

Society Rules

It is certainly not our intention to make our S.G.S. Golf Days anything other than fun days where we can play some golf, meet new friends (or play with old friends) and enjoy the Valencian sunshine. For good order we do need to set some rules, which most of you are familiar with anyway.

1. S.G.S. must be notified of any cancellations 48 hours prior to the first tee off on any Golf Day. Failure to notify Steve Day within this time will result in the member being liable for the full green fee applicable on the day;
2. All matches shall be played to the rules as approved by The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, with such local rules that apply at the Golf Club where the match is played and individual S.G.S. rules on the day;
3. All prospective members must be aware of the basic rules of golf, especially those concerning slow play;
4. Any prizes on sponsored cup days will be for members only (this does not include S.G.S. days);
5. Any player not completing a full 18 holes on any S.G.S. golf day will relinquish their entitlement to any prizes on the day and will be scored with zero points without handicap change;
6. Players must not score their own cards; these have to be swapped with another player;
7. Under no circumstances will a "Gimme" be accepted on any S.G.S. Golf Day. (If it is close enough to pick up, it is close enough to putt out!);
8. Preferred lies can be taken at all times but only when your ball lies on the fairway, if you are not sure consult you playing partners;
9. When your ball comes to rest on the caddie path or you would be standing on the path to take your shot, relief can be taken at the nearest point where neither your feet or the ball are on the pathway;
10. Stones in bunkers can be removed without penalty as long as the ball does not move whilst removing the stones;
11. Should your ball enter a water hazard your dropping point is the line of entry into the water hazard as far back on that line as you wish;
12. Should you choose to play your ball from any hazard e.g. water hazards, where there are red or yellow stakes, bunkers, dry streams or where there are red and yellow stakes, you must not ground your club in the hazard prior to hitting the ball. grounding your club will result in a one-shot penalty;
13. When it is necessary for a player to play a provisional ball, they must declare the make and number on that ball, which must be different to the original ball, to the other players. A provisional ball is only provisional to the point at which the original ball was lost. If the original ball is not found the provisional ball is then deemed to be the ball in play;
14. All members must wear the Sheerin's Golf Society shirt at all competitions and also to the Presentation afterwards;
15. NO MOBILE TELEPHONES are allowed on the course unless in exceptional circumstances;
16. When reserve list in place members get precedence over guests but once guest is marked as playing that will remain;
17. Members are permitted to bring guests and will be held responsible for both their guest's handicap and general behaviour. This is to eliminate the El Bandido situation;
18. If the overall winner on the day does not return for the presentation, without good reason, they will be disqualified from that competition and will receive zero points, the next best score will win that competition and be awarded the winning points for the player of the year **

** New rule for 2024