



# **George Golf Club**

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### 1. SEASONS AND OPERATING HOURS

#### Season

PEAK SEASON 15<sup>th</sup> December to 15<sup>th</sup> January

HIGH SEASON 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> April

LOW SEASON 1<sup>st</sup> May to 30<sup>th</sup> September

#### Operating Hours

15<sup>th</sup> December to 15<sup>th</sup> January 05h30

16<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 06h00

1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> May 06h30

1<sup>st</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> July 07h00

1<sup>st</sup> August to 30<sup>th</sup> September 06h30

1<sup>st</sup> October to 14<sup>th</sup> December 06h00

**\*Hours may be adjusted by management on duty**

### 2. GOLF ETIQUETTE

- Talking on cell phones is not permitted on the course or in the clubhouse except in designated areas. Designated areas include the pro shop, locker rooms, braai deck, car park and smoking area. Special dispensation for professionals such as doctors can be pre-arranged with management.
- Allotted time for 18 holes is no more than 4h20min including a compulsory halfway stop of no more than 15 minutes.
- Sandbags or sand bottles are compulsory when playing – please fill your divots, repair your pitch marks and rake bunkers.
- Carts are not to be driven beyond demarcated ropes or onto tee complexes.
- Obey the course marshals at all times – failure to do so may result in players being asked to leave the course.
- Players who have finished a hole must leave the green and cart path adjacent to the green immediately and must not first fill in their scorecards or linger around. If they do not do so they expose themselves to serious injury.
- Players must not tee off or play any shot until they are certain that the players ahead of them are out of reach and that there is no possibility of reaching the players ahead of them. Failure to adhere to this rule may cause serious injury or even death of a player ahead of them.

#### **IMPORTANT**

- The last two points are not only good etiquette but important rules of the Club. Any member or player indemnifies the Club fully and in all respects against any claim and liability arising from a failure to adhere to these rules.

### **General**

- No one should move, talk or stand close to or directly behind the ball or the hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke.
- The player who has the honour should normally be allowed to play before his opponent or fellow-competitor tees his ball, however we do encourage you to play "Ready Golf" in order to speed up play.
- All players must be aware of others on the course and shout the word 'fore' to warn others if necessary.
- Players must play without undue delay.
- Players searching for a ball must allow faster following players to play through and should not continue their play until these players are out of range.
- Before leaving a bunker a player should rake the bunker leaving it in better condition than he/she found it.
- All divots made on fairways and teeing areas should be filled with sand.
- A player should repair his/her pitch mark and assist the club by repairing any others they might find.
- The flagstick should be carefully removed and placed on the green and properly replaced in the hole before the players leave the putting green.
- When the play of the hole has been completed the players should leave the green complex immediately.
- No player should play until the players in front are out of range.

### 3. SPEED OF PLAY

- Players are to keep up with the players ahead at all times and in the interest of all players should play without delay.
- Time allotted for 18 holes including Half Way stop is NOT more than 4h20 minutes.
- If a 4 ball falls a hole behind they will be warned by the Course Marshall and upon a second warning, they will be asked to skip a hole and/ or skip half way house and thereafter may be requested to leave the Golf Course.
- Unless playing in a medal competition round, players must pick up the ball when they can no longer score.
- Players searching for a ball should allow other players coming up to pass them: they should signal to the players following them to pass; and should not continue their play until those players have passed and are out of range.

### 4. ACCESS TO THE GOLF COURSE

- It is compulsory for players to register with the check in counter before the commencement of play.
- Players must report to the check in counter ready to go onto the tee at least 10 minutes before their tee-off time. If they are late they may forfeit their tee-off time.
- Children under 10 years of age may not enter the Golf Course unless accompanied by an adult or playing golf with the Club's consent.
- No sharing of Golf Clubs is permitted.

## 5. PRACTICE

- Nobody may practice chipping onto the greens on the course, nor may anyone practice putting on these greens at any time other than as permitted during a Competition Round under Rule 7-2 of the Rules of Golf. .
- When playing a practice round, a player may have a **maximum** of two (2) balls in play, which must be played continuously, according to the rules provided that other players are not delayed.

## 6. HANDICAPS

- A maximum handicap of 36 for men and 36 for ladies is permissible at George.
- All play at George Golf club is subject to the Rules of Golf as published by the R&A from time to time and in addition Competitions will be subject to the Handicap Regulations as published by the SAGA from time to time.

## 7. RESERVATION OF TEE-OFF TIMES

### **General Stipulations**

- A member may invite a specific guest (person) to play as his / her accompanied guest at the preferential member's guest fee which must be arranged with management prior to booking a time. The responsibility lies with the member to ensure rules and regulations are adhered to. Wednesdays and Saturdays afternoons are reserved for members only. The discretion lies with the Manager to allow members' guests to play on these days and only if there is no waiting list for members in these fields.
- If there are gaps in the field within 48hrs of tee-times, visitors will be accommodated at the discretion of the Manager.
- All Club Major Trophy, Monthly Medal, and Ladies Trophy competitions are restricted to Members only.
- The financial / playing ban penalties for "no-shows" will be adjudicated by the Manager. These penalties will apply throughout the Year.
- **TUESDAY PM LADIES** - Members will be allowed guests in consultation with the Ladies Captain
- **WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY COMPETITIONS** – There will be one (whole-day) competition OR a separate AM and PM Competition depending on the Sponsors request. Prize giving will be at 18h15 in winter and 18h50 in summer presented by the Captain or his nominee. When there is a separate AM and PM Competition, there will be no AM Prize-giving.
- There will be no prize-giving during "Peak Season"
- There will either be a two-tee start with AM and PM fields or alternatively a one-tee start through-out the day.

### **Cancellation of tee-off reservation**

- Members who fail to present themselves for a time that they have booked for themselves and any guests will be charged at the member's guest rate for their own and their guests' missed booking, unless they have cancelled at least 24 hours before the tee-off time.
- Cancellations should be made well ahead of time. For competition days the Club must be informed at least 24 hours before. Bookings should not be cancelled on the day of the competition unless there is a valid excuse.

- If a visitor cancels on the day he/she will be charged the full price for their booking. Visitors and guests not accompanied by a member are required to make payment or provide credit card details when making their bookings and will be charged the full visitors' rate should they fail to present themselves.

## 8. GOLF CARTS

### **NO PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MAY HIRE OR DRIVE A GOLF CART ON CLUB PROPERTY.**

#### **Golf Course**

- In order to drive a golf cart on Club Property, the driver must be in possession of a valid Driver's licence. An indemnity form must be signed by the driver and handed in when checking in to entitle him/her to use a cart on the course.
- Privately owned carts may be used but the Club holds no responsibility for damaged or injuries caused whilst on the Golf Club Property.

#### **General**

- Golf carts must be driven on the cart paths at all times, unless there is a local rule to the contrary.
- Golf carts must not be driven within 10 meters of the greens and tees unless on the cart paths. This rule applies not only to the front of the greens and tees but also to behind and to the sides of greens and tees.
- A maximum of two golf carts per 4ball is allowed on the course unless a special arrangement has been made with the Club.
- All privately owned carts are to be registered through the Club.
- Members are notified that the owner must insure privately owned golf carts.

**All players hiring a golf cart are required to sign the Hire and Disclaimer Agreement. It is a condition of the hire of a Golf Cart that the use of such Cart shall be entirely at the Hirer's risk. Neither the George Golf Club nor any of their staff or office bearers shall be responsible for the injury to any person or damage to any property or any other loss or damage which may arise from the use of a Golf Cart. A Hirer, by his signature thereof, undertakes to indemnify George Golf Club from any liability in respect of any injury, loss or damage arising from the use thereof.**

## 9. COMPETITIONS

- Score cards must be handed in at the Check in Counter directly after the completion of play.
- Competition score cards must be correctly completed and signed by both player and marker, otherwise the player will be disqualified.
- Junior Members may play in competitions provided they adhere to the following.
  - They are 14 years or older.
  - They have an official SAGA Handicap of 18 or less.
  - They play off the standard tees of the day.
  - They play full members green fees.

- They are accompanied by an adult and prior permission has been granted by management and their 4-Ball.
- **FORWARD TEES.** Any golfer is entitled to play off the Forward Tee in a social round and enter the score for handicap purposes using the Standard Rating of the Forward Tee. For competition rounds, members may play off the front tees, but they are to adjust their handicaps down by the difference in the Standard Rating of the forward tee and the Standard Rating of the tee being used in the competition. Players are to advise the starter of their intention to play off the forward tee prior to playing their first hole and they are to record the rating of the tee that they played off in the appropriate block on the top of the score-card marked "ADJ RATING".
- ***In the event of a tie, the following procedures will be used to determine the winner:***
  - CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**
    - **GROSS SCORE-** The winner will be determined by Sudden Death play-off which will take place on holes 1, 17 & 18 until an outright winner can be determined. If no winner can be determined due to weather, then the play-off will be postponed to the first Saturday following the Club Championships
    - **NETT SCORE-** The winner will be the player with the lowest handicap. If the players have the same handicap, the last 18 holes determines the winner for 36 hole tournaments. If the last 18 holes does not define a winner, then the lowest score of the last 9 holes of the second round will be used to determine the winner. The back 9 score determines the winner for 18 hole tournaments. If back 9 scores are then equal, the count-out is then determined by the player with the lowest gross score on individual holes beginning with stroke 1 in the last round..
  - COMPETITION GOLF**
    - In the case of a tie, the player/teams total back 9 (holes 10-18) score will determine the winner. If the scores remain tied, then the player/teams total last 6 (holes 13-18) wins the count-out. If the scores remain tied, then the player/teams total last 3 (holes 16-18) wins the count out. If the scores remain tied, then the player/teams total on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole wins the count out. In the unlikely event that this does not determine a winner, then the winner will be determined by the spin of a coin.

### **Match play Competitions**

- Lowest handicap must play off scratch with the opponent/s adjusting accordingly.
- All match play competitions are to start on either the 1<sup>st</sup> tee or the 10th tee.
- In case of a tie after 18 holes, a match should continue from where you started until a winner is determined.
- If a match cannot be completed due to failing light, or the course is deemed un-fit for play by the club management due to weather or any other unusual condition, the match should be replayed as soon as possible before the stipulated deadline.
- Players on the top of the draw are responsible for arranging the game.
- Three dates to be offered to the opposition, before due date of completion of the round.
- If no result is achieved, the players responsible for the 'no result' shall forfeit the game and their opposition may claim a walk-over.
- Any disputes to be taken up with the General Manager of the Club. His/her decision in such disputes will be final.
- Members are requested to arrange games and book tee times timeously as no extensions will be granted!

### **Better-Ball Competitions**

- If you only have three players in a better-ball competition, one player may pivot with the other two players and common practice is that the lowest handicap in the three ball will pivot. The pivots score must be recorded on both cards. The Pivot must also ensure he/she has paid an additional competition fee prior to teeing off.

### **Alliance Competitions**

- If you only have three players in an Alliance competition, you may nominate one player from another 4-Ball to pivot. The name of the other player must be nominated prior to teeing off and they must ensure that they pay an additional competition fee prior to teeing off. The Pivot players score must be copied onto the alliance score-card prior to handing it in.

### 10. DRESS CODE FOR GOLF COURSE AND CLUBHOUSE

The Club's intention is to uphold quality dress sense at all times. These guidelines are set to assist Members, Guests and the Management of your Club.

THE DISCRETION OF APPROPRIATE DRESS VESTS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CLUB.

Non-players must be appropriately dressed and wear flat sole shoes.

#### ON COURSE - GENTLEMEN

- Recognized golf footwear with soft spikes
- Tailored long trousers
- Tailored golf shorts
- Cargo style tailored golf pants with flat pockets
- Sport socks (any colour)
- Recognized golf shirt or polo neck
- Shirt with collar and sleeves
- Shirt tucked into shorts/trousers with exception of shirts designed to be worn outside trousers
- Golf caps with peak to the front.

#### NOT PERMITTED

- Metal spikes
- Running shoes
- Sleeveless or collarless shirts or t-shirts
- Denim shorts or denim trousers
- Running shorts, rugby shorts, draw-string trousers or draw-string shorts
- Tracksuits

- Rugby shirts

#### LADIES

- Recognized golf footwear with soft spikes
- Tailored skirt or trousers
- Golf shorts
- Recognized golf shirt or polo necks

#### NOT PERMITTED

- Metal spikes
- Running shoes
- Denim shorts or denim trousers
- Running shorts, athletic shorts, draw-string trousers, draw-string short
- Tracksuits
- Sun tops

#### IN THE 19<sup>th</sup> HOLE - GENTLEMEN

- Smart Casual (smart jeans permitted)
- Closed shoes and moccasins –(should you wear your golf shoes, please ensure they are clean and dry)
- Shirt with collar and sleeves
- Tailored shorts.

#### NOT PERMITTED IN CLUBHOUSE

- Running shorts, athletic shorts, draw-string trousers, draw-string shorts
- Slip-on type beach footwear
- Beachwear
- Golfing Headgear
- Jogging gear
- Sleeveless shirts
- T-shirts

#### IN THE CLUBHOUSE-LADIES

- Smart Casual (smart jeans permitted)

#### NOT PERMITTED IN CLUBHOUSE

- Running shorts, athletic shorts, draw-string trousers, draw-string shorts



- Slip-on type beach footwear
- Beachwear
- Jogging gear
- T-shirts Gym / Exercise gear
- Track Suits
- **NOTE: Dress code is relaxed during Peak Season.**

#### 11. FOOD AND BEVERAGE

- Members and their guests are reminded that no food or beverage items may be brought into the club and consumed on the club's premises without prior approval of the Management. This includes all areas of the golf club, including but not limited to the club house, the function facilities, the club's terrace, the parking areas and the golf course."

#### 12. BAR RULES

- No Under 18 Year old person may consume any form of Alcohol.
- Children under the age of 18 may sit in the Bar Area only if accompanied by an adult and No person under the age of 18 may stand or be seated at the Bar Counter.

#### 13. PRIZE GIVING

Golfers are expected to attend prize giving but should you not be able to attend prize-giving, the following rules will apply.

- CLUB SPONSORED (All day competition)
- If you play in the morning field, simply write your name in the apology book.
- If you play in the afternoon field, you must be present to collect your prize or you must write your name in the apology book along with the name of the person who will collect your prize. This person must not be a member of staff.
- OUTSIDE SPONSORED COMPETITION.( All day competition)
- If you play in the morning field, you must be present to collect your prize or you must write your name in the apology book along with the name of the person who will collect your prize. This person must not be a member of staff.
- If you play in the afternoon field, you must be present to collect your prize or you must write your name in the apology book along with the name of the person who will collect your prize. This person must not be a member of staff.
- NOTE – AN OUTSIDE SPONSOR HAS THE RIGHT TO ONLY SPONSOR A MORNING COMPETITION OR AN AFTERNOON COMPETITION AND THIS WILL BE COMUNICATED TO YOU AT CHECK-IN.

- AN OUTSIDE SPONSOR ALSO HAS THE RIGHT TO MAKE PRIZE GIVING ATTENDANCE ONLY AND THIS WILL ALSO BE COMUNICATED TO YOU AT CHECK IN.
- Failure to adhere to the above will result in you forfeiting your prize.

#### 14. NEW MEMBER PROCESS

- Any-one wanting to become a member of the George Golf Club must complete a member application form and have it proposed and seconded by two members of the Club Council.
- This application form must be handed in to the Club Management together with the membership fees.
- You will be granted temporary membership until approved by Council who meet every Quarter. You will also be given a membership number.
- You will then be notified by management after acceptance and will become part of the 'best members club' in the Country.

#### 15. SPONSORSHIPS

##### Sponsorship of a club member's competition:

This is a perfect opportunity for a marketing exercise as the club provides the sponsor with a field of players who are mostly Members of the club, and therefore living/working in the area.

The main responsibility of a competition sponsor is to provide the club with a prize table of a minimum total rand value of R3500. The club in return provides the sponsor with a field of players to market to, the opportunity to place advertising in the clubhouse and on the golf course, as well as provide the sponsor with a complimentary four ball on the day (normally in the afternoon field).

The sponsorship of a ladies competition is similar to the above; ladies competitions are held on a Tuesday afternoon.

##### Hosting of a corporate or charity golf day:

This is a higher risk option than the sponsorship of a Members competition as the responsibility of providing a field of players is the sponsors. The club normally allocates an entire afternoon field (Thursdays or Sundays) to the sponsor, and charges for all tee times booked out. The sponsor is able to raise funds by adding onto the green fee charged by the club; and keeping the difference. Advertising opportunities exist on the golf course, as well as the selling of raffle tickets and the sponsor keeps all monies raised in this manner.

##### Sponsoring of a Friday afternoon 9 hole Sundowners' or PAR3 competition:

The club hosts a weekly Sundowners' or PAR3 competition for club members on a Friday afternoon during the year. Sundowners' competitions are usually held during summer (October to March). Sponsors may either provide their own prizes to a minimum rand value of R500, or the club will invoice the sponsor for this amount and purchase the prizes.

#### 16. CADDIES

- Should you require a caddy, please purchase a 'Caddy Foundation Voucher' from the check in counter.
- Please hand this Voucher to the Caddy Master who will allocate you a caddy.
- Caddy Fees as per the minimum fee are to be paid directly to the Caddy after the round.
- The caddy must be paid for half-way house after 9 holes as per the minimum fee.
- Any comments regarding your caddy can be noted on the comments card available from the check-in counter.

- NOTE – Please note that only registered caddies from The George Golf Club may be used and should you wish to utilise your own caddy, permission MUST be obtained from the General Manager prior to arrival at the golf Club.
- NOTE – Please be advised that whilst every effort is made to ensure a high standard of Caddy, the caddies are not employed by George Golf Club and the appointment of a caddy by the golfer is strictly between the Golfer and the Caddy. The George Golf Club and management will not mediate between the two parties in the event of any altercation such as, but not limited to, arguments, theft, bad conduct and assault.

**WE TRUST YOU FIND THIS PUBLICATION USEFUL AND ASSIST YOU IN BEING A VALUABLE MEMBER AT THE BEST MEMBERS GOLF CLUB IN SOUTH AFRICA.**