

STONELEES GOLF MEMBERS CLUB

LOCAL RULES

Rule 1:

COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY

- A) Names must be placed on the appropriate competition entry list and the entry fee must be paid prior to the start of playing in a competition, failure to do so will result in disqualification.
- B) Entry fees must be paid at the same time as entry into competitions. Entry fees received are non-returnable if member does not play. Any member who fails to play after entry into a competition, without a satisfactory explanation may be suspended from entering future competitions.
- C) All entrants must have official Club Handicap.
- D) To be eligible for Major competitions, all entrants must have played in at least one monthly medal in the preceding three months.
- E) When competing in a Club competition, the score card is to be marked by a member competing in the same competition.
- F) Entry into Monthly Medal competitions will close at 6.00p.m. on the Thursday evening prior to the start of the competition, no other entries will be accepted after that time. **Special Medal Score cards must be used.**
- G) Any member who has not paid his annual subscription renewal by 30th April will not be eligible to take part in any competition until it is paid.

Rule 2: COURSE MANAGEMENT

- A) **OUT OF BOUNDS** (Rule 27) (i) Beyond all boundary fences surrounding the course. (ii) Beyond the line of white posts situated around the course. (iii) The driving range is out of bounds. (iv) The Waterline on the far bank of the dyke on the 5th, 6th, 14th and 15th holes.

SHOTS MUST NOT BE PLAYED FROM OUT OF BOUNDS:-

PENALTY - DISQUALIFICATION.

- B) Any ball coming to rest against a boundary fence, (Driving range included) and deemed unplayable, may be dropped within 2 clubs lengths no nearer the hole. PENALTY 1 Shot.
- C) Artificial Tees, Paths, Bridges, Shelters and Staked Trees are immovable obstructions. Relief under rule 24-2 applies. All young trees are staked and if a ball lies in a position where there is interference with the stance or swing, the ball **MUST** be lifted and dropped within one club length of the nearest point of relief, not nearer to the hole. (Note: The fact that an immovable obstruction intervenes on the line of play is not (of itself) interference under this rule)).
- D) **OVERHEAD POWER CABLE** (2nd, 5th & 6th hole on Par 3 course) if a ball hits the overhead power cables on the above holes, the stroke **MUST** be replayed without penalty (R & A decision 33- 8/13). Rule 20-5 applies.
- E) Stones in bunkers (Rule 24.1) Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions.
- F) Water hazards are defined by yellow stakes; relief under rule 26-1a or b applies. Lateral water hazards are defined by red stakes. Relief under rule 26-1 a, b or c applies.

Rule 3. ETIQUETTE

- A) Replace all divots.
- B) Repair all pitch marks.
- C) Rake bunkers.
- D) Avoid marking cards on greens.
- E) Avoid slow play, If a match fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than 1 clear hole on the players in front it **MUST** invite the match following to play through. **REMEMBER** to keep up with the group in front and not just ahead of the group behind.

Rule 4: WINTER RULES

- A) Winter rules shall apply from 1st November until 31st March each year. (Weather permitting)
- B) A ball lying on **close mown grass** may without penalty be lifted and cleaned and replaced within 6 inches (150mm) of where it originally lay but no nearer the hole after it has been placed it is in play.
- C) Club Handicaps will not be adjusted upwards during the period of winter rules.

Rule 5: COMPETITIONS

- A) All Stonelees Monthly Medals are to be played over 4 days due to Members accessibility to the course.
- B) All Competitions shall play to the following stroke allowances: Singles M/P 3/4 difference, Fourball M/P 3/4 difference off lowest H/C, Foursomes M/P 1/2 difference on combined team H/C.
- C) New Members: To obtain a Club Handicap, You must register 3 Executive rounds playing off the Tombstone tees (Tee mats during winter Rules). Scorecards correctly signed by a current handicap holder to the Competition/ Handicap Secretary.

Rule 6: GENERAL

- A) Any appeals to the above rules are to be sent in writing to the Competition Secretary within five days after the event. Where by a meeting will be held of the Rules Committee whose decision will be Final.

Rules Committee 30/06/05