

RMGC Policies & Procedures

Policy #9: Use of Clubhouse & Golf Course

Introduction

The primary responsibility of the BOM is to manage the golf course and clubhouse for the benefit of its members. It is responsible for all matters of policy that affect the RMGC as a whole or that affect the welfare of its members.

Clubhouse Policy

1. Membership

The RMGC is a private members club and only RMGC members, guests, paying visitors, MSC members and RMGC staff are permitted in the clubhouse. Members are those defined in Section 2.1 of the Constitution.

2. Guests and Visitors

Guests and Visitors are those defined in Section 2.2 of the Constitution. Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests at all times on RMGC's and MSC's premises.

3. Dress in the Clubhouse

In order that all members, guests and visitors may fully enjoy the facilities offered by the RMGC the following dress code should be observed in the Members Lounge and Torrens Suite as well as in all bar/dining areas including the Upstairs Terrace.

Members, guests, visitors and staff are expected to wear clean, neat and appropriate attire when on the premises. Whilst the wearing of smart jeans and T-shirts is permitted in the clubhouse, members are expected to exercise common sense in maintaining a good standard of dress. However, beach shorts and tops, sleeveless vests, football shorts and tops and tracksuits may not be worn anywhere in the clubhouse.

Smart casual dress is required for all social occasions unless specified otherwise in promotional material.

Headwear must not be worn in any bar/dining areas, the Members Lounge or the Torrens Suite (religious headwear excepted). Headwear may be worn on the Upstairs Terrace if not under cover.

Clean golf shoes are allowed in the tiled bar area and outside terrace but not on the wooden floor or carpeted area of the Putters Inn, or anywhere in the Members Lounge or Torrens Suite. Members and visitors must ensure that all shoes are clean before entering the bar. Only soft spikes are allowed on golf shoes in the Clubhouse or on the Course.

Any member, guest or visitor who fails to meet the standards required will not be served, may be asked to change or to leave RMGC premises.

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4. Pro Shop

The Pro Shop is there for the convenience of all members, their guests and visitors who are encouraged to make use of this facility.

5. Bars, Dining Areas, Members Lounge, Torrens Suite and Upstairs Terrace.

Operating hours are determined by the Concessionaire in consultation with the BOM. If the Course is closed due to inclement weather, the dining areas, bars and function areas are usually still available during operating hours and any social event previously booked will be honoured.

Smoking is prohibited everywhere inside the clubhouse but is allowed on the Upstairs Terrace – although smokers are asked to show consideration for others when meals are served in this area.

The Club wishes to encourage use of the Club by all members. However, children under the age of 12 years are not allowed in the bars, restaurants, Torrens Suite or Upstairs Terrace unless accompanied by a member, except on days when there is a Junior Competition. The member must be in control of, and will be held responsible for, his/her children and those of any of his/her guests at all times on RMGC and MSC premises.

The Members Lounge is strictly for use only by members and their visitors or by guests approved in advance by the BOM. At no time are children under the age of 12 permitted access unless they are quiet, well-behaved and supervised by a Full Member.

All Full Members of the Club are issued with Membership Cards which can be used as Debit Cards providing a preferential discount on catering services. Cards are credited with a set amount defined by the BOM for payment with annual subscriptions and can be topped up throughout the year (minimum top up of €20). Other categories of membership can apply for Membership Cards on similar terms.

No furniture, kitchen equipment/supplies or clubhouse contents may be removed from the clubhouse for personal use.

6. Functions

RMGC Committees, Full and Honorary Members, as well as Sponsors approved by the BOM in line with the Sponsorship Policy in place at that time, may make use of the Club's facilities for functions. The Concessionaire may also make use of these facilities for a limited number of private functions in line with its Catering Agreement with the Club.

All are required to make written applications on the Form provided to the Club Secretariat for consideration. When considering such applications the following terms and conditions will apply [other terms and conditions may be imposed as necessary by the BOM at its discretion]:

- Applications from RMGC Committees must be negotiated directly with the Concessionaire once the date(s) have been registered and agreed with the Club Secretariat.

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- No function will be allowed which could negatively impact the use of the Club's facilities by other members, particularly on competition days when the clubhouse may be used for presentations involving sponsors.
- The total cost of functions is the sole responsibility of the RMGC Committee, Member or Sponsor and must be at a profit to the Club. The conduct of guests at such functions is the responsibility of the Committee, Member or Sponsor.
- The Concessionaire or Club Secretariat will define payment terms at the time of booking.

7. Locker Room (Ground Floor)

Members may rent lockers in the Locker Room to store golf bags, shoes and other golf equipment.

Storage is provided above the carousels and on shelving along the side walls for members' trollies. Those with electric trollies may rent a small locker for storing and recharging their batteries. The Club reserves the right to remove and dispose of the contents of lockers and associated trollies should locker rental be outstanding for more than 3 months.

Guests and Visitors can be provided with a locker on the ground floor for storage of golf bags against a returnable key deposit for not more than 14 days. All such equipment must be clearly marked with the owner's name and date of first storage. The Club reserves the right to remove any golf equipment stored for more than 14 days. Those wishing to store golf equipment for longer are invited to rent a locker through the Office.

8. Changing Rooms (1st Floor)

All members renting a locker in the Locker Room are given free use of an additional locker in a Changing Room upstairs for storing clothes and other golf equipment. Shoe lockers can be rented if required. Clothing and golf equipment must not be left outside lockers overnight. The Club does not provide a drying facility, so golfers are asked to take wet clothes and shoes home to dry.

Guests and Visitors can be provided (when available) with a towel and use of a clothes locker in a Changing Room on a daily basis against a returnable key deposit.

9. Use of electronic equipment, mobile phones etc.

The use of electronic equipment such as mobile phones, i-pads, game consoles, laptops etc. which involve sound in or output of any kind can be intrusive and cause offence to other members. Such equipment may be used discreetly within the confines of the clubhouse so long as sound is switched off and care is taken not to disturb other members, guests or visitors. Mobile phones may be used for verbal communication in the Members Lounge only if used discreetly.

10 General

In the interests of safety and appearance, sports bags and golf equipment must not be taken into the Putters Inn, Members Lounge, Torrens Suite or the Upstairs Terrace, nor be left in the passages outside the Putters Inn or outside the Torrens Suite or Upstairs Terrace. For this purpose, lockers are available in the Changing Rooms as are shelves in the Locker Room next to the lift downstairs.

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11. Complaints

Members who have constructive criticism or suggestions should submit them in writing to the BOM through the Club Secretariat. Members must refrain from giving offence directly to a member of staff regardless of the circumstances.

Policy for Use of the Golf Course

A. Bookings.

The use of the Golf Course by members, guests and visitors is subject to a prior booking having been made either through the Club's electronic booking system (BRS) or through Reception and the requisite fee, if any, having been paid in advance.

All members, guests and visitors must register at Reception prior to playing the Course. Guests and visitors must pay the appropriate fees prior to playing the Course and must display the registration tag provided on their golf bags for identification by the Course Marshal.

B. Dress Code for the Golf Course.

Appropriate attire for the golf course:

Ladies.

Recognised golf polo & sleeveless shirts
Polo-necked jumpers
Golf sweaters
Tailored trousers
Tailored shorts & golf skirts
Waterproofs
Appropriate golf shoes (no metal spikes)
Socks must be worn

Gentlemen

Recognised golf polo shirts
Polo-necked sweaters
Golf sweaters
Tailored trousers
Tailored shorts
Waterproofs
Appropriate golf shoes (no metal spikes)
Socks must be worn

Inappropriate attire for the golf course:

Ladies

Tracksuits or similar
Blue denim jeans (designer or otherwise)
Unsuitable shorts (of unreasonable length)
Halter necks, backless or strappy tops
Metal spikes
Sandals (except golf-specific)

Gentlemen

Tracksuits or similar
Blue denim jeans (designer or otherwise)
Football, beach or similar shorts
Sleeveless or collarless shirts or T-shirts
Metal spikes
Sandals (except golf-specific)

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C. Etiquette.

1. Consideration for other players.

- Ensure that no-one is standing close by when playing a stroke or making a practice swing.
- Do not play until the players in front are well out of range.
- If there is any danger that a ball may hit someone, shout 'fore' immediately.
- Do not 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.
- Do not make excessive noise on the Course as this can disturb play on other holes.
- On the green, do not stand on or cast a shadow over another player's line of putt.

2. Pace of play.

- Be ready to play as soon as possible.
- Keep up with the flight ahead, not just ahead of the flight behind.
- Faster flights should be invited through unless the Course is busy and all holes in front are occupied.
- If you believe your ball to be lost or out of bounds play a provisional ball.
- Players searching for a ball should signal the players behind them to pass. They should not search for three minutes before doing so.
- If you lose one clear hole to the flight in front, you must invite the following flight to play through. If they do so, do not play until they have passed and are out of range.
- When on or near the green, leave bags, trollies and buggies on the way to the next tee but not in a position that might obstruct the following players.
- Remain close to the green until all players have putted out, then leave immediately, checking and marking the score if required on the way to the next tee - except that the first player to tee off should do so before marking his/her card.

3. Priority on the Course.

- Priority should be given to faster flights whatever the number of players. [Previous rules of precedence no longer apply].
- Out of courtesy, those playing in official club competitions should be invited through provided they are conscious not to delay following flights.

4. Care of the Course.

- Repair divots, rake bunkers & avoid damage to teeing areas when making a practice swing.
- Try not to stand too close to the hole, take care when handling the flag stick and when removing a ball from the hole.
- Repair pitch and spike marks before leaving the green.
- Keep use of buggies on fairways to a minimum, off greens, fringes and tee areas.
- Only soft spiked shoes are allowed on the Course.

5. Not allowed.

- Playing without golf bag or sharing clubs.
- More than four players in a flight.
- Practising on the Course by a player with more than 2 balls.

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