



# DAINFERN

## 1. **THE ETIQUETTE OF GOLF**

- 1.1. 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.
- 1.2. The player who has the honour should be allowed to play before his opponent or fellow competitor tees his ball.
- 1.3. No player should play until the players in front are out of range.
- 1.4. In the interest of all, players should play without delay (ready golf).
- 1.5. Players searching for a ball should allow other players coming up to pass them. Time allocation for searching is now limited to 3 minutes as per the rules of golf.
- 1.6. Before leaving a bunker, a player should carefully rake over all holes and footprints made by him/her.
- 1.7. Through the green, a player should ensure that any turf cut or displaced by him is replaced at once by divot mix.
- 1.8. Players should ensure that, when putting down bags or the flagstick, no damage is done to the putting green, and that no damage is done to the hole by standing close to the hole, in handling that flagstick or in removing the ball from the hole. The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before the players leave the putting green, players on carts should park behind the hole to avoid further delay.
- 1.9. When the play of the hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green. Players on carts should park behind the hole to avoid further delay.

## 2. **RESERVATION OF TEE-OFF TIMES**

- 2.1. The following rules apply to reservation of tee-off times with the proviso that the Director of Golf has the discretion to take additional bookings if he anticipates that the field will not be fully booked. If the field is not fully booked by 18h00 on the preceding day, additional bookings will be taken on a first come first serve basis.
- 2.2. Players are advised to book two weeks in advance, especially during the High Season, to secure a tee-off time. It is compulsory for players to register with the golf concierge before each tee time booked and commencement.
- 2.3. Players must report to the booking desk 30 minutes before their tee-off time and proceed to the tee box 10 minutes prior to their allocated time. If they are late, they may forfeit their tee-off time.
- 2.4. Bookings can be made at the Concierge Desk, by phone or in person.

- 2.5. Time sheets will show what block bookings have been reserved for corporate golf days or club events. No corporate days will be allowed on a Saturday or Sunday morning. Corporate days are reserved for Tuesdays and Thursday or at the discretion of the Director of Golf.
- 2.6. Time sheets will indicate what competition is on a Saturday. All players are required to enter the competition on a Wednesday and Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon. All competitions are compulsory.
- 2.7. **Cancellations will only be accepted up to 48 hours prior to tee-off time. Failure to cancel in this way will result in visitors' fees being charged to those members and their visitors and payable by members whether or not they have a playing card.**

### 3. **ENTERING THE TIME SHEET**

- 3.1. Two names must be entered in the first two places of a four-ball slot followed by indicators to show whether they are arranging for the other two players, + 2, or are asking the Club to find two players, (2), to make up the four-ball.
- 3.2. Maximum visitors allowed / permitted is two per four-ball on Fridays, one per four-ball on Saturdays, two per four-ball on Sundays and three per four-ball at other times unless the field is limited to Members Only. Members must also enter their membership numbers on the timesheet.
- 3.3. Single players for whom the Club cannot immediately find a vacancy in a four-ball should enter their names on the waiting list. As places become available, the people on the waiting list will be entered one by one by drawing from the top of the waiting list and working downwards. Existing two and three-balls on the time sheet may not pick and choose who they will have on the waiting list.

However, booking staff at the Concierge Desk will try to match them with similar handicapped players from the waiting list. Bear in mind that a 24-handicapped member has as much right to his golf as a player with a scratch handicap.

- 3.4. The first name on the time sheet in a four-ball is responsible for that four-ball reporting to the tee ten minutes prior to their tee-off time and ensuring that the four-ball keeps up with the four-ball ahead. Course Marshalls may insist on skipping a hole to catch up lost time.

### 4. **SPEED OF PLAY**

- 4.1. Players are to always keep up with the players ahead and in the interest of all players should play without delay.
- 4.2. If a four-ball falls a hole behind, they will be warned by the Course Marshall and upon a second warning, a 2 Stroke penalty may be imposed or skip a hole

to catch up on lost time. Failure to assist with this, golfers may be requested to leave the golf course.

- 4.3. Unless playing in a medal competition round any player must pick up his / her ball when they can no longer score.
- 4.4. Players must always endeavour to keep up with the players in front of them. Marshals are there to control slow play and players are asked to adhere to their requests. Abuse of Marshals and starters will not be tolerated.
- 4.5. The recommended time for 9 holes is 2 hours and 5 minutes with 10 minutes maximum in Halfway House.

## 5. **COMPETITIONS**

- 5.1. Scorecards must be handed in at the Score Box on the concierge desk directly after the completion of play. No late scorecards will be accepted for competition purposes.
- 5.2. Competition scorecards must be correctly completed and signed by both player and marker, otherwise the player will be disqualified.
- 5.3. In the event of a tie, a count out will take place to determine the winner in the following manner:

Best back 9 holes, the front 9 holes, best last 6 holes, best last 3 holes and then from 18 backwards until a winner is found.

## 6. **ACCESS TO THE GOLF COURSE**

- 6.1. No person may play golf on the Golf Course without the approval of the Golf Director or Concierge Desk.
- 6.2. Persons entering the Golf Course do so at their own risk.
- 6.3. You are reminded that it is compulsory to register with the Concierge Desk before commencement of play.
- 6.4. Any players caught on the course will be removed from the course and issued a fine.

## 7. **LATE ARRIVAL**

- 7.1. Players arriving on the tee after their tee-off time will, where practical, must play at the back of the field. If this is not practical (especially in the Saturday morning field), then the booking staff will endeavour to find them a vacant slot. If a slot cannot be allocated to them, they will be unable to play and will be liable for the green fees for themselves and their guests, where relevant.

## 8. **NO SHOWS**

- 8.1. A member who books a time for himself and guests and then does not arrive will be obligated to pay visitors fees and management reserves the right to charge green fees to the offending member's account. Cancellations are accepted at the Concierge Desk up to 48 hours prior to tee-off times. When members cancel, it will be recorded in a cancellation register and given a cancellation number.
- 8.2. In the event of a no show in a betterball competition, the lowest handicapped player shall be deemed as the "ghost player".

## 9. **WHO MAY PLAY AND WHEN?**

All members of Dainfern Country Club Golf Section may play as follows: -

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| 9.1. | Mondays            | Course closed for maintenance.  |
| 9.2. | Tuesdays – Fridays | There will be a standard block booking for the ladies on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Wednesday afternoons is reserved for the Golf Pro Shop and all bookings are to be made with the golf concierge desk. Friday afternoon's competition is reserved for Members and guests.   |
| 9.3. | Saturday           | Except where competitions are for Members Only, one member in the fourball may invite a guest to play on the Saturday. There will be a maximum of one guest per four-ball, unless arranged with the Director of Golf.   |
| 9.4. | Sunday             | As with Saturdays, except that a maximum of two guests per four-ball are permitted.<br><br>Sundays are popular for mixed and family golf. The Mixed Open is organised by the Ladies Committee and the dates are posted on the notice boards at the Clubhouse.<br><br>If there is not a fully booked field by 12h00 on any given day, the Golf Director has the discretion to allow non-members to play. |

## **GOLF CLUB REGULATIONS**

The regulations governing behaviour of Members and their guests in the Clubhouse environs and on the course are as follows:

## 1. **DRESS CODE**

The Dainfern Country Club (DCC) has established a dress code which conforms to a residential estate as opposed to a traditional golf club. However, even when attire is casual, members and guests are requested to always be neat and presentable. Extremes in casual dress cannot be condoned. The enjoyment of the facilities and the ambiance of the Club are of paramount importance to the members. The DCC general committee and management accordingly reserve the right to decide whether dress is appropriate or not.

### Not permitted on golf course / practice areas

- \* metal spikes or running shoes
- \* sleeveless or collarless shirts or t- shirts
- \* denim shorts, denim trousers, running shorts, rugby shorts,
- \* brash advertising / slogans
- \* smart casual attire in the restaurant and function rooms after 19h00

### not permitted in clubhouse

- \* beach thongs / slip-ons
- \* beachwear / swimwear
- \* jogging gear
- \* sleeveless tops or vests
- \* drawstring trousers/shorts

Kindly help us to maintain a standard of dress which is appropriate to South Africa's premier residential estate.

### Note:

- \* The clubhouse is a smoke free area
- \* Children under the age of 12 years must be accompanied by an adult when in the clubhouse

Patrons' co-operation is appreciated.

## 2. **CELL PHONES**

Cell phones are not permitted to be used on the Golf Course. (Exceptions can be made for members of the medical profession in consultation with the Golf Director), or in the event of using the Score Capture scoring system for competitions.

## 3. **COMPLAINTS**

Complaints of a disciplinary nature between members are to be made in writing to the Golf Director who will refer them to the Golf Committee. Complaints and complainers may be asked to present themselves to a meeting of the Golf Committee's Disciplinary Committee, whose decision will be final. In addition, the Golf Committee may summon any member for a breach of Club discipline whether or not a complaint has been laid by a fellow member. Such breaches can include improper dress, foul language, misbehaviour on the course, abuse towards staff and course marshals and persistent slow play (nine holes should be played in two hours, five minutes or less).

#### 4. **GUESTS**

Members are responsible for their guests and their guests' behaviour at all times.

#### 5. **SCORES**

All Dainfern Golfing members are expected to record all their scores for handicap purposes whether played at Dainfern Country Club or elsewhere in the RSA. Rounds registered at Dainfern Country Club and for which no score is subsequently returned will attract a score for handicap purposes. A member has 24 hours in which to enter a score and must be entered before the next day if playing on consecutive days.

#### 6. **GOLF CARTS**

Golf carts may be booked through the Concierge Desk. No unlicensed driver will be allowed to drive on the golf course or any part of the Estate. All carts must stay on the cart paths and, where possible, avoid driving on the fairway. Carts may not go further than the white rope and, under no circumstances, are carts allowed around the greens. Carts must remain at a distance of 20m from all tees and greens.

#### 7. **RAIN SHELTERS**

Rain Shelters are provided for members and their guests, including caddies, and any person who might be on the golf course e.g., Residents. Rain Shelters are situated at the 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> holes.

#### 8. **LIGHTNING**

When play is suspended by the Director of Golf or Club Manager, if the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, they shall not resume play until the Director of Golf or Club Manager has ordered a resumption of play. If the players are in the process of playing a hole, the players must mark their balls (See Rule 6.8. of the Royal and Ancient Golf Rules) and may only continue play after the Golf Director or Club Manager has ordered so.

One long siren indicates players to discontinue play – two short sirens indicate resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he shall be disqualified, and disciplinary action will be instituted. Three sirens indicate the closure of the course.

#### 9. **HANDICAPS**

9.1. All members must be sure that they are aware of the methods of "adjusting" their score at each hole where more than par is scored. A member transferring from another club may bring his / her last 3 scores across with him (letter from previous club).

9.2. Handicapped members who, through illness, etc have been off golf for an extended period may apply to the Golf Committee for a review upwards of their existing handicap.

9.3. The Golf Committee always reserves the right to adjust handicaps of individual members if, in its opinion, the member standard of play varies considerably with the handicap recorded on the computer.

9.4. All rounds in the RSA must be recorded. Away games should be recorded either through the Handicap terminal at the course played, or otherwise recorded at Dainfern's computer as soon as possible.

9.5. Only scorecards with the markers signature will be accepted by the Golf Staff for competitions to enter scores.

#### 10. **LOCAL RULES**

See the Notice Board next to the Golf Concierge Desk.

#### 11. **CADDIES**

Caddies must only be engaged through the Golf Concierge Desk and the Caddy Master. Notices on the Notice Board next to the Golf Concierge Desk indicate the minimum caddy fee currently applicable. Caddies could face a one-month's suspension if training sessions are not attended.

#### 12. **DRIVING RANGE**

The Driving Range is available on a first come first serve basis.

The teaching professional has priority at any time on a maximum of two positions on the Driving Range. Golfers using the Driving Range should take particular care, or cease practising temporarily, when staff are on the range collecting balls.

The lightening siren also applies to golfers who are practising on the Driving Range and Putting Greens.

Long hitters are requested to desist from using any woods or long irons.

#### 13. **SANDBAGS**

It is compulsory that all players take sandbags with them and fill in any fairway divots made during play. It is compulsory for all caddies to carry a sandbag.

#### 14. **BUNKER RAKES**

It is the player's responsibility to ensure that the bunkers are raked properly after playing out of them and bunker rakes must be replaced outside the bunker after the bunker has been raked.

#### 15. **LITTER**

An adequate number of bins are provided for litter on the course. Should any of these be full or missing for any reason, players are asked to retain their litter for

disposal at the next available bin. Please also inform the golf staff on returning to the club for these bins to be cleared.

16. **FOOTNOTES TO PLAYING SCHEDULE**

- 16.1. Tuesdays and Thursday afternoons – reserved for Corporate Days.
- 16.2. Tuesday mornings and Friday mornings – block booking for ladies.
- 16.3. Wednesday afternoons – reserved for the Pro Shop competition.
- 16.4. A maximum of two guests per four-ball, except Saturdays and Sunday, when the maximum is one (unless waived at the Golf Director / Committee's discretion).
- 16.5. Prizegiving - Winter and Summer. The Saturday morning field starts prize giving at 13h45 and the afternoon prize giving is at 18h00.
- 16.6. Please note that all afternoon competitions close at 17h45 and no scorecards will be accepted after the cut off time.