

NAPIER GOLF CLUB Inc.

GENERAL RULES & INFORMATION

Golf is a game with many rules and traditions, and also a number of players “expectations” when on the course. This is called golfing etiquette. These are actions centred around giving consideration to others on the course and keeping the course in good condition.

BAR HOURS

Our Club Licence regulations require all members to carry their membership card on them while enjoying a drink in the Lounge. Please also ensure you sign in your visitors – the visitors book is kept with the Bar Manager on the Bar and must be signed before they can be served.

CATERING

Catering is available Tuesday to Sunday from 10am to 3pm. There is limited catering available on Mondays dependent on events. If you have any special dietary needs, please contact or advise the caterer prior to your round of golf.

CLUBHOUSE HIRE

Members may hire the Clubhouse for private functions. Certain conditions apply. Please direct all enquiries to the General Manager.

COMPETITIONS

For a full list of all competition conditions, please refer to Men’s & Women’s Conditions of Play outlined in the front of the Annual Club Programme Book.

In all handicap competitions, players shall play on the handicap they have on the day of play. Any protest must be lodged with the Match Committee immediately upon completion of their game.

Matches finishing all square shall continue from the original starting tee, until a result is found.

COMPLAINTS

No complaints will be considered unless submitted in writing to the General Manager.

COURSE ETIQUETTE

- Players **MUST NOT SHARE CLUBS** when playing a round of golf.
- No one should move, talk or stand close to, or directly behind the ball, or the hole, when a player is making a stroke.
- No player should play until the party in front is out of range.
- A single player has no standing and should give way to any match.
- Any match playing a full round is entitled to pass a match playing a shorter round.

All Players should replace fairway divots and before leaving the green, carefully repair all pitch marks.

DRESS CODE

- An acceptable dress standard of collared shirt, trousers, or dress shorts, is required at all times, on the course and in the Clubhouse.
- Approved shoes are standard golf shoes or flat soled ordinary shoes. Ripple or ribbed sole shoes are not permitted. Shoes worn out on the course are not permitted in the Clubhouse.
- **DURING SUMMER SEASON** - Casual sports shirt with collar, walk shorts and sports socks are permitted. Boat shoes and sandals are acceptable in the Clubhouse.
- Rubber style jandals, cuff-off Jeans, T-Shirts, singlets, beach boardies or rugby shorts and hoodies are **NOT ALLOWED ON COURSE OR IN THE CLUBHOUSE.**

Members are to maintain and help enforce the acceptable standard of dress, we have come to expect.

FROST & ADVERSE WEATHER

During the winter months when there is a frost delay, tee times involved will also be delayed. The Professional, after consultation with the Course Superintendent or her representative, shall advise when play may commence. For the players who tee off from 11.00am onwards, they shall alternate with the turning morning players as required. There is to be **NO PLAY** until the time indicated and then only at the direction of the Starter.

When adverse weather conditions preclude the continuation of play, the siren shall be sounded once to advise suspension of play. When sufficient time has elapsed to make a final resolution, play will resume or a second siren will indicate abandonment of that day's play.

GPS & LASER RANGE FINDER MEASURING DEVICES

The use of such devices is allowed on course provided that the sole aim and effect of such use is the determination of distances on the course. Devices that measure levels or wind directions are not permitted.

GREEN FEES

Visiting golfers are required to produce Club Membership Cards. A concession is only available to guests who have been introduced and are playing with a Napier Golf Club Member. Members, please ensure you arrive before or with your guest to take advantage of the concession.

HANDICAPS

All members are required to hand in correctly marked and signed cards at the end of every round, even if you do not complete your round. If 13 or more holes are played, the player must post an 18-hole score. If 7 to 12 holes are played, the player must post a 9-hole score.

18 Hole players are now able to submit a 9 hole round for 18 hole handicapping purposes. Once submitted, it remains in the system until a further 9 hole card is submitted and then matched to the first 9 holes making a complete round. The two separate 9 hole rounds can be played on different days at different courses.

LOCAL RULES

Members & visitors should become familiar with the local rules that appear on the back of the scorecards. Any daily or weekly alterations will be printed on the inside of the scorecard.

PACE OF PLAY

The recommended time for a round of golf on our course is 4 hours, 16 minutes, as stipulated by New Zealand Golf Pace of Play guidelines. There is a timing sheet available on our website or a copy can be collected from the Office.

- When the result of the hole has been determined, players should immediately leave the putting green and proceed to the next tee.
- Players, while looking for a lost ball, should allow matches following to pass them; they should signal to the players to pass and, having given such signal, they should not continue their play until those players have passed and are out of range.
- Walk briskly between shots to help speed up play.
- If you lose a fairway call the following group through.

In the interest of all, players have an obligation to play at a reasonable pace. A slow player at the start of the field can ruin the day for the players behind. The Club calls on all groups to ensure they give way where necessary and this will enhance the pace of play and enjoyment for all members.

PRACTICE AREAS

Practice is permitted only in the following designated areas:

- Main Putting green in front of the Club house – no chipping onto this green please

- Chipping Green to the rear of the Club house - no further than 3 metres from the green please
- 6-Hole course & driving range, entry from Omarunui Road
- Bunker play to green, adjacent to 11th hole
- Driving range which runs adjacent to Hole 1 – Balls to be purchased from the Pro Shop
- Bunker and chipping green which is adjacent to 10th fairway – please be mindful of the distance you are hitting from, especially if other members are using the facility
- Driving nets behind tee blocks of Hole 1
- Practice on course is permitted, provided you are not delaying play – however you can play **NO MORE THAN TWO BALLS**.

RECIPROCAL RIGHTS

The Club has reciprocal arrangements with the following clubs:

NORTH SHORE GOLF CLUB	MANOR PARK GOLF CLUB (\$20 concession)
MANUKAU GOLF CLUB	BOULCOTT FARM GOLF CLUB
PAKURANGA COUNTRY CLUB	PARAPARAUMU BEACH GOLF CLUB
OMANU GOLF CLUB (MT MAUNGANUI)	NELSON GOLF CLUB
MANAWATU GOLF CLUB	WAITIKIRI GOLF CLUB (CHRISTCHURCH)
NEW PLYMOUTH GOLF CLUB	OTAGO GOLF CLUB (DUNEDIN)

If planning to visit these clubs, please ring first to establish if space is available. To receive the privilege offered under these arrangements, members **MUST** produce their membership cards on arrival at the course.

LOCALLY, the Club has arranged with the Hastings Golf Club, Hawkes Bay Golf Club and Maraenui Golf Club, a reduced Green Fee of **\$20.00** for members visiting those clubs. **To be eligible for this privilege, your Home Club must be The Napier Golf Club and you MUST PRODUCE your Membership Card when making payment.**

SCORE CARDS

Please check the start sheet and report to the Pro Shop to collect your scorecard before commencing your game.

START SHEETS & TEE TIMES

Any changes to be made to the start sheet on the day of play must be done through the Pro Shop or the Office please. This will ensure everyone is accounted for and players are not left on their own through cancellations. If you are bringing extra players out to play, please contact the office to ensure there is still a spot available.

Please remain in your allocated tee time. Do not “hop” around the start sheet to play with someone else, leaving players on their own. This is particularly embarrassing when visitors have been booked in with members and are then abandoned.

- All games are to be played in fours, unless authorised by the Pro, Starter or Manager.
- On a two tee start no play to commence from ANY tee between 9am and 11am and between 1pm and 3pm. Players arriving after 9am and 1pm may only start with the Managers Approval.
- Players who reach the turn before 9am and 1pm MUST give way to starting players.
- Please report to the starter 15 minutes prior to your booked time or be at the tee ready to start at the time booked.
- No balls to be placed in chutes until all players are in the vicinity of the Clubhouse.
- During the summer season, games are to commence from the No 1 tee only. Players who commence from the No 10 tee will have no right of way at the turn.

It is essential to advise the Office Ph 844 7913 or the Pro Shop Ph 844 7970, if you are unable to play at the appointed time. If you are late on arrival and miss your tee-time, you may have to consider other available tee times.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS, EMAILS & ADDRESSES

To assist the listing of correct addresses, emails and telephone numbers, please notify the Office staff ph 844 7913 as soon as possible should these alter. Any incorrect email address will not allow you to make Internet Tee Bookings or receive regular Club newsletters. Members are reminded to submit in writing to the Office, any changes relating to their playing category and also if you intend to resign from the Club.

TRUNDLERS

Trundlers must not be taken within two metres of the green. Where there is less than two metres between the bunker and the green, the trundler must be kept outside the bunker.

USE OF ELECTRIC GOLF CARTS

If the use of an electric golf cart is required when playing any Women's Club competition or Tournament, a current Medical Certificate MUST be lodged at the Office.