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# (1) THE CLUB COLOURS AND EMBLEM

The Official Club Emblem is the Phoenix above two crossed Golf Clubs in Gold on a Navy background with the words Shannon Golf Club underneath.

### (2) REPRESENTATIVE DRESS

Members representing the Club in Competition should wear slacks, white shirt and the official navy coloured Club sweater.

#### (3) THE GOLF COURSE

- (a) Following a course inspection, the Chairman of the Greens Committee, General Manager, Course Superintendent or Captain of the Men's Club may close the course because of inclement weather conditions and in such circumstances appropriate notices shall be placed in the Clubhouse, on the 1st tee, the Web-site and on the telephone messaging system. The course is ordinarily inspected at intervals during the day with a view to re-opening at the earliest opportunity.
- (b) The use of buggies and trolley's may be restricted to protect the course and in such circumstances appropriate notices will be placed in the Clubhouse, on the 1st tee and the Web-site.
- (c) Dogs shall not be allowed on the course or in the Clubhouse at any time.
- (d) The use of a buggy in competition is permitted to Members only in circumstances where a physical handicap would otherwise prevent them from playing. A Medical Certificate will be required. Permission may be given by the respective Men's or Ladies Committee after consultation with the Board of Management. Owners are responsible for all charges arising in respect of electricity, petrol, maintenance, insurance and other costs. The Club's Insurance Brokers will first have to approve the insurance cover before permission is granted.

They will be parked where directed by the Board of Management.

If the demand for use of private buggies should be such that it would give rise to operational difficulties, the Board of Management reserve the right to cancel permission given to individual Members and to make such other arrangements as they may deem necessary in the circumstances.

### (4) CONDUCT ON THE GOLF COURSE

- (a) Members are forbidden to trespass on lands adjoining the course.
- (b) Golf balls may not be purchased on the course.
- (c) Practice on the course is prohibited other than in areas designated as Practice Area's by the Board of Management.
- (d) Members are required to smooth out bunkers, replace divots and repair their ball mark on the greens.
- (e) Captains' and President should be given priority on the 1st tee.
- (f) Use of Mobile Phones on the Course is forbidden except in circumstances approved by the General Manager.

#### (F) SLOW PLAY:

Slow play: Rule 6-7: The player shall play without undue delay. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground the player shall not unduly delay play.

Penalty: Stroke play – 2 strokes. Repeated offence – disqualification.

- (i) Inconsiderate slow play is considered to be objectionable conduct.
- (ii) If a match fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than one clear hole to the players in front it must call through the match following.
- (iii) 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 five minutes before doing so.
- (iv) When play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the green and proceed towards the next hole.
- (v) Players should ensure that golf bags are left on the correct side of the green to enable direct progress to the next tee, without delay.
- (vi) If there is a doubt about a ball being "out of bounds" or lost outside of a hazard it would expedite play if a "provisional ball" was played before proceeding.

#### G. PRIORITY.

- (i) Full members shall have priority on the 1st tee at all times other than times set aside for:
- (a) Society Outings.
- (b) Times as set out herein and at other times as decided by the General Manager.
- (ii) A single player shall have no priority on the course and must give way to a match of any kind.
- (iii) Players shall not "cut in" on any part of the course unless the previous hole is clear from tee to green.
- (iv) There shall be no "cutting in" while a competition is in progress.

# (5) COMPETITIONS GENERAL

#### **Timesheet Regulations**

(i) Bookings must be accompanied by membership numbers and must be made only in respect of those who are committed to playing in the competition.

- (ii) You are responsible for advising those on whose behalf you have booked times.
- (iii) Cancellations or changes to booking arrangement to be made at least 24 hours in advance. Competition fee may be charged for late cancellations.
- (iv) Timesheet time is Tee-off time: you are expected to check in 15 minutes in advance.
- (v) Members are responsible for keeping in touch with the Pro Shop if their name is on a waiting list.

#### General Regulations

- (i) Winners and Runners-up in Club competitions will receive prizes presented by the club.
- (ii) In the event of a tie for first place in any competition, the winner will be decided on the last nine holes etc., as appropriate.
- (iii) Draws for Matchplay Competitions will be posted on the notice board.
- (iv) Entry fee must be paid and name entered in competition book before playing in any competition. No member will be eligible to receive a prize unless his/her current annual subscription is fully paid.
- (v) The committee reserve the right to cancel any competition if a sufficient number of entries is not received and also to postpone, alter or abandon any competition.
- (vi) Members joining the Club in the current year will not be eligible to accept the Captain's or President's Prize unless they have returned cards in at least three official Shannon Golf Club singles competitions over 18 holes prior to the Captain's or President's Prize.
- (vii) Student and Junior Boys with a handicap of 14 and under are eligible to play in all competitions organised by the Men's Club except the Captain's Prize, President's Prize or Special Voucher.
- (viii) Students and Junior Girls are eligible to play in all competitions organised by the Ladies' Club. They are not eligible to win the Lady Captain's Prize, President's Prize to the Ladies or the Special Vouchers. Junior girls with a handicap of 28 and under will be awarded points for the Ladies' Masters but not Golfer of the Year.
- (ix) Five Day and Country Members are not eligible to accept the Captain's prize, President's prize, Tankards, Professional's prize, Tradaree Cup, Memorial Trophy's or Masters
- (x) The Club accepts no responsibility for prizes not collected at time of presentation. Uncollected prizes will be forfeited. It is the responsibility of players to ascertain if they have won a prize. Players who are unable to attend prizegivings may nominate someone to collect a prize on their behalf (staff may not be nominated)

#### (6) MATCH-PLAY COMPETITIONS

All rounds in match-play competitions shall be played from the medal tees unless otherwise advised by the General Manager or Competition Secretary. All match-play competitions must start from the first tee. In the event of tie holes, the 1st shall be the 19th and the match shall continue until a hole be won, checking strokes as on the card.

When a competitor's handicap has been reduced on his score in a qualifying round, he must play on the reduced handicap in the subsequent match-play rounds of that competition, or in any other competition in which he may be playing.

In a match-play competition the onus is on the player(s) at the top of the draw to make contact in order to arrange a suitable date to ensure that the match is decided on or before the date set for each round. In the absence of a posted result the bottom name(s) will advance. Only in exceptional circumstances will there be an extension beyond the set date.

# (7) HANDICAPS

- (a) Members are required to comply with the following regulations
- (i) If members of more than one club, to nominate their home club.
- (ii) Report to their Handicap Secretary all competition scores at other clubs with the date, course and standard scratch of the day. Prize winners of Golf Classics must return their Score Card.
- (iii) To record the score at each hole before driving off from the next tee and on completion of their round to sign their card, enter scores on computer and place it in the competition box immediately. All cards must carry membership number and current handicap.
- (b) Handicaps may be altered by the Handicap Secretary during protracted Matchplay competitions.

## (8) MEMBERS TIME

- (a) For any weekday with the exception of Tuesday, members only may play between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m., in summer and 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. in winter.
- (b) Tuesday is competition day for Ladies, who have priority on the 1st tee at the following times: 9:30 a.m. till 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m. till 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. till 6:00 p.m.

Tee times are allocated on Sunday to facilitate Working Ladies.

(c) On Tuesday no four-ball matches are permitted after 4:00 p.m.

### (9) SOCIETIES

(a) Regulations regarding Societies will be decided by the Board of Management.

Each Society booking the course must be informed of these regulations.

- (b) Society times at weekends are as follows:
- (i) Summer Time 10:00 a.m. till 12:30 and 2:00 p.m. till 3:30
- (ii) Winter Time 10:00 a.m. till 11:30 a.m.
- (c) Societies must observe the tee-times allocated.
- (d) Societies will not be allowed bookings on Sunday afternoons.

### (10) CADDIES

If caddies are required for club events, these will be obtained and be controlled by the Club Professional.

### (11) COURSE AND CLUBHOUSE STANDARDS

Members and Visitors are requested to uphold acceptable standards of behaviour and dress on visiting the Club.

#### (a) ON THE COURSE.

On the course, golfers should be properly attired with appropriate dress and footwear.

Unacceptable forms of dress include:

- (i) Singlets or collarless shirts.
- (ii) Non golfing footwear, tennis shorts or other sporting models.
- (iii) Trouser legs tucked into stockings.
- (iv) Tennis shorts, other sports shorts tailored shorts are acceptable.
- (v) Mobile phones must only be used in emergencies.
- (vi) Please observe course etiquette at all times.
- (vi) Deposit all empty cans, bottles etc., in bins provided.

#### (b) IN THE CLUBHOUSE.

- (i) In the clubhouse, neat dress is expected. If casual dress is worn it should be neat and tidy and in keeping with the high standards of the clubhouse environs.
- (ii) Appropriate footwear must be worn: golf shoes are not permitted upstairs.
- (iii) Behaviour or language likely to cause offence is not acceptable.
- (iv) T.V. and card playing are not permitted during presentations or at times specified by Management.
- (v) Talking on Mobile phones is not permitted in the clubhouse.
- (vi) For safety and Insurance reasons, and to avoid causing inconvenience to other members and visitors, children under 15 years of age must be accompanied by an adult and remain in the company of their guardians at all times. Children do not have the freedom of the clubhouse.
- (vii) Meals are not permitted to be consumed at the Bar.

- (viii) The wearing of any form of head gear is not permitted in the Bar or Dining-room.
- (ix) The facilities of the putting green and practice ground are for members, guests and fee paying visitors only.

### (12) CLUBHOUSE AND CAR PARK

The Clubhouse will be open by 7:30 a.m. each day and will close at 1 a.m. or at an earlier time if the course and Clubhouse are not occupied.

Golf equipment shall not be taken into or left in any of the rooms upstairs or hallway.

No notice, document or advertising materials shall be displayed in or removed from the Clubhouse without the authority of the General Manager

Dining room: Opening Hours for the dining room shall be as posted in the Clubhouse.

Closing time may vary depending on demand and if so, changed times will be posted.

Alternative food will be available at the Bar outside of catering hours.

Bar: The bar will open at times posted in the clubhouse or at such other times, subject at all times to Clause 26 of the club Constitution, as may be decided from time to time by the Board of Management.

Children under eighteen years of age are not permitted in the Club Bar.

Locker Room: Caddy cars are not permitted in the locker room. Storage facilities are provided for caddy cars and electric buggies.

Lockers are provided for daily use and keys must be left in locks when not in use.

#### (c) CAR PARK.

Parking in the car park is entirely at owner's risk.

Vehicles should only be parked in designated spaces provided.

Parking in the area in front of the entrance to the rented office and entry to the restaurant is confined to delivery and staff.

Reserved parking spaces are solely for the personal use of the designated officials.

# (13) COURSE RANGER

The primary duties of the Course Ranger is to keep play on the course moving at all times, giving particular attention to slow play.

Monitoring society's and green fees.

Other duties as may be assigned on the course and clubhouse areas.

## (14) TEMPORARY MEMBERS AND VISITORS

The green fees payable for Visitors introduced under Rule 16 are as laid down from time to time by the Board of Management and displayed in the Clubhouse.

Visitors, with the exception of Member's guests, must use the visitors changing area unless otherwise directed by the General Manager.

A Visitor Book will be in place after 6:00 p.m. and must be signed by all Visitors using the facility.

## (15) CONDUCT OF MEMBERS

(a) No appeals may be made in the club or subscriptions opened for either charitable or other purposes nor advertisements or appeals exhibited without the express approval of the General Manager.

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- (b) The members list may only be used for club purposes.
- (c) All Members are required to pay every expense they incur in the club before they leave the Clubhouse.
- (d) The Club will accept no responsibility for the property of any Member or Visitor on the Club premises.
- (e) Any suggestion regarding the course or running of the Club shall be made to the General Manager, who shall bring the matter to the attention of the appropriate authority.

## (16) ETIQUETTE

- (a) Members are reminded that the object of these Rules and of Etiquette generally is to enable all Members to enjoy the facilities of the course and Clubhouse with minimum inconvenience to others, and these should be complied with in all respects.
- (b) All players shall observe the general regulations regarding courtesy, priority and care of the course as outlined in the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf club of St. Andrews. (The local rules as detailed herein with regard to priority on the course shall, however take precedence).