Professional, the Front of House Supervisor, the Head Greenkeeper, Course Marshals, the Catering Department, if applicable, and any invited Member. It will meet once a month or when deemed necessary to co-ordinate their effort, in conjunction with the club diary. It may also submit to the Management Board any suggestions, requests or ideas, that they think will benefit the club.

6. Social Committee

The Chairman of House is the Chairman of a Social Committee which will consist of the Bar Manager, the Catering Franchisee and the Assistant Secretary planning and managing all Social Events. They will liaise with the Chairman of Competitions as necessary.

7. Ladies, Seniors and Juniors.

These sections of the Club will elect their own officers and meet on a regular basis to organise events and competitions available to and for the benefit of their own members.

8. Loss of or Damage to Personal Property

The Club cannot accept responsibility for equipment, clothing, vehicle, personal effects or money left on or about the Club premises, Members are advised in their own interests to take out personal insurance.

9. Damage to Club Property

Any Member negligently causing damage to the effects or other property of the Club shall be required to pay the value of the same. In cases of wilful damage or refusal to pay, the name of person will be given to the Captain for investigation.

10. Damage to Adjacent Property

The golf course is bordered on most sides by private property. Any player causing damage to adjacent property must immediately report the occurrence to the Assistant Secretary, who will take action as appropriate.

11. Club Property

No Member shall take or permit to be taken away from the Club premises, or shall damage or destroy any newspaper, pamphlet or other articles of Club property.

12. Credit

No credit for goods supplied by the Club shall be given to any Member. All refreshments supplied to any Member or Guest introduced to the Club, must either be paid for by such Member at the time of delivery, or by any arrangement agreed by the Club.

13. Money Receipt and Payments

All monies due to the Club shall be paid to the Secretary/Treasurer, who shall discharge all accounts, on duly certified bills on the same produced to him. The Chairman of each Sub-Committee may in the event of an emergency and without prior reference to the Management Board, authorise the expenditure of a sum of money agreed by the Management Board at the beginning of each year.

14. Locker Fees

Locker storage space may be provided at an annual rent to be determined by the Management Board.

15. Cashing of Cheques

Members may cash a cheque behind the bar up to a maximum of £50 on any one day. Card Cashback is also available behind the Bar up to £50 per transaction. Minimum Cashback transaction is £10.

16. Dogs

Dogs are not allowed in the Club or on the Course at any time. Excepting guide dogs.

17. Against Unseemly Conduct

No illegal gambling, drunkenness, bad language or disorderly conduct shall be permitted on the Club premises and any infringement will render the Member offending liable to suspension or expulsion from the Club. It shall be the duty of any Member of the Club to take every available means of putting a stop to the offences in question and to report them forthwith to the Golf Club's Committee through the Club Captain. Additionally, the person in charge at the time is empowered by the Management Board to enforce the Club's Rules and Bye-Laws as they apply to the Clubhouse and relate to dress, bad language and general behaviour. Persons failing to comply with the Club's Rules and Bye-Laws following a request from any of these persons will be asked to leave the premises and will be reported to the Captain.

18. Complaints

The conduct of an employee shall in no instance be a matter of personal reprimand by any Member. All complaints shall be addressed in writing to the Management Board through the Club Captain.

19. Disputes

All disputes and complaints by one Member against another must be submitted in writing to the Club Captain. The Club Captain will conduct initial interviews in an attempt to reach an agreement acceptable to both parties. If this fails the matter will be referred to the President and the Captain for further action. If a satisfactory agreement is still not reached, it will be referred to the Management Board for a final decision.

20. Suggestions

General suggestions must be made in writing and must be signed by the person or persons making them in the book kept in the lounge for that purpose. They will be dealt with by the appropriate Committee and the conclusions reached by that Committee will be communicated in writing in this book through the Captain. (See Bye-Law 18 for the procedure for making a complaint.)

21. Club Staff

No Member or Visitor shall be allowed to employ club employees on personal business during Club hours.

22. Mobile Telephones

Their discreet use is permitted in the Clubhouse.

23. Unauthorised Notices

No bill, notice, placard or newspaper shall be posted or distributed in or about the Club premises without the authorisation of the Chairman of House.

24. Licensing Laws

Persons under the age of 18 are not allowed to play the Gaming Machines, or purchase intoxicating liquors or beverages on the Club premises. Members of staff on duty are not allowed to play the gaming machines or to purchase intoxicating liquors for their own use.

25. Children

Although children may be brought into the Club, parents or guardians are required to ensure the best behaviour of their children at all times.

26. Car Park

No member is allowed to park in the allocated parking spaces within the Club carpark. The allocated spaces are for the use of the Committee and Staff.

27. Captain's Expenses

The Captain shall be entitled to a maximum of 1 times the Gents full subscription for expenses during his year in Office. These expenses are normally for entertaining Guests of the Club, travelling expenses when on Club business and entertainment when visiting on Club business. They are not to be used for entertaining Club Members.

Exceptionally, up to 75% of the entitlement may be used to defray the expenses of Captain's Day. Claims are to be submitted to the President who will certify the correctness of each claim before it is paid.

In addition, the immediate Past Captain, providing he has completed a full year in office will not be required to pay a subscription for the following year.

28. Ladies Captain's Expenses

In lieu of expenses and providing they have completed a full year in office, the immediate Past Ladies Captain will not be required to pay a subscription for the following year.

29. Captain's Precedence

The Captain will be given precedence on the Course at all times.

30. Presidents and Captains Guests

The President and The Captain may offer the courtesy of the Course to their personal Guests.

31. Ladies Captain's and Senior's Captain's Guests

The Ladies Captain and The Seniors Captain may offer courtesy of the course to their personal guests.

32. Restriction of Entry

Requests for exclusive use of the Lounge and Bar of the Clubhouse for private functions shall be subject to the approval of the House Chairman and the Golf Club Committee at an agreed fee payable to the Club ie New Year and Xmas Parties. Submission of such requests must be made 30 days in advance of the function allowing approval and a notice to members (in the clubhouse) at least 7 days prior to the function date. Bye-Law 34 shall apply to exclusive private functions, where members will be entitled to free of charge tea and coffee and shall be served by the bar staff for other requirements.

House

33. Dress

Notices regarding acceptable standards of dress in the Clubhouse and on the Course are displayed throughout the Clubhouse and in the Pro Shop. The Bar Manager and Staff have authority to give advice on the standard of dress permitted in the Clubhouse.

34. 19th Hole

The 19th Hole exists to provide access to the Club's refreshment facilities without the need for members to change from golf attire worn on the course. These members are not permitted access to the Lounge from the 19th hole. The 19th hole will be made available for use by the members at all times (excluding committee meetings etc.) when the Club is open. If an exclusive private function is taking place in the Club Lounge the 19th will be available for members use (access to the toilets will be down the stairs from the 19th and in through the ground floor main entrance).

35. Administrative Office

Members (other than named key holders) are only permitted access to the Office in the presence of the Staff, Management Board or Golf Club Committee Members.

36. The Club Bar and Kitchen

Access is not permitted to the Club Bar or Kitchen by any Club Member, except by specific invitation.

37. Bar and Clubhouse Hours

The opening and closing times of the Bar and Clubhouse will be determined by the Golf Club Committee. These times will be prominently displayed on the Club notice boards.

38. Food in Clubhouse

Members may not bring their own food or drink for consumption into the Lounge, 19th Hole or the patio and immediate surrounding area, unless prior permission has been given by the Golf Club Committee.

Course

39. Two or more players using one bag of Clubs is not allowed. (Except in an official Club Foursomes Competition as provided under the Rules of Golf)

40. Visitors and Flexible Members must pay a Green Fee before commencing play.

41. Membership identification or Green Fee receipt must either be attached to the golf bag or produced on request. Such request may be made by the Golf Professional, Course Marshals or by any Member of the Club.

42. Trolleys

Trolleys must not be taken on to the Greens or Tees, or between Greens and Bunkers adjacent to Greens.

43. Under the authority of the Golf Club Committee, The Head Greenkeeper, and appointed green staff duty member or in their absence the Golf Club Committee, shall be entitled to ban the use of trolleys, power trolleys, ride on buggies, or Club buggies, if they consider the use of them may damage the Course or without the imposition of a ban, the health and safety of an individual using a trolley/buggy, including a disabled person himself, would be endangered.

44. Course Closure

Under the authority of the Golf Club Committee, the Head Greenkeeper, and appointed green staff duty member or in their absence the Golf Club Committee, shall be entitled to close all or part of the course;

a. To minimize damage to the course

b. When the course is deemed unplayable due to inclement weather or without the imposition of a closure, the health and safety of any individual, including a disabled person would be endangered.

Note: Course closure to accommodate competition events and visiting societies shall be the decision of the Golf Club Committee.

45. Starting Times

1. Starting Times are prominently displayed on a Notice Board adjacent to 1st Tee and monitored by the Course Marshals. The Club approves and utilises the use of BRS Tee Booking system.
2. Competitors in Official Club Competitions have priority over Social Golf Matches.
3. Thursday is Ladies Day and Tees are reserved as displayed on notice boards.
4. Playing and starting times for Juniors are published in the Junior Rules and must be strictly adhered to.
5. Whenever possible internal WGC swindles and societies will be allocated starting times.
6. Visitors will be normally limited to the following Starting Times:
 - a. Casual Visitors - After 0930 on any day they are permitted to play.
 - b. Visiting Societies - By arrangement with the Assistant Secretary.

46. Tees

1. Red Markers - Ladies and All Juniors of Handicap 29+
 2. Yellow Markers - Tee of the Day - Gents
 3. White Markers - Competition Tee - Gents
 4. Black Marker. - Optional Seniors Tees at holes 11 and 17.
- Competition Tees are for Club Competitions, Matches and Special Events as approved by the Golf Club Committee.

47. Health & Safety at Work.

No Member of the Club, including Members of the Management Board or Golf Club Committee shall be permitted to use any machinery without prior arrangement with the Head Greenkeeper. The Head Greenkeeper shall then assume responsibility for ensuring that the person concerned has had sufficient training to use the machine and that all protective clothing requirements are complied with, in accordance with the Health & Safety Regulations.

48. Greens Staff- Priority on Course

The Green Staff have priority on the course but will give way whenever practicable. The ball will NOT be played where Green Staff are within range; players MUST wait until the way is clear or are called through.

49. Spare

Competitions Rules

The following is to be read in conjunction with CONGU competition rules.

50. Approved Rules

The Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews shall apply at all times.

51. Members' Responsibilities

It is the duty and responsibility of all Members to acquaint themselves with Rules of the Golf Club and any Local Rules.

52 Local Rules

Local Rules as approved by the Golf Club Committee are printed on the scorecards; any amendments of these Rules will be displayed on the main Notice Board.

53 Etiquette

All players should be thoroughly conversant with Section 1 of the Rules of Golf – see Club Notice Boards and Club Diary.

54 Eligibility for Competitions

54/1 A Member who has not paid the Club's Annual Subscriptions will not be eligible to enter Club Competitions until such time as payment has been made. (See Article 5 and Rule 35)

54/2 A member must have a current CONGU handicap (or Club Handicap if applicable) to enter Club Competitions.

Note Competition Rules of entry apply as stated within Rule 70.

The handicap limit, type of competition status of event and closing date for each competition will be shown on the competition entry and start notices.

54/3 To obtain a handicap Members shall submit 3 (three) score cards per year to the Competitions Committee for consideration. The 3 scorecard returns shall be within the calculated allowance. The Player may also arrange an 8-hole playing lesson with The Club Professional. A handicap will then be allotted and recorded within Club Systems.

Existing CONGU handicaps of New Members will be transferred directly.

54/4 Five-day members

Those Members who enter Club knockout events (Subject to compliance with Competition Entry Bye-Laws 55) must be prepared to arrange the match, as Rules require. This may involve playing at weekends and paying a half green fee. A reminder to this effect will be posted on knockout entry sheets.

54/5 Country Members

Country Members will normally only be permitted to enter Monthly Medal & Stableford Competitions. (They will not be able to enter any sponsored events in conjunction with the above Competitions where the Home Club entry requirements prevail.)

54/6 Ladies Competitions

Ladies Competition Rules and Regulations are contained separate to the Gents entry Rules and are available from the Ladies Committee.

54/7 Club Competitions.

When posted on entry sheets Players in Club Competitions are required to return their score using the PSI terminal in the lounge. (See Bye-Law 54/11)

54/7/1 Handicap Allowances

In order to maintain equity in handicapping and determination of prize winners in mixed gender competitions in which men and ladies play in the same competition from different sets of tees, the Playing Handicaps of Lady Competitors may require to

be adjusted to provide a Competitions Handicap Allowance. Any additional strokes awarded will be added before any calculation i.e. 90% handicap.

In Qualifying Competitions any adjustment necessary will be applied for results purposes.

MEN WILL PLAY OFF THE MEN'S CARD AND LADIES WILL PLAY OFF THE LADIES' CARD IN ALL SINGLES COMPETITIONS.

ALL TEAM/PAIRS COMPETITIONS WILL BE PLAYED OFF THE MENS CARD.

Men playing White Tees and Ladies playing Red Tees

Medal Stroke Play Competitions (including Greensomes /Foursomes/4BBB)

Ladies awarded + 2 strokes.

Stableford & Par/Bogey Competitions

Ladies awarded + 1 stroke.

Scramble Competition

Ladies awarded + 1 stroke.

Men playing Yellow Tees and Ladies playing Red Tees

Medal Stroke Play Competitions (including Greensomes/Foursomes/4BBB)

Ladies awarded + 4 strokes.

Stableford & Par/Bogey Competitions

Ladies awarded + 3 strokes.

Scramble Competition

Ladies awarded + 2 strokes.

54/8 Club Championship.

The winners of these events are required to represent The Club in Invitation Events. Therefore, to avoid any conflict of interest, Members who do not regard Weymouth as their Home Club (i.e. - the Players Handicap is not held by The Club), will not be permitted to enter any Club Competition that constitutes a Club Championship.

54/9 Junior entry to Competitions.

No Junior with a handicap over 18 may enter Competitions. (Unless authorized by the Golf Club Committee). Eligible Juniors may participate within the same playing group. No Junior may enter or be eligible for any "sweep" entry if aged 18 or under having retained a Junior Membership.

54/10 Withdrawal from a Competition

Withdrawal from a booked or drawn Competition requires The Member to inform the Pro-Shop no later than 15 minutes before the allocated tee- time of the intention to withdraw.

Failure to notify the Pro-Shop will result in a formal reminder to The Member of this Byelaw. Any further incident will preclude entry into 3 subsequent Events.

54/11 PSI Score Returns

On completion of a round of golf in Competition, The Player is required to return his/her score via the PSI terminal so that Club Systems can process the Competition Results accurately.

Members are advised that under this Rule requirement that they are liable to a competitive suspension from the next 3 events if they fail to comply.

54/12 Start Sheets

When Competitions have a drawn or booked entry, the draw will be passed to the Professional, who will then have the authority to decide, amend or alter the competitive order of play should circumstances require on the day.

All Competition Matches during the playing season (April to September) will be drawn as 3 (three) ball matches. Where entry numbers, either pm or am do not allow an even number of 3 (three) ball matches then 2 (two) ball matches will follow at the back of the draw lists. The 2 (two) Shot Rule will apply to all handicap drawn competitions.

Players shall be ready to start play 5 minutes before their start times as published by The Competitions Committee.

54/13 Last Start Time

Any Competition Cards taken out after the last start time posted on the start sheet is at the discretion of the Professional.

55/1 Player Competition Entry

For a Player to qualify for entry into Club Events he/she must meet the following requirement within the CONGU Unified Handicapping System – (Including Club Handicaps), have submitted a minimum of 3 recorded individual playing returns per annum (1st January to 31st December) on their Club playing records.

Non>Returns are not acceptable as qualifying scores.

This Rule is in accordance with the CONGU Unified Handicap System, and subject to CONGU Rule changes.

The Handicap Returns can be 3 Qualifying Scores recorded at Home or Away Clubs, or a combination of both Qualifying and Non-Qualifying scores (making 3 in total) recorded at the Player's Home Club.

All scores having been played under CONGU Rules and Conditions and duly recorded on the Player's Handicap records by The Club.

On joining Weymouth Golf Club from another Club, a Player must either produce their current Handicap details, together with their playing history of the current or past playing season showing that they have participated in 3(three) Qualifying Competitions; or this information must be available via How did I do. They may then enter Weymouth Golf Club Competitions.

On joining Weymouth Golf Club with an inactive handicap or no handicap then 3 (three) playing score cards are to be submitted for handicap purposes. The cards will

be passed to the Professional who will assess his/her playing ability and award a Handicap.

After obtaining an Active Handicap from the Professional a player will be able to enter Monthly Tankards, Medals and Stableford Competitions. On gaining 3 (Three) qualifying Competition scores in that year the Player will then be eligible to play in all Weymouth Golf Club Competitions.

Players can also provide 3 (three) Supplementary Scorecards, by entering the decision to play a Supplementary Round in the book in the Pro-Shop, as advised by the Professional.

55/2 A Player who has not met the “Conditions of Entry” Bye-Law 55/1

will be restricted to which Competitions He/she can enter. (Rules of Golf 33/1) These Competitions will be Monthly Medals, Stablefords and Tankards as posted. (Entry into any Representative Event in conjunction with these Events will not be available to the Player under this “Condition of Entry” Rule.)

A Player who has failed to meet the requirements of Rule 55/1 will be unable to play in Club Representative Matches, including Friendly Matches.
Club 2000 access for PSI will be restricted on Competition Entry where required.

55/3. Players are reminded that under CONGU Rules

any Away Club can reduce a Players’ handicap on the day of entry to an Open Event if there is no proof of handicap evident. By not returning scores, the Away Club cannot verify a Player’s competition handicap at their Home Club.

Weymouth Golf Club offers at least 40 qualifying events each playing season. There are also several non-qualifying events to enable Members to make competition returns. Players are bound by the handicap scheme to make returns. The above Rules have no effect on any Player playing social golf.

The annual CONGU Handicap review can only be fairly administered if The Club has an idea as to the Player’s current playing ability. Any review of handicap will duly reflect this in consideration of handicap adjustments.

55/4 Player Illness or Injury

A Player whose playing ability has been affected by serious illness or injury should inform The Club Office of these circumstances without delay. This is important in consideration of handicap adjustment and score returns (under rule 55/1); an interview, if deemed appropriate, may also apply.

55/5 Reserve List

A Reserve List can apply for Competitions held over Saturdays and Sundays from April to September. Players can register for inclusion on the list via the Pro Shop up to a maximum of 3 (three) entries per Member per playing season.

The Competition Reserve List will only be used in the event of any late withdrawals and on a first come first served basis. The Professional will record the name of those Members on The Reserve List and he will allocate time slots on the respective days.

55/6 Failure to pay the Entrance Fee

The majority of Club competition entry fees will be charged directly to members gold cards when they sign in on the day of the competition. However, if members fail to turn up and fail to notify the Pro Shop of their intention to withdraw from the competition they will be signed in and monies will be charged accordingly.

On those occasions when payment is required in cash in advance, entrants will be scratched from a Competition on failure to pay the Entrance Fee by the specified closing time and date.

55/7 Teeing Ground

All competitions are to be played from the stated teeing ground.

55/8 Start Point

All Competition Matches will start from the 1st tee unless stated otherwise on entry details.

55/9 Disqualification

A Player will be disqualified from a Competition if:

- a) The Player's handicap is not recorded on the scorecard.
- b) The Player or marker does not sign the scorecard.
- c) The Player declares a handicap higher than their actual handicap.
- d) Fail to return the scorecard or, via the PSI terminal, within a reasonable time after completing the round prior to The Competition being closed.
- e) Using a trolley (powered or pulled) when there is a "No Trolleys" ban in place.

55/10. All Competitions will be over 18 holes

unless otherwise stated. All Competitions will be off full handicap unless stated.

55/11 Trophies

All Club Trophies remain the property of The Club and cannot be won outright. All major prizes will be handed to Members at The Presentation Evening, which is normally held in November. Winners are requested to make every effort to attend. Gents, Ladies and Seniors Trophies will remain in The Club House after the presentation. (Juniors have their own Presentation Evening, normally in February, and their Trophies will remain in The Club House).

55/12 Buggies

Players must walk at all times during a stipulated round. Players who are unable to comply with this ruling and require the use of a ride-on buggy of any description to participate in Competitions must make an application in writing to the Competitions Committee.

All Players who are disabled within the meaning of the Equality Act 2010 must have their application supported by a Medical Practitioner, certifying that the Player is a Disabled Person within the meaning of The Act and by reason therefore, is unable to play golf without the use of a ride-on buggy.

Players who are not subject to the Equality Act, who cannot complete a round of golf without the use of a ride on buggy can apply to The Competitions Committee for permission to use a ride-on Buggy; a letter from a Medical Practitioner is required to support applications.

56 Match Play Competitions.

Players are to arrange, by mutual agreement, the date of their match within the Competition specified time limit. If no agreement can be reached, the Match must be played on the last day of the specified time limit, teeing off no later than 5pm.

Both Players/Teams will be disqualified if this is not done.

Failure of a Competitor to appear on the first tee ready for play 5 minutes before an arranged date and tee time will result in that Competitor being disqualified.

When a Junior is drawn to play an Adult in a singles match, the Junior is responsible for organising another suitable Adult to accompany the Match. This is for the protection of both the Junior and Adult Players.

All Annual Club Knockout Finals will be held on the same day if possible. The Competitions Committee will arrange and publish a suitable date. Any Player who is to play in more than one final will be requested to arrange an alternative suitable date with their opponent.

57 Strokeplay Competitions.

- a) Individual events - Competitors shall play in two or three balls.
- b) Team Events - The Team will be as per Competition Format and Rules.
- c) Players shall be ready to start play 5 minutes before their start times as published by The Competitions Committee. Players who arrive later than 5 minutes before their starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule of Golf 33/7, may be penalised the loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play instead of disqualification. If the 1st hole has been completed then the Player is disqualified.
- d) When entry to a competition is made via the PSI or online and a draw takes place to decide playing order and time, the person responsible for making the draw will ensure that any junior is placed in a group with at least two adults for the protection of both the junior and the Adult. When entering Day Book Entry competitions, the junior is responsible for ensuring they do not play in a group with just one adult. The club may make an exception to the above if the junior provides written permission from their parent stating they are happy for the said junior to play with a specific individual.
- e) In a Scratch or Handicap Stroke Play Competition, when Competitors scores are tied the following procedure will be adopted in order to resolve a winner.
 - Back 9; Back 6; Back 3; Back 2; Back 1

- If Competitors' scores are still tied it will be decided on a Hole-By-Hole basis, starting at the first Hole, and continuing One through Eighteen until a result is reached.

58 Competitions – Frosty Conditions.

A Competition that starts on Temporary Greens will remain on the Temporary Greens for the duration of The Competition.

59. Adverse Weather Conditions-Lightning, Fog, Ice, Snow and Heavy Rain

The course may be closed, or play suspended when extreme and/or adverse weather conditions occur and damage to the course, or risk to personal safety would result if play were permitted.

In conditions of fog, play is considered dangerous if visibility is below 200 metres. Closure of the course or suspension of play is made known by the sounding of **THREE PROLONGED BLASTS OF A KLAXON** repeated at five-minute intervals.

When a player considers that the course is unplayable or unsafe, he/she should contact the Professional's shop by the most expedient method possible so that a decision can be made whether or not to suspend play.

If the course has not been officially closed, this does not mean that it is necessarily fit to play and golfers must determine for themselves whether they consider it is safe to do so. A decision to carry on playing during adverse weather conditions is at the discretion of the player, who **ACCEPTS** full responsibility for their own safety. If the klaxon is not sounded and a player believes there is real danger to proceed, he/she is entitled to discontinue play under Rule 5.7 (generally only if a danger from lightening is believed)

When lightning is seen in the vicinity of the course the klaxon will be sounded, golfers must then proceed immediately to the clubhouse. It is incumbent upon each player to assess the risk and make sure that they take appropriate measures to ensure safe passage from the course to the clubhouse.

When play is suspended during a competition due to adverse weather conditions or flooded greens then players may, if they have started to play a hole may mark their ball and discontinue play immediately, or continue play of that hole provided they do so without delay.

Players will be expected to resume play if it is possible within one hour, or may submit a non-return score.

If play cannot resume within one hour then the competition can be:

- Reduced to 10 holes provided all players have completed 10 holes
- Be abandoned and players entry fee refunded
- Be rescheduled if course daily fixtures allow

When conditions improve and dependent upon circumstances at the time the Green Staff, Club Professional or a Director of the Club will re-open the course.

Resumption of play will be notified by **TWO PROLONGED BLASTS ON THE KLAXON** repeated after a five-minute interval.

60. Disputes and Decisions.

Should any query arise with regard to disputes, Rules, and the like which cannot be resolved at that time, the Players should inform a Golf Club management Committee Member as soon as possible. If necessary, all relevant details, including a full explanation of the circumstances, should be submitted in writing to The Competitions Committee.

The Competition Committee's decision is final in all cases.

61. Health & Safety - Member's Responsibility.

Weymouth Golf Club Ltd endeavour to put in place measures to minimise risks during your round of golf. It is a member's responsibility to ensure that equipment is fit for purpose paying particular attention to their trolleys, personal buggies and shoes.

ETIQUETTE

Courtesy on the Course and Safety

Prior to playing a stroke or making a practice swing, the player should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by a club, the ball or any stones, pebbles, twigs or the like which may be moved by the stroke or swing.

Consideration for Other Players

The player who has the honour should be allowed to play before his opponent or fellow-competitor tees his ball. No one should move, talk or stand close to or directly behind the ball when the player is addressing the ball or making a stroke. No player should play until the players in front are out of range.

Pace of Play

In the interest of all, players should play without delay. Players searching for a ball should signal the players behind them to pass as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not easily be found. They should not search for three minutes before doing so. They should not continue play until the players following them have passed and are out of range. When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green. If a match fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than one clear hole on the players in front, it should invite the match following to pass.

Priority on the Course

Single players playing a round of golf have official standing on the golf course.

Players should play at a good pace. It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If a group loses a clear hole and it is delaying the group behind, it should invite the group behind to play through, irrespective of the numbers of players in that group. Where a group has not lost a clear hole, but it is apparent that the group behind can play faster, it should invite the faster playing group to play through.

Care of the Course

Holes in Bunkers

Before leaving a bunker, a player should carefully fill up and smooth over all holes and footprints made by him.

Replace Divots; Repair Ball-Marks and Damage by Spikes.

Through the green, a player should ensure that any turf cut or displaced by him is replaced at once and pressed down and that any damage to the putting green made by the ball is carefully repaired. On completion of the hole by all players in the group, damage to the putting green caused by golf shoe spikes should be repaired.

Damage to Greens - Flagsticks, Bags, etc.

Players should ensure that, when putting down bags or the flagstick, no damage is done to the putting green and that neither they nor their caddies damage the hole by standing close to it, in handling the flagstick or in removing the ball from the hole.

The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before the players leave the putting green. Players should not damage the putting green by leaning on their putters, particularly when removing the ball from the hole.

Golf Carts/Trolleys

Local notices regulating the movement of golf carts/trolleys should be strictly observed.

Damage Through Practice Swings

In taking practice swings, players should avoid causing damage to the course, particularly the tees, by removing divots.