



## MEMBERSHIP RULES

This document outlines the acceptable conduct for Members of the Assoufid Golf Club. Any first-time members are expected to read these rules and all members 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 (Assoufid Golf Operations) reserves the right to update the rules, if and when needed.

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. Members' Admission**

Admitted members will receive an annual membership card that allows them access to the Club. The cost of replacing lost cards will be charged to the member.

Members are expected to pay according to their membership category. The entrance fee and annual dues are fixed according to a tariff issued each fiscal year. Annual subscriptions and entrance fees are non-refundable.

## **2. Temporary Leave**

Members may request a temporary leave for a period not exceeding one year by submitting the Temporary Leave Request Form, which is subject to AGO Committee approval. The AGO Committee's decision of all membership matters is final.

Should the Member on Temporary Leave be part of the Member's Committee, the Committee reserves the right to determine whether a replacement will be applicable given the expected time of absence and the circumstance.

## **3. Club Structure**

The Club's operation is managed by the Golf Director and supervised by the AGO Committee. The AGO Committee may update the membership rules and general rules from time to time. Members will be notified by email of any updates.

Every two years, Club members elect a Members' Committee composed of 5 existing Club members. The Members' Committee includes a Gentlemen's Captain and a Ladies' Captain, whose role is to represent the members and ensure that the club rules are adhered to, that players play in accordance to the rules of golf and within the spirit of the game. Their role also extends to assisting with disciplinary action when requested by the AGO Committee, assisting with the organization of specific club competitions and accompanying the prize giving ceremonies in addition to assisting with the club's Junior Training Programme.

Members will meet once a year at a Members' General Assembly in order to:

- Discuss and submit initiatives to the AGO committee to improve the quality of club life.
- Discuss and approve the programme of activities for the following year.
- Elect members to the Members' Committee when necessary.

Notification of the Members' General Assembly containing the agenda is made by posting the information on the notice board in the Clubhouse and by email at least one month prior to the assembly date. Members wishing to submit items to be



addressed at the assembly should do so by sending an email to the Captain not later than 7 days before the assembly date.

#### **4. Complaints & Discipline**

Complaints on Club matters should be made to the Golf Director using the Complaint Form, who will decide if it is a matter for the Members Committee or the AGO Committee.

Failure to uphold the expected standards of behaviour of the club or a breach of any rules may lead to disciplinary action by the AGO Committee.

The Golf Director may suspend a member for a serious breach of rules and prohibit him/her from access to the club. In this case, the AGO Committee will meet within 20 days to adjudicate on the suspension.

Any member facing disciplinary action will be informed by writing and will be presented with a date where (in the presence of another member of his choice) he will have the opportunity to defend his/her actions. He/she will be notified of the decision of the AGO Committee within 15 days and it is not open to recourse. Any decision of exclusion or suspension is immediately executed and access to the Club's installations will be prohibited. No excluded or suspended member can be invited by another member.

Misuse of the membership card can result in membership being withdrawn.

Failure to pay membership fees before the due date will result in suspension and may ultimately result in membership being withdrawn.

#### **5. Access to the Club & Golf Course**

Access to the Clubhouse and Practice Range is available from 07:00 AM, while access to the golf course starts from 7:30AM.

Junior members (<18) may access the Clubhouse and golf course without being accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

#### **6. Starting times**

Priority tee times are reserved for member play until 09.30 AM each day.



## **7. Lockers & Storage**

Lockers are available for use by members and guests, however the lockers are allocated on a day-to-day basis and may not be used for permanent storage. Members are requested to clear their allocated locker of their belongings before departing from the Club.

## **8. Members' Guests**

Members' guests are requested to register at the club reception on arrival and present their handicap certificate before paying the appropriate green fee. Guests will be provided with the General Club rules before entering the Club facilities and golf course.

Members are requested to ensure that their guests adhere to the Club's Dress Code and that they are suitably aware of the relevant rules and codes of behaviour of the Club.

Members are responsible for the playing etiquette and general behaviour of their guests at all times. Guests who do not adhere to the General Club Rules will be asked to leave the Club.

The members' guest may enter the Clubhouse unaccompanied but must be accompanied by the Member when playing on the course and to access the Private Members Room and VIP Pavilion.

## **9. Competitions**

A Series of Club Tournaments for members and their guests will be organised at various times of the year. These will be advertised via Club mailing, the Club Website and/or on Club notice boards.

It is incumbent upon members who are participating in Club Tournaments to make sure that they and their guests meet the requirements for Amateur Status as defined by our governing body, The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews.

An exception to the above will be a competition when Professional Golfers are invited to play in a Member / Pro tournament.

## **10. Handicaps**

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



Members with a handicap which has lapsed are required to hand in 3 scorecards signed by a member of the club from which a new handicap shall be calculated.

To obtain a handicap, starter golfers must take a minimum of 10 hours of lessons from the Club's PGA professional and pass the Club's practical and theoretical tests.

A 'General Play' adjustment policy will be adopted by the club when necessary. This is a manual adjustment of a player's handicap made by the Members' Committee. These manual adjustments are required to be made when the player's Exact Handicap is too high and does not reflect his current playing ability.