

VICTORIA COUNTRY CLUB (VCC) GOLF COURSE RULES

Any person using the VCC golf course agrees to be bound by these rules and any failure to comply with the rules may result in the person being asked to leave the premises.

A: General Rules

1. The golf course is open for golf daily except on Good Friday, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The course may also be closed on certain days for sponsored corporate days and other competitions, and for periodic maintenance requirements. The Golf Diary is available from the Pro Shop and contains details of competitions and the organisation of golf.
2. Members are responsible for booking golf at the Pro Shop. It is recommended that players book tee times in advance.
3. All golfers must check in at the Pro Shop prior to commencing play. All play starts at the first or eleventh hole except when the Pro Shop staff direct otherwise. Members who have purchased unlimited rounds may start at other more convenient holes if prior approval is obtained from the Pro Shop. Any golfers who commence playing golf before the Pro Shop is open are required to check in at the Pro Shop on the first occasion that they pass the Pro Shop after it has opened.
4. Out of consideration for other players it is compulsory to carry sand bags for the repair of divots, to rake bunkers, and to repair pitch marks.
5. White stakes surrounding the course demarcate out of bounds and not the boundary between club property and the private property of homeowners. Entering clearly defined private property without the homeowner's permission is prohibited.
6. Caddies may only be engaged through the Caddie Master whose allocation of a caddie is final. The caddie's employer is responsible for the caddie's food at the halfway house.
7. Golfers may not purchase golf balls or any other item from anybody on the golf course.
8. The dress code for golf is smart casual. To avoid embarrassment golfers must ensure that their dress is neat and presentable at all times. Extremes of casual dress are inappropriate and unacceptable.

The following is considered to be appropriate golfing attire for the golf course and practice areas:

Only standard recognised golf shirts may be worn.

Men's shirts must be tucked in.

Men may only wear traditional long or short golf trousers with a belt or clasp. Ladies may wear three-quarter length trousers.

Drawstring and cargo pants, and denim fabrics are not allowed.

Knee-length or short socks must be worn with short trousers. Short socks and anklets must be predominantly white when worn with shorts.

Proper golf shoes must be worn.

B: Rules in respect of golf carts.

1. Golfers may only use club carts after paying the requisite fee and signing the required indemnity form. Privately owned golf carts may only be used after payment of the required annual permit fee or daily trail fee. Carts which have annual permits are required to display prominent identification which will be supplied by the club
2. Any operator of a golf cart must be in possession of a valid motor vehicle driver's licence or a certificate of competency issued by the Director of Golf of VCC. No certificate of competency will be issued to anyone under the age of 16 years.
3. No more than two people and two sets of golf clubs are permitted per golf cart unless the cart is specifically designed to carry more than two people.
4. The use of a golf cart is at the sole risk of the operator who shall be responsible for damage to any golf cart occurring whilst under his or her control and for personal injury to himself, herself or any other person. The operator of the cart indemnifies the VCC against any loss or claim resulting from operation of the cart.
5. Cart drivers may only enter and exit the course at approved access points and, where relevant, must follow the prescribed route directions. Wherever possible, golf carts are to be kept to golf paths, and should also be driven on the rough rather than on the fairways. Golf carts may NOT be driven onto areas surrounding the greens and tee boxes.

C: Damage to property and personal injury.

1. The VCC is not responsible for any loss or damage to any personal property used or stored on the club's premises and any member, guest or other person who enters the club's premises does so at his or her own personal risk.
2. Any person entering the premises and/or using any facility or service provide by the VCC indemnifies and holds the VCC harmless against any loss, injury or liability sustained or incurred by him or her resulting from any act or omission whether due to the negligence or otherwise of any employee or official of the VCC.
3. Any person using the golf course acknowledges that golfers should be aware of other golfers playing on the course, and of natural obstacles, and has a duty to take reasonable care for their own safety.
4. All golfers agree to be bound by the rules of golf AND the rules of etiquette as published by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and in particular those rules of etiquette relating to safety and consideration for other players as set out in Section 1.
5. Golfers are requested to please be aware of the extreme danger of hitting golf balls into the residential properties surrounding the VCC golf course and to ensure that they have adequate protection from any claims that may arise from such incidents.

D: Access to, and use of the golf course for other recreational purposes.

1. No motorized vehicles other than golf carts may be operated on the golf course or pathways without management permission.
2. "Normal golfing hours" vary during the year depending on the seasons, the day of the week, and the nature of golf events being played. It is therefore not practical to stipulate specific times at which normal golf hours commence and end.
3. Members may access the golf course for other recreational purposes early in the morning and/or late in the afternoon provided they do not in any way obstruct the activities of people playing golf.
4. No person will be permitted to commence a formal round of eighteen holes of golf after 2.00pm during the winter months (April to September) or 3.00pm during the summer months (October to March), or a formal round of nine holes of golf after 4.00pm during the winter months or 5.00pm during the summer months. The last round of formal golf activities at each hole shall be deemed to have been completed at intervals of approximately ten minutes per hole after the latest approved tee-off time.
5. Members who have purchased unlimited rounds of golf may play casual golf (defined as playing fewer than nine holes of golf, not necessarily in numeric sequence) after the completion of formal golf activities each day. Such members will be required to display appropriate identification for purposes of proving that they have purchased unlimited rounds.
6. The VCC has golf practice facilities located near the club house and members are encouraged to use those facilities. Practising on the golf course is not encouraged. Nevertheless, members who have purchased unlimited rounds of golf may practice on the course after the completion of formal golf activities provided that they do not impede members who play casual golf as provided in para 4 above. Such practice may only take place subject to the following conditions:
 - No hitting shots off the tee boxes and fairways.
 - No hitting shots onto greens or towards the green complex as a target.
 - Greens may only be used for putting and very short chips (no more than three metres from the edge of the green).
 - No practicing out of greenside bunkers.
 - No shots may be played which may endanger any person engaged in any other approved recreational activity on the course.
 - Failure to adhere to the foregoing will result in this privilege being revoked.
7. Members may fish the dams (on a catch and release basis only) before 7.30 am throughout the year or after 4.30pm and 5.30pm in winter and summer respectively. Members engaged in fishing activities must ensure that they do not in any way impede the activities of people

playing golf. Members engaged in fishing activities do so at their own risk and indemnify the VCC against any loss or claim resulting from such activities.

8. No person is permitted to swim in any of the dams.
9. Members may run, walk or cycle on the course before 7.30 am or 8.00 am, or after 5.00pm or 4.30pm in summer and winter respectively but may not in any way impede the activities of people playing golf. Members engaged in such activities do so at their own risk and indemnify the VCC against any loss or claim resulting from such activities.
10. Members' dogs are not allowed on the golf course unless they are on a lead. People walking dogs on the course are also required to have appropriate means of cleaning up should their dogs defecate on the course.
11. The golf course may not be used for any recreational activities other than those referred to above without specific approval from the golf committee for any other activity.