



## GENERAL CLUB RULES

This document outlines the acceptable conduct at the Assoufid Golf Club. Any first-time visitors are expected to read these rules and all visitors must abide by the rules throughout the entire time that they are within the Assoufid Golf Club premise.

The Assoufid Golf Club's AGO Committee reserves the right to update the rules, if and when needed. Updated rules will be posted on the Club's notice board and website.

For any clarifications or inquiries about the Club's General Rules, please contact the current Golf Director, using the contact details shown below.

We thank you for your cooperation.

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## **1. Dress Code**

Proper golf attire is mandatory for all players, except children under 10 years of age.

Improperly dressed golfers will be asked to change before playing. In case of any doubt concerning attire, players should check with a member of the Golf Club Staff.

Acceptable attire for Gentlemen:

- Traditional golf shirts with collars and sleeves
- Golf slacks
- Bermuda length shorts, worn with long or short socks
- Hats/caps (not permitted to be worn inside the clubhouse)
- Golf shoes

Acceptable attire for Ladies:

- Traditional golf shirts, with or without collars or sleeves
- Golf blouses
- Golf slacks
- Golf shorts/skirts worn no higher than 2 inches above the knee
- Hats/caps (not permitted to be worn inside the clubhouse)
- Golf shoes

Clothing other than traditional golf attire is not acceptable, and includes:

- Short or mid-thigh length shorts for men
- Cargo-type shorts and trousers
- Tank tops, halter tops, T-shirts, rugby shirts, fishnet tops, cut-offs
- Bathing suits
- Sweat pants
- Jeans
- Clothing made from denim
- Tennis shorts or dresses
- Athletic shorts or shorts made of spandex, lycra or similar material
- Hats/visors that are worn backwards

Shoes such as metallic spiked golf shoes, trainers, boat shoes, street shoes are not acceptable when on the golf course or when using the Driving Range or Putting Greens. Flat tennis shoes may be worn subject to approval by the Golf Director or the appointed person in charge at the time.



## **2. Starting Times**

All players must check in at the Golf Reception (located in the Pro Shop) and obtain their starting time and green fee ticket as well as rental tickets, when applicable. No player will be allowed to start play without presenting the respective green fee or rental ticket to the Starter/Caddy Master.

Starting times are at 10 minute intervals and are available as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup>Tee: 07:30AM – 02:00 PM
- For 2, 3 or 4 Ball matches playing 9 or 18 holes.
- Tee times may vary seasonally.
- Priority tee times are reserved for members, from Tee #1, until 09:30 AM each day.

Occasionally, the AGO Committee may close the golf course for exceptional maintenance works, adverse weather conditions and Professional/Federation Tournaments. Members will be informed prior to the closing of the course by email and a post on the Club's notice board.

## **3. Etiquette & Safety**

Unlike many sports, golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or an umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules of Golf of The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.

The overriding principle is that consideration should be shown to others on the course at all times.

Mobile telephones and other electronic devices should not be used unless absolutely necessary and under no account should disturb others. All devices should be kept on **silent** mode.



The golf course is not equipped with a lightning warning system. Therefore, it is every player's responsibility to suspend play and return immediately to the Clubhouse upon the first sign of lightning.

Players should always alert course staff nearby or ahead when they are about to make a stroke that might endanger them.

If there is any chance of a stray shot hitting anyone, then the universal warning of "fore" should be called out.

#### **4. Rules of Play**

The rules of play of the Club are the rules and etiquette of golf as approved by The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, with the exception of local rules, which include:

- A ball lying in a desert area should be played as it lies. Stones in these areas are movable obstructions and can be removed. A desert area is not a hazard and grounding of a club is permitted.
- Water Hazards (rule 26): The small dry river (shaaba) that meanders through the course is a lateral hazard marked with red stakes. With exception of hole #10, it is prohibited for players to enter the shaaba to play a shot or retrieve their golf ball.
- Immovable obstructions (rule 24-2): Car paths, bridges, rest areas, toilets and electricity units are immovable obstructions.
- Out of Bounds is defined by white stakes beyond the hedge on the boundary of the golf course; beyond the white stakes defining the driving range right of hole #10; beyond the white stakes left of the 9<sup>th</sup> hole and beyond the white stakes behind the green of the 18<sup>th</sup> hole.

#### **5. Respect for the Course**

Players are requested to avoid causing damage to the course by causing divots when taking practice swings or by hitting the club head into the ground, for any reason.

Players are requested not to lean on their clubs when on the green and should not use the head of a club to remove a ball from the hole.

All persons using rental equipment are fully responsible for any damage, breakage and loss that may occur during the rental period. Therefore, when receiving and returning the rental equipment, they should carefully check the condition of the items rented.

Smokers are requested to dispose of their cigarette/cigar butts and matches in the receptacles provided and not to throw or leave them on the golf course. Smoking is prohibited in the golf cars.

Before leaving a bunker the player is requested to ensure that the sand has been smoothed over and raked in a proper manner and the rake has been left inside the bunker.

Ball marks on greens should be repaired by the player to ensure that perfect green surfaces are maintained.

Players are requested to ensure that damage caused by the execution of a stroke is properly repaired.

Golf cars must be driven with care and attention to persons and the course alike. Direction signs must be adhered to and players are requested not to drive in the desert zones or within 20 metres of the greens.

Animals are not allowed on the golf course.

Practicing on the golf course with more than one ball at any time is not permitted.

## **6. Speed of Play**

It is expected that an 18 holes game should take no more than 3 hours and 50 minutes. If a group takes longer than 1 hour and 45 minutes for the first 9 holes, they will be asked to speed up play. A group of players should keep up with the group in front. If they are outdistanced by a clear hole from the group in front and are delaying the group behind, they must speed up their play or allow the group behind to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that group. A single player has no standing on the course.

Players should be ready to play as soon as it is their turn and once the hole has been completed, players are requested to immediately leave the putting green.



Marking of the scorecard should be done on the way to the next tee or when waiting for one's turn to play.

The players' 'Half Way House' (snack bar) is situated adjacent to the 10<sup>th</sup> tee for golfers to enjoy refreshments. Players are requested to consume their refreshments and move on to the 10<sup>th</sup> tee without delaying play.

All players are required to follow the regulations of the course, with regard to etiquette, safety and speed of play, which the Golf Reservations Staff, Starters and Marshals are fully authorised to apply. Players not abiding by the Club regulations or follow instructions from the Club Staff will be asked to leave the course.

## **7. Caddies**

It is recommended for all players to use the service of a Club Caddy. Fees and suggested gratuities for a job well done are written on the Caddy Assessment Card given to each player by the Caddy Master/Starter prior to their game. Please take the time to fill out and return the Caddy Assessment Card to the Caddy Master. This will take just a few minutes of your time but is valuable in ensuring that the Assoufid Golf Club maintains high standards.

## **8. Handicaps**

The maximum handicap allowed is 35 for both gentlemen and lady golfers.