

## **FLIXTON GOLF CLUB STANDARDS AND BY-LAWS**

### **General**

- 1) The Captain, President and Lady Captain must be treated with respect at all times. They should be addressed as 'Mr Captain', 'Mr President' and 'Lady Captain' during their term of office. They must also receive priority on the Tee and on the Course.
- 2) On Captain's Day, President's Day and Lady Captain's Day it is traditional to shake hands with them and wish them a happy and successful day.
- 3) When a male member appends his name to the sheet for either the Captain's or President's Prize, he must be aware of his obligation to attend the prize giving ceremony that evening.
- 4) It is expected that a male member will wear a jacket and tie (not casual dress) when attending a presentation or function on behalf of the Club i.e. A.G.M. Manchester & District Golf Alliance events etc.
- 5) Members and visitors must not change their shoes and clothing in the car park. The wearing of metal spiked golf shoes in the car park is not permitted.

### **Competitions**

If a member has entered in a competition and is unable to play, it is his duty to get a replacement (especially important in Four-ball competitions) and to his playing partners.

### **Continuity of Play**

- 1) A group's place on the course is behind the group in front – not in front of the group behind.
- 2) Be ready to play your shot when it is your turn.
- 3) Always watch your partner's shot.
- 4) Play a provisional ball if you think a ball may be lost
- 5) Players searching for a lost ball should signal the group behind to play through immediately; they should not search for 5 minutes before doing so. They should then not play until the group behind has passed through and is out of range.
- 6) Always leave bags or trolleys at the side of the green (never in front) and towards the next tee.
- 7) When the hole has been completed players must leave the green immediately and finish marking their score cards away from the green.
- 8) If a group is failing to keep pace with the group in front and loses a clear hole to the group behind, it should invite the group behind to play through, regardless of the number in that group.

### **On the Course**

- 1) When playing off the men's white competition tees on the 7th and 16th holes, players must give priority to competitors teeing off on the 6th and 15th holes white competition tees.
- 2) Players must use the paths from the 9th green to 10th tee and not cross the 18th fairway.
- 3) Players must not tee-off on the 4th hole if players have left the 2nd green.
- 4) Players teeing off on the 1st hole must alternate with players coming round from the 9th, except in competitions when order of play takes priority.
- 5) Players should not move, talk, make unnecessary noise, stand close to or directly behind the ball or the hole, when a player is about to play.
- 6) Players should remain on or close to the putting green until all players in the group have holed out.
- 7) Sand in bunkers must be raked and smoothed over when leaving a bunker.
- 8) All divots must be carefully replaced.
- 9) Pitch marks made on the green must be carefully repaired.
- 10) Distance measuring devices are allowed to be used.

## **Practice**

There are two areas where practising is permitted – the practice ground and the men's 17th fairway where woods and long irons can be used from the relevant practise tee. All practice balls should be marked to avoid confusion with other balls. All divots must be replaced. Practice on the course is not allowed i.e. playing several balls, chipping several times to greens, playing from the Ladies tees, cutting across to different tees or holes, practise putting on the greens, playing several balls out of bunkers etc.

## **Mobile Phones**

Mobile phones are not to be used on the course. It is permitted to take mobile phones on the course, but they must remain switched off, unless you are making an emergency call, such as contacting the emergency services or the clubhouse to report vandalism, or the like.

## **New Members**

Any member introducing a newcomer to Flixton Golf Club has an ongoing responsibility, not just to attend the meeting with the Captain and Secretary but to help the member settle in by playing with them and assisting in obtaining a handicap. The member should introduce them to club officials and other members and guide them to act in a responsible manner so as not to draw criticism from others.

## **Professional**

Not all 9-hole courses retain the services of a Professional. It is expected that whenever possible, members will support the Pro (and his staff) with lessons, golf equipment, use of his shop facilities and by allowing him to quote on any potential Club changing etc.

## **A.G.M.**

Members must realise the importance of attending this meeting held each year in late March. At this meeting the Officials/Council of the Club are elected by the members, The Council meets monthly and the minutes of each meeting is displayed on the bar in the Clubhouse.

## **FLIXTON GOLF CLUB DRESS CODE**

### **General**

The dress code shall be determined by the Club Council.

### **The Clubhouse**

The minimum standard of dress within the Clubhouse at all times for all categories of Members, guests and visitors shall be 'Smart Casual' except when specified otherwise or where special provision has been made by the Council for a particular occasion.

Nothing in this code should deter Members, Guests and Visitors from wearing more formal attire should they so wish.

At an A.G.M. or E.G.M., all gentlemen should wear jacket and tie. Ladies should wear non-golfing clothing appropriate to their own dress code.

When attending the presentation for Captain and Presidents Day gentlemen should wear 'jacket and tie' other than when Council has specified differently. On these occasions Members, visitors and guests may wear 'smart casual' dress in the lounge/snooker room.

### **Definitions**

Golf attire should be smart appropriate golf clothing suitable for the course, practice and practice areas. Such attire can be worn in the Clubhouse save for golf shoes, soiled and wet garments, waterproofs, hats and caps. Shorts should not be worn at prize giving.

As a guide to Members and visitors 'smart casual' dress and golf attire should not include track or shell suits, trainers other than of golf design, t-shirts, football shirts/shorts, beach shorts, collarless shirts other than roll or turtle necks designed for golf. Shirts inside trousers and socks with shorts can be worn on the course.

Smart jeans, not ripped, torn or soiled are permissible as smart casual dress in the clubhouse.

## **Compliance**

It is expected that all members will comply with this code voluntarily and in the spirit of membership of the Club.

Members are responsible for ensuring their guests comply with this code.

If a Council member or Staff member is, at any time, required to determine whether or not an individual is in compliance with this code, then the decision of that Council or Staff member shall be final and shall be accepted by that individual without equivocation.

In the event of a breach of this code by an individual then: -

- a) If that individual is a member, he or she shall be liable to disciplinary proceedings or
- b) If that individual is a guest of a member, then the member shall be liable to disciplinary proceedings.
- c) As in the case of the breach of any other Club Rule, disciplinary proceedings under this Code may result in the suspension of playing privileges or suspension of membership as determined by the Council.