



***Port Fairy Golf Club –
- 2014 Golfers Guide***

NOTICE TO ALL PLAYERS

CONTROL

The Match Committee controls all competitions and reserves the right to change dates, cancel or otherwise vary any competition.

CLUB WEBSITE

Any alteration to the club programme of events or membership requirements will be posted on the club website: www.portfairygolf.com.au and advertised in the local media. The website also features current contacts, results, news stories, photos and other information.

COMPLAINTS

Complaints should be made in writing to the Operations Manager of the Port Fairy Golf Club who will submit them to the General Committee. No employee of the Port Fairy Golf Club may be directly reprimanded by a member.

BAR

Golf patrons and members under the age of 18 years are permitted in the clubhouse but may not purchase alcohol. The club supports the Good Sports Program via the responsible serving of alcohol and the provision of a smoke free environment. Proof of age must be produced on request.

NEW GOLFERS DAYS

New Golfers Days are held every second Tuesday.
(Refer Programme 2014)

NEW MEMBERS

It is the responsibility of the sponsors of any new member to ensure they are introduced to the committee and other members. The new member should be informed of all rules governing the conduct of the Port Fairy Golf Club and have sufficient knowledge of the rules of golf to mark for a fellow competitor.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

The Port Fairy Golf Club is not responsible for the loss of any property, damage to property or injury to any person on or about these premises.

It is strongly recommended that players clarify their own insurance cover, particularly in relation to personal equipment and the use of motorised carts.

Note: As part of their Golf Australia Affiliation, members do receive limited personal liability cover during normal golfing activities on all golf courses within Australia.

RECIPROCAL RIGHTS

The Port Fairy Golf Club enjoys reciprocal rights at a number of clubs however these may change. To be sure, either check with the office or on the club web-site. Currently, the Port Fairy Golf Club enjoys reciprocal rights with the following clubs:

Barham Golf & Country Club, Howlong Country Golf Club, Long Island Country Club, Mount Gambier Golf Club, Murray Downs Golf Club, the Western Australian Golf Club, Neangar Park Golf Club and Lonsdale Golf Club.

SPIKES

Metal spikes are **not permitted** on the golf course.

VISITORS

The names of members guests, together with full address, must be entered in the Member's Guest Book and the book signed by the introducing member.

The Members Guest Book will be situated within the Pro Shop for use when registering to play.

For licencing purposes, all non golfing visitors must be "signed in". A Register for this purpose is located within the Club Rooms.

All fee paying visiting golfers are considered to be "Day Members".

Any member with a guest must ensure that the guest is made aware of the Club's Code of Conduct.

COURSE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

The Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004 (Vic) requires an employer to maintain a safe working environment. The Port Fairy Golf Club has adopted safe working practices. To help prevent injury to staff from golf balls, the following procedures should be followed:

- **Fairways and rough:** Golfers must wait for an approaching vehicle or mower to pass behind or out of range before playing their shots. Golfers may be called on to play their shots by the operator.
- **Greens:** When the flag has been removed, the green is out of play. Golfers must not hit to the green until the flag is replaced and the green is cleared.
- In general, when ground staff are within range golfers must receive acknowledgement from the ground staff before playing a shot.
- Failure to comply with these procedures may result in prosecution under the above mentioned Act.

Damage to adjoining property: Players should report to the Pro Shop immediately on completion of their round any apparent damage by golf balls to adjoining property or passing vehicles.

DRESS REGULATIONS

Persons not conforming to the dress standards will be denied access to the course and clubhouse and may be cited by the General Committee.

Members and their guests shall be suitably attired at all times, both on the course and in the clubhouse.

Shirts & Jumpers – Shirts with collars are to be worn by male players at all times. NOTE: Shirts designed for the purpose may be worn outside trousers, shorts or skirts. SHIRTS AND JUMPERS WITH ADVERTISING MOTIFS AND SLOGANS (OTHER THAN DESIGNER LOGOS), SINGLETs, TANKTOPs, TEE-SHIRTS AND ABBREVIATED SUN TOPS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Trousers & skirts – Tailored slacks, neat denim jeans, ³/₄ trousers are acceptable in the clubhouse and on the course. TRACKSUITS, FRAYED, TORN OR DIRTY JEANS (INCLUDING FASHION STYLES) ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE WEAR.

Shorts and Socks – Walk shorts, Bermuda shorts with long or short style sports socks are acceptable. ABBREVIATED SHORTS, BOXER, STUBBY, FOOTBALL SHORTS AND SWIMMING TRUNKS AND TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE.

Footwear – Golf shoes are to be worn on the course and may also be worn in the “spike bar” within the clubhouse. Neat casual footwear generally is to be worn in the clubhouse. BARE FEET AND THONGS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE FOOT WEAR EITHER ON THE COURSE OR IN THE CLUBHOUSE.

ETIQUETTE ON COURSE

1. The Port Fairy Golf Club has recently adopted a policy of "ready golf". Whilst all players should wait until the players in front are out of range their place in the field is directly behind those in front and **not** directly in front of those behind.
2. Before leaving a bunker, a player should repair the area carefully and replace the rake **in** the centre of the bunker and if practicable parallel to the fairway.
3. It is compulsory for all players to carry a sand bucket and fill in any divots during play. Players must ensure that their pug marks on the green are repaired before proceeding to the next tee.
4. On completion of a hole, players should leave the putting green immediately (DO NOT MARK YOUR SCORECARD UNTIL YOU REACH THE NEXT TEE.)
5. Players should ensure that when replacing the flagstick, no damage is done to the putting surface. They should also ensure that neither they nor their caddies damage the hole by standing too close

when handling the flagstick.

6. The flagstick should be replaced properly in the hole before players leave the green.
7. Players using golf carts should show consideration to playing partners on foot and not advance too far ahead of play unless to search for balls.

LOCAL RULES

(See notice-board outside the Pro Shop and notice boards)

Slow Play: Rule 6-7 Slow Play. The Match Committee sets the pace of play guidelines. If a player unduly delays play, the penalty for a first offence in stroke play is one stroke.

Slow Play: If there is doubt about finding your ball, hit a provisional immediately. Before looking for the lost ball, other players in your group should hit their next shot, call up the group following, and then assist in the search. **Five minutes is the maximum time for any search.**

To save time, mark your card after you have hit off from the next tee. Your position in the field is directly behind the group in front of you.

Tee-Off: Play must commence from the first tee, unless otherwise instructed. When a competition under the control of the Match Committee is in progress, a member not taking part may only play where directed by the starter. The starter has sole discretion on the order of play and may adjust the event starter sheets if required.

Invitation Events: Members may invite players from affiliated clubs to play with them in any invitation event upon payment of the appropriate green fees.

NOTE: Except for major competitions, all Saturday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday competitions are invitation events.

MOTORISED GOLF CARTS: (or motorbikes)

Users are requested not to drive these vehicles within 5 metres of any green or bunker.

Vehicles must not be driven in the rough or in the marram grass. Users should avoid low lying and damp/wet areas altogether to avoid long term damage to the course.

Vehicles are to be driven along the edge of the fairways at all times. Tyre tracks will damage or kill the grass.

Passengers should walk to their balls. Reduced motorised traffic will protect fairways.

Users of these vehicles not complying with these conditions may be asked to leave the course.

CODE OF CONDUCT

On joining the Club, each member voluntarily submits to high standards of behaviour and ethical conduct. Members are under an obligation to avoid acts that are unsporting or discredit the game or our club.

The Committee of Management has the power to take any disciplinary against:

1. Any member who whilst within the precincts of the club house or on the golf course engages in conduct that is detrimental to the spirit of the game or general behaviour that is deemed to be unacceptable.
2. Any member who at any time physically abuses any opponent or other person within the precincts of the course or clubhouse.
3. Any members who unreasonably uses profane or abusive language, throws or breaks clubs, wilfully damages any portion of the golf course in any way.
4. Any member who acts in such a way that brings discredit to the Port Fairy Golf Club or the game of golf in general.
5. Any member who fails to comply with the Rules of Golf, any Local Rules in force, By Laws or instructions specified by the Club.

6. Any member who deliberately takes measures to manipulate their handicap.
7. Any member who commits a criminal offence against the Club or its members, e.g. damage or theft of Club/member's property.
8. Any member who refuses to comply with the Club Dress Code.
8. Any member who fails to ensure that their guest(s) comply with the Club's Code of Conduct.

Any member who witnesses any breach of this Code will be obliged to co-operate in any subsequent inquiry.

Any such violations of the Code of Conduct, if successfully pursued may attract penalties ranging from reprimand, suspension of playing rights expulsion from the club as determined by the General Committee or Delegated Representatives.

This Code of Conduct is derived from the Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures as set down by the Golf Victoria.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY – MAJOR EVENTS

Details of the conditions of play for major events will be displayed on the notice board and on the club website.