



Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Club



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Member's Information

Dear Member,

Welcome to Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Club.

We hope you will enjoy the Aberystwyth golfing experience. Please read this document which contains important information regarding your membership.

Several of the Club's Policies have been updated recently and are enclosed with this document. They are supplemented with further useful information. Please store the document in a safe and memorable location for future reference.

Please contact us in the office if anything needs to be clarified or if we can help in any way.

Thank you

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100 Club

Our 100 Club has now been in operation for over two decades and has proved to be a great way for members (and non-members) to support the club and (hopefully) win some prizes!

Single entry into the 100 Club is £24 per annum payable by standing order only. There is no restriction on the number of entries per person. Clearly, the more entries someone has, the greater the opportunity of them winning the significant value prizes on offer.

The draw now takes place annually during the Christmas Social and Presentation Evening in December.

There are multiple prizes of £100 dictated by the number of participants (Entries). For example:

50 Entries £100 x 6

100 Entries £100 x 8

150 Entries £100 x 10

200 Entries £100 x 12

The 100 Club pays 50% of its income out in prizes and 50% goes towards golf course improvements. In this way, all our golfing members benefit. In the past, income from the 100 Club has funded the winter tee mats.

If you wish to join the 100 Club, please ask for a standing order form from the office.

Thank you

These have included Winter Tee mats/frames. Any money not distributed in prize money will be allocated to golf course improvements benefitting all our golfing members. By also entering a yearly draw, which will take place on the annual presentation evening. However, there be the option to enter more than once by paying an extra £2.00 a month.



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Function Room Hire Charges

Function room with catering arranged by the Club.

18.00 to 22.00 £100 plus vat.

18.00 to 24.00 £150 plus vat

Function room with catering arranged by the Client.

18.00 to 22.00 £200 plus vat.

18.00 to 24.00 £250 plus vat

Start and finish times for the function will be agreed at time of booking.

Evening functions start from 6pm.

A cleaning fee of **£50 plus vat** is payable in advance for functions of 20 or more persons. This fee will be refunded if the Client arranges for all the rooms used, including the rest rooms, to be cleaned before 10am the following day.

Please contact the Club for December functions

Wedding Room Hire Charges

Use of the function room from 12.00 to 24.00 and access prior to the event for preparation with catering arranged by the Club.

£500 plus vat.

Use of the function room from 12.00 to 24.00 and access prior to the event for preparation on a self catered basis

£1000 plus vat.

Advertise with Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Club

Tee Advertising

We Offer

- Listing of your company's name and logo on the club website with direct links to your website.
- Permanent, professionally produced advert on one tee, exclusive for your business.
 - 4 Annual Complimentary Green Fee vouchers
 - Social Media tags throughout the year, thanking our supporters individually with links to your websites and, if applicable, booking pages.
- Your websites logo and name displayed on our website's course page with the hole that you advertise on.

Pricing

Year 1, £450.00 + VAT to include artwork and production of aluminium tee signage.
Year 2&3, £300.00 + VAT each year.

Buggy Advertising

We Offer

- Listing of your company's name and logo on the club website with direct links to your website.
- Permanent advert produced on one of our buggies which are used throughout the year and exclusive to your business.
- Social Media tags throughout the year, thanking our supporters individually with links to your websites and, if applicable, booking pages.
- We refer to the buggy you advertise on as your business' buggy when visitors or members use it.

Pricing

Year 1, £250 + VAT to include artwork and production of buggy signage.
Year 2&3, £200 +VAT each year]



Local Rules (October 2023)

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1. OUT OF BOUNDS.

A ball is deemed out of bounds beyond any boundary fence, hedge or line of white stakes bordering the course.

A ball lying on the precincts of the club house, putting green, car park and on the road leading to the club house is deemed out of bounds.

A ball which crosses a public road is defined as out of bounds. If it comes to rest on the road or beyond the road it is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course.

(e.g. on the 13th going on to the 2nd) Note, when out of bounds is defined by reference to stakes or fence or as being beyond the stakes or fence, the out of bounds line is determined by the nearest inside points of the stakes or fence posts at ground level. A ball is out of bounds when all of it lies out of bounds (Rule 18.2 applies).

2. OBSTRUCTIONS & WATER HAZARDS.

a) Stones in the bunker are deemed movable obstructions (12.2a).

b) All paths are deemed immovable obstructions. The player is entitled to free relief if the ball lies on the path and is in bounds (16.1).

c) All staked and protected trees or shrubs are deemed immovable obstructions, relief must be taken under (16.1f). Protected trees or shrubs are banded, staked or are indicated by a notice.

d) Stakes defining margins of water hazards are deemed immovable obstructions (16.1 applies). Water hazards are defined by yellow stakes (17.1). Lateral water hazards are defined by red stakes (17.1).

e) All islands in any of the lakes are integral parts of the water hazards. All players to proceed under 16.1.

f) Distance markers and direction posts are deemed movable obstructions (16.1)

g) If a ball strikes an overhead cable or telegraph post a player must disregard that stroke, abandon the ball and drop another ball as near as possible to the spot from which the original ball was played without penalty (14.6).

3. FARMHOUSE.

The old farmhouse buildings and surrounds are deemed integral parts of the course (Rule 18.2)

4. PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Matchplay – Loss of Hole. Stroke Play – Two Strokes

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Etiquette (October 2022)

Etiquette is integral to the game of Golf. It is about respect.

Respect for the course. Please leave the course as you would like to find it by repairing pitch marks, replacing divots and raking bunkers, and of course, not leaving litter. Please do not practice on the course.

Respect for fellow players. Be sporting and polite, stay by the green to watch players hole out but avoid distracting them. Remain constantly aware of other players; If a wayward ball is heading in the direction of other players always give a warning by shouting 'Fore!'

Do not play your ball if any person is within range. Please be patient and courteous.

Try not to hold up players behind through slow play; if you are delaying the group behind by a clear hole, invite them to play through.

Using foul, abusive, degrading or discriminatory language to players or staff is unacceptable on the course or in the clubhouse. Respect the game by following the rules of golf and etiquette. There are no referees in golf.

Honesty, Respect, & Courtesy are the three words that have come to represent the spirit of the way in which the game of golf is played.

Members and Visitors Dress Code (October 2022)

The club wishes to preserve a smart but casual approach to dress code based on clothing that is designed for golf; however we recognise that dress is a highly subjective topic. We would appreciate your support in maintaining the following:

- Trousers: tracksuit/joggers are not considered appropriate on the course or in the clubhouse.
 - Shirts: Football shirts should not be worn on the course or in the Clubhouse.
 - Shorts: should be tidy and of appropriate length.
 - Caps/hats: should be worn outside only.
 - Shoes: shoes worn for Golf should be changed before going into the clubhouse. •
- Golf bags and equipment: we request that these are not brought into the clubhouse.

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Golf Course Health & Safety Information October 2022

This information identifies the main hazards that members and visitors to Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Club may encounter while playing or walking the course.

It does not contain a definitive list of hazards, as by the very nature of the game of Golf, it is impossible to eliminate risk entirely.

ALL accidents and incidents **MUST** be reported to the Manager's office, so that the appropriate documentation may be completed.

Emergency services: 999

(Our postcode SY23 2HY)

Clubhouse: 01970 615014

Aberystwyth Police: 101

Bronglais Hospital: 01970 623131

Defibrillator Code:

Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Club is blessed with incredibly beautiful scenery with wildlife that has no respect for health and safety and like many other Golf courses there are always dangers associated with animal burrows, ditches and slippery banks. Persons playing or walking on the course do so **AT THEIR OWN RISK** and must not do anything to jeopardize the safety of themselves or others.

All players are expected to adopt Golfing etiquette by not playing a golf shot if there is the remotest chance of injuring someone, or by walking in front of a fellow competitor or partner prior to them playing a shot.

ARRIVING AND LEAVING THE CLUB

Please be careful as you enter and leave the Club as road leading to the Club is narrow and there are blind spots on the road. Particular care needs to be taken in Brynymor Terrace due to the close proximity of houses with the possibility of children playing near to the road. Excessive speed is to be avoided at all costs.

LIGHTNING AND ADVERSE WEATHER

Adverse weather conditions would include fog, ice and snow. A decision to carry on playing during adverse weather conditions is left to the discretion of the player, who **MUST** accept full responsibility for his/her safety.

However, if the horn sounds, the instructions below **MUST** be followed:

One long blast - it is mandatory that you leave the course.

If the horn is not sounded and a player believes there is a real danger by proceeding, he/she is entitled to discontinue play under Rule 6-8 (A)(ii)

Advice during Lightning Storm:

It is the player's own responsibility to discontinue play when, in his/her opinion, a danger from lightning exists. In the event that a player is out on the Golf course when lightning is about then the following safety considerations are advised:

1. KEEP AS LOW AS POSSIBLE AND IDEALLY CROUCH DOWN IN THE NEAREST BUNKER/HOLLOW.
2. LEAVE YOUR GOLF EQUIPMENT WHERE IT IS AND STAND AWAY FROM IT.
3. DO NOT USE A MOBILE PHONE – MAKE SURE IT IS SWITCHED OFF.
4. DO NOT PUT AN UMBRELLA UP IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

FOG POLICY (October 2022)

In order to fulfill health and safety responsibilities, Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Club operates a fog policy. No play will take place on the course if a distance of 150 yards cannot be seen. If it is not possible to clearly see the brow of the hill on either the 1st or 15th hole **players must not start to play Golf**. Whilst on the course, players must use their own judgment based on the distances demonstrated on the 1st and 15th holes.

ACCIDENT/ EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

First Aid Assistance

In the event of an accident, first aid boxes are located behind the bar and in the Greenkeeper's workshop.

Mobile Phones

Mobile Phones must be switched off in and around the clubhouse and on the course. Their use is not permitted on the course except to summon help in the case of an accident / emergency.

COURSE RISK ASSESSMENT STATEMENT (October 2022)

The golf course Risk Assessment (October 2020) has been carried out on a hole-by-hole basis. Attached are aerial views of each individual hole with the main hazards identified. Please note that this list is not exhaustive. To help minimise the risks from the hazards that have been identified it is your responsibility as a Golfer on the course to ensure that you adhere strictly to the following: You are advised to exercise caution at all times on the course in respect of identifying areas where you may be at potential risk of being hit by another Golfer's ball, especially on those holes where the landing area is not clearly visible and areas where parallel fairways are played in opposing directions. Particular care should be taken on the 3rd, 4th, 8th, 13th, 15th, and 17th holes.

Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Course has many public rights of way abutting and sharing our land. Please remember that **USERS OF ALL THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY HAVE PRIORITY AT ALL TIMES**. If there are people in range of your shot, take a minute to enjoy the stunning scenery until they are out of range.

If a mis-hit shot is heading in the direction of other people, you must shout "FORE!" in a loud voice to alert them of possible danger. If "FORE!" is heard when playing, please take evasive action if possible.

Players should not strike a golf ball when there is the risk of endangering other players, Greenkeepers and Volunteers, and all other users of the Golf course & its surroundings. Particular care should be taken on holes where the landing area of your shot is not clearly visible.

Animal Holes

Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Club endeavour to fill in holes created by animals. However it is inevitable that there will be rabbit holes that can lead to sprained ankles or worse.

Buggies

Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Club has buggies available for hire. All buggies must be operated in accordance with our Golf Buggy Safety Policy (available on request). To help protect the fairways as much as possible all buggies are to be kept out of the rough wherever it is practicable to do so.

Fertiliser and Insecticides

Do not lick golf balls or fingers. A notice on the 1st Tee will advise of days that chemicals have been used. Players are advised to take heed of the warnings and protect themselves.

Footwear

Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Club require golf shoes to be worn on the golf course as they help to avoid an accidental slip and minimise damage to the course and greens.

Greenkeepers

The Greenkeepers and Volunteers are regularly working on the course when golf is in progress. Please be careful and courteous to them and ensure that they are aware of and have acknowledged your presence prior to playing in their proximity.

Insurance

Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Club strongly recommends that all Members arrange golf insurance which should, as a minimum, provide cover for any injury to a third party together with any damage you may cause to, for example, a vehicle in the car park or a window in the clubhouse.

Steep Banks, Slopes & Paths

By the very nature of the course it has many steep banks, slopes and paths and certainly too many to list individually. At all times players should take care when walking up or down these, particularly when using Golf buggies or trolleys.

Wildlife

Players should be aware that there is a potential threat from wildlife such as wasps, bees and other biting insects on the course. Adders are also present on the Golf course, and urgent medical attention should be sought if you suffer a venomous bite.

To help with the review process of our safety procedures all Members, Guests and Visitors are kindly requested to bring to the attention of the Manager any incidents that happen on the Golf course, or hazards they feel have not been addressed.

FOG POLICY

(IN LINE WITH ABERYSYSTYTH GOLF COURSE HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION BOOKLET).

No play will be permitted on the course if a distance of 150 yards cannot be seen. If it is not possible to clearly see the brow of the hill on either the 1st or 15th Hole, **PLAYERS MUST NOT START TO PLAY.**

Whilst on the course, players must use their own judgement based on the distances demonstrated on the 1st & 15th holes.



Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Club Limited

Buggy Safety Policy

Introduction

Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Club Limited (“the Club”) has a duty of care to all users of the golf course. The topography of certain areas of the course is such that caution, and prudence must be shown by the user of a ride-on buggy at all times. It is also necessary that the Club provide an adequately safe means of access for all golfers, including those given permission to use ride-on buggies. Moreover, the Club has to ensure the safety of golfers who do not use buggies but who might be at risk from a mechanically defective ride-on buggy or its careless use. This duty of care also applies to members of the public using the right of way.

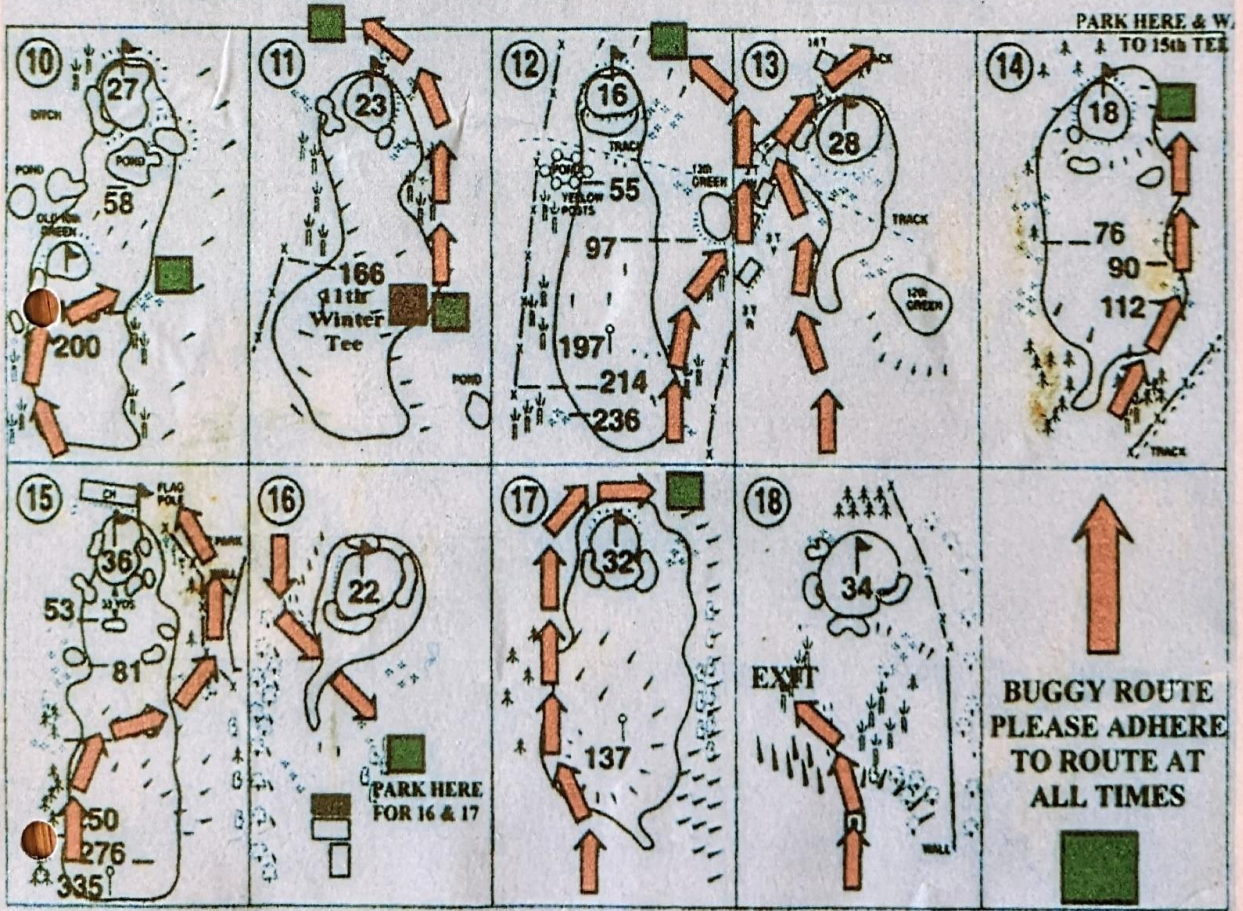
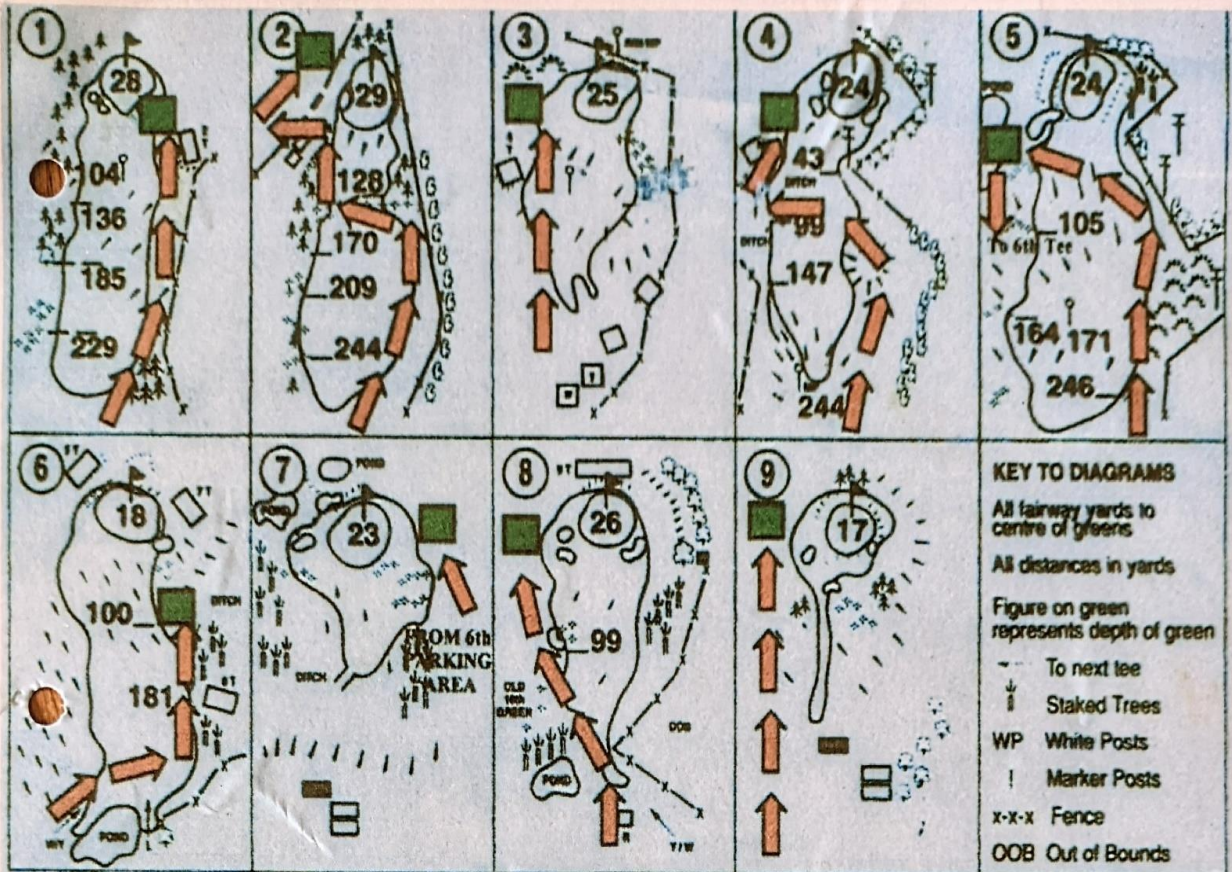
Conditions of Use

To assist the safe employment of ride-on buggies all potential users shall comply with the following conditions:

1. Drivers must be a minimum of 17 years of age.
2. All operators of ride-on buggies must sign an Acknowledgement Form before they are allowed to drive a ride-on buggy on the course.
3. A ride-on buggy shall only be used for the number of occupants it was designed to carry and only by people who are authorised to use one.
4. Operation of a golf buggy is at the risk of the driver.
5. The sign and instructions displayed on the buggy windscreen and on the course to warn buggy riders of potential danger areas or areas forbidden to ride-on buggies must be followed at all times.
6. Ride-on buggy operators will be responsible for the security of ignition keys for the period that the buggy is on the property owned by the Club.
7. The Club has no responsibility for ensuring the safe operation of ride-on buggies on or beyond the confines of the course and the club car park other than those operated by the Club's servants or agents. The Club will accept no responsibility for any loss or damage caused to any property other than that arising from the negligent use of a ride-on buggy by the Club's servants or agents.
8. Ride-on buggies shall be used only between dawn and dusk.
9. Ride-on buggies must be operated in compliance with the common “rules of the road” regardless of whether ride-on buggies are operated on pavements or roadways.
10. The consumption of alcohol and/or the improper use of drugs are not permitted when using the ride-on buggy and users must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
11. When buggies are being used during periods when only Registered Buggy Users (RBU) are permitted, passengers within the buggy are prohibited unless they are RBUs themselves.
12. Any Director, Employee, Volunteer, and the General Manager has the authority to immediately prohibit any individual from using or being carried on a ride-on buggy.

Safe Operation

1. Do not move off until the occupants are seated.
2. Always remain seated and hold on while the vehicle is in motion.
3. Hands, feet and head must always be kept inside the buggy while the vehicle is in motion.
4. Ride-on buggies must be operated with the utmost courtesy, care and consideration for the safety and convenience of all persons using, or working on, the Golf Course or using the public footpaths across it, and who must be afforded the right of way at all times.
5. Ride-on buggies must be operated and parked in such a manner that they do not impede or interfere with normal pedestrian or vehicular flow on pathways, ramps or pavements.
6. Operators must stop the buggy at blind intersections and proceed with caution.
7. Ride-on buggies must not be driven in prohibited areas and drivers must comply with all buggy signs.
8. The vehicle must be used to progress the game and must not be driven up and down excessively, e.g. when looking for golf balls.
9. The vehicle must not be used on tees, greens or slopes leading up to them.
10. Buggies must not be used within **5 yards** of any apron to any green, bunkers, ditches or ponds, except when using the designated pathways or bridges.
11. Never drive buggies between bunkers and greens.
12. Check the area behind the vehicle before reversing.
13. Set the brake before leaving the buggy.
14. Always consider the terrain, existing vehicular and pedestrian traffic conditions as well as environmental factors that may affect your ability to operate the vehicle safely.
15. Drive the vehicle only as fast as the terrain and safety considerations allow.
16. To avoid tipping over, drive the buggy straight up and down severe slopes.
17. Slow down before corners.
18. All turns must be executed at reduced speeds.
19. Avoid sudden stops or changes of direction that may result in loss of control.
20. Be extra careful when the course is wet and muddy.
21. Do not drive buggies in thick rough – keep to the fairways and semi rough.



ANY PERSON SEEN NOT ADHERING TO THE BUGGY ROUTE WILL BE REPORTED TO THE GREENS COMMITTEE

PARK & WALK

Social Media Policy (October 2022)

Rationale

Aberystwyth Golf Club recognises that social media and networking platforms have become a regular part of everyday life with many people enjoying membership of such sites. However we are also aware that these sites have the potential to become negative and care must be taken not to breach our confidentiality Policy or offend members, staff, visitors, suppliers or the general public when using these services. It is unacceptable for the club, or any employee of the Club to be brought into disrepute.

1 Introduction

a) Members should be aware of the many more examples of social media than are listed here and that this is a constantly changing area and they should follow these guidelines in relation to any social media they use.

b) The absence, or lack of, explicit reference to a specific site or service does not limit the extent of the application of this Policy. Where no Policy or guidelines exist, members should use good judgement as to appropriateness of use or comment. They should consult with the Directors if they are uncertain.

2 Making defamatory or derogatory comments.

Members must not make derogatory comments about Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Club, employee, management, members or the golf course via social media. Members must not:

a) Breach confidentiality, for example by:

i) Giving away personal or any information related to members of Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Club.

ii) Discussing the internal workings of Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Club (such as deals with suppliers, visitors) or future plans that are not public knowledge.

b) Breach copyright, for example by:

i) Using someone else's image or written content without permission; or

ii) Failing to give acknowledgement where permission has been given to reproduce material.

iii) The Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Club logo may not be used without written consent.

c) Do anything that could be considered discriminatory against, bullying or harassment of any member, for example by:

i) Making offensive or derogatory comments or discriminating or inciting others to discriminate on the grounds of age, race, religion or belief, gender or sexual orientation

ii) Using social media to bully another member of Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Club or a supplier, distributor or customer/client) or

iii) Posting images that are discriminatory or offensive or links to such content

d) All members should bear in mind that information they share through social networking applications, even if they are on private spaces, are still subject to copyright, data protection and freedom of information and other legislation.

e) If anyone believes that there has been an offensive comment made about Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Club, another member, a visitor or a supplier/customer or a member of staff they should report this to one of the board of Directors. If anyone thinks that a member is being bullied or someone has posted a comment that offends or upsets them, it should be reported to a member of the board of Directors as soon as possible so that it may be investigated.

f) If anyone makes a complaint that they know to be untrue, or give evidence that they know to be untrue, it may lead to disciplinary action being taken.

3 Social Media in Personal Life

Members joining Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Club social media sites in their personal life should;

- a)** Ensure that privacy settings on their profiles are set so that only people they have accepted as friends can see their content.
- b)** Regularly review who is on their 'friends list' on their personal profile.
- c)** Ensure that information published on the internet complies with Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Club's confidentiality and data protection policies.
- d)** Members may not use the Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Club brand to endorse or promote any product, cause or political candidate.

4 Use of Official Accounts

Clwb Golff Aberystwyth Golf Club operates a number of accounts on social media websites for the promotion of activities and events, and as a method of communication with it's community.

The following outlines the limits of their use:

- a)** An official account on any social media website may only be set up with written consent from the board of Directors.
- b)** Only authorised persons may post these accounts and access to the accounts will be strictly limited.
- c)** All information published on the internet must comply with the Aberystwyth confidentiality and data protection policy.
- d)** Copyright laws must be respected, with references or sources cited appropriately.
- e)** Should any member become aware of distasteful social networking they should make the board of Directors aware immediately.

All members using official accounts must adhere to the above guidelines; breach of this Policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

Note: Any media enquiries must be referred to a member of the board of Directors in the first instance.

5 On Termination of Membership

On termination of membership any member with access to social media accounts on behalf of Aberystwyth Golf Club must surrender any paperwork and passwords relevant to the site and must agree to discontinue posting on the site as a representative of the Club.

Policy Dated October 2020

Policy review date October 2023 or as warranted by changing needs.

Ways in which you, as a member can help the Club.

It is easy to assume that by paying - with all the other members - your annual subscription (and possibly reduced green fees), then this will be sufficient to support the financial running of the club.

In many clubs with greater population densities to support them, this would be true.

Consequently, most clubs in rural areas have to rely on other sources of income to survive.

At Aberystwyth, we do rely on visitor income

At a basic level, repairing divots and pitch marks are essential. Rake bunkers

Join the Join 100 if you haven't already

Consider having a party at the GC.

Promote the GC to your friends, encourage them to have a go at golf. Most golfers take up the game because they have friends and family who already do so.

Play in the club competitions.