

# Knighton Heath Golf Club

## POLICIES & BYE LAWS

As amended July 2015

### **SECTION A - GENERAL**

#### **1. Liability:**

Neither the Club nor its officers shall be responsible for;

- a) loss of or damage to property belonging to members, guests or visitors.
- b) damage or injury caused by players,

All players are strongly advised to obtain their own insurance against such risks.

#### **2. Parking**

All persons visiting the Club must park their vehicles;

- a) in the Club car park, except in places reserved for officers, directors or other officials of the Club and/or designated no-parking areas,
- b) as directed by club marshals (where applicable),
- c) and, be considerate in terms of leaving space for others to access their vehicles and of leaving room for others to park their vehicles.

#### **3. Dress Code**

An acceptable standard of dress is to be worn at all times when playing golf and whilst in the clubhouse. The acceptable standards of dress notice, is prominently posted inside and outside the clubhouse, on the club web site and on various electronic devices.

#### **4. Notices and signage**

- a) Members and visitors must adhere to any signage displayed,
- b) Official Club notices, starting sheets, rules and so forth as may be posted on the Club's notice boards shall be properly treated and not defaced, misused or removed,
- c) Members wishing to post any notices, within the clubhouse or on any electronic device may only do so on the prior approval of the club manager

## 5. Home Match Bookings

- Monday & Tuesday at any time, allowing for competitions – any Ladies & Seniors matches.
- Wednesday to Friday between 09:30 & 12:00 – club representative matches only e.g. Interclub, Ladies Beales, Parkin Cup, Carpet Barn etc
- Wednesday to Friday after 13:30 – any club match.
- Weekends – after 13:00

## 6. Death, Suspension or Relocation

Upon death or proof of a debilitating medical condition, the agreement between the member and KHGC Ltd will be terminated. The balance of any advanced payments will be refunded from the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month following written and substantiated notification of such fact.

A member may apply in writing to the Manager to suspend their membership due to serious ill health, injury etc and upon production of a Doctor's letter stating that he/she is unfit to play golf and

- on approval by the Management Committee.
- the effective date of transfer utilised is the date reflected on, the letter or email, if undated, the date the letter was received by the office, i.e. the application date,
- the accrual subscription credit refund will be as follows:
  - 50% of the subscriptions paid for each full month calculated from the application date to the return date.
- the accrual subscription credit refund calculated above, will be credited against the following years annual subscription.

A member may apply in writing to the Manager to terminate his/her membership due to employment transfer or relocation and

- on approval by the Management Committee.
- must notify the office of a proposed relocation and therefore early termination of membership, on or before 1 July each year.
- must have had at least one full years membership prior to 1 July.
- must pay the applicable subscription in full, and on or before 1 July.
- will receive a refund of the balance of any advanced payments, less a 6.9% fee calculated on the full subscription payment, from the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month following written and substantiated notification of such fact.

## **7. Animals**

Only guide dogs are permitted on the course.

## **8. Electronic devices** (includes mobile phones, pagers, laptops etc):

- a) may only be used if switched to silent,
- b) such devices when used on the course are limited to the measuring of distance only

Members are encouraged to be fully conversant with the R&A rules to ensure they are fully compliant before using or taking any device onto the course.

## **9. Local Rules**

As printed on the score card.

Additional local rules may be published and posted on the Club notice boards, web site or other electronic devices. It is the responsibility of all players to know the local rules.

## SECTION B - THE COURSE

### 10. Starting from 1<sup>st</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

- The 1st and the 11th tees are the only tees that can be used to start from.
- All players in the 2/3/4-ball must be ready to play and at the ball chute when ball is placed in chute,
- Players are not obliged to stay around the chute. They may avail themselves of any facility at the club. However, if all the players are not there when their ball is next in line in the chute, the ball will be placed at the back of the ball queue by the marshal. If not being marshalled the ball may be moved to the back of the queue by players who already have a ball in the chute.
- No other interference of balls in the chute will be permitted except with the approval of groups who already have balls in the chute.
- If a player wishes to join a group who already have a ball in the chute, that player should show courtesy to the groups behind that ball by seeking their approval to join the group in question. Such approval is not required from players not at the chute at that time.
- 4-balls are to be encouraged wherever possible; particularly at weekends.
- Any member refusing to take guidance and instruction from the marshal will be reported to the Captain's Committee and appropriate action will be taken.
- Weekend rules also apply on all Bank Holidays.
- At all times games may only start from the 11th hole, if the 1st tee is closed due to a published booking.
- At weekends only, the 11<sup>th</sup> tee will remain open until 10:00am for starting, (subject to normal tee closures as published).
- If a game is on or playing to the 10<sup>th</sup> green, that game has priority. Thereafter games must alternate.
- On reaching the 1<sup>st</sup> tee, players must place their ball at the back of the ball chute and wait for their turn, providing there is no official closure in operation.
- No members or visitors are allowed to join other groups who have already started.

### 11. Tee Boxes

Unless specific permission is given by the Captain's Committee play / matches must be from the following tees:

Yellow Tees – Juniors (and where they prefer Seniors , Societies and Visitors)

Red Tees - Ladies'

White tees - Seniors' matches, societies, friendly matches and visitors

Blue Tees - must be used for all Club Medal, Stableford and trophy competitions and major matches (Hardy League A and B, Beckford Bowl and suchlike) with the exception that the Senior's Section, may elect to use the white markers for their competitions. Tee pegs must be used on all Par 3 tees.

## 12. Buggies & Trolleys

The use of buggies and trolleys (push or battery operated);

- is subject to the restrictions displayed on club notices and on electronic devices and
- will only be permitted subject to compliance with the Club's approved policy and where applicable to any notices contained thereon.

Please DO NOT cross any white lines around greens with buggies or trollies.

## 13. Golf etiquette

Must, be observed and particular attention is drawn to;

- the repairing pitch marks.
- raking marks made in bunkers.
- replacing divots (in the rough and on the fairways),
- allowing following matches or groups to play through when searching for lost balls and
- pace of play - It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If it loses a clear hole and it is delaying the group behind, it should invite the group behind to play through, *irrespective of the number of players* in that group.
- priority on the course: unless otherwise determined by the Committee, priority on the course is determined by a group's pace of play. Any group playing a whole round is entitled to pass a group playing a shorter round. The term 'group' includes a single player.

## 14. Preferred Lies

If, in the opinion of the Course Manager, Club Manager or Chairman of the Greens Committee, circumstances necessitate preferred lies, or teeing up under extreme conditions, such may be imposed and an appropriate local rule will be published.

## 15. Practice

Other than as permitted under the R&A Rules of Golf practice on the course (the playing of two balls) is strictly forbidden.

## 16. Signage

Members and visitors are not permitted to move any signage or course furniture (inc flags etc) except when temporarily allowed within the rules of golf.

## **17. Closure**

Members must adhere to any notices in respect of Full or partial Closure of the Golf Course. This may be necessary at certain times due to the state of the Course; prevailing weather conditions; or other special circumstances. This action is taken either to prevent damage to the Course or to ensure the safety of golfers and other persons on the Course.

The Course Manager or his Deputy has the authority to close and reopen the Course and to ban or re-instate the use of trolleys and/or buggies.

In the absence of the Course Manager, this authority is delegated to any TWO of the following; the Club Professional, a Director or the Club Manager following an inspection.

The Course Manager or his Deputy must be informed of any decision made, prior to the relevant action being taken.

## **18. Smoking**

When conditions are hazardous and fire risk is serious ALL smoking on the course may be banned by the Club Manager, Course Manager or Club Professional in the interests of safety.

## **19. Sharing of Clubs**

Except as permitted by the R&A Rules of Golf clubs may NOT be shared.

## SECTION C - PLAY

### 20. Members (with guests)

- may commence play at any time provided this complies with tee reservations in respect of recognised golfing events, society reservations and general play.

### 21. Visitors

- paying a green fee and not the guest of a member, the following restrictions apply
  - Weekdays:  
NOT before 09:30 and NOT between 11:00 and 12:30 GMT (winter) or 12:00 and 13:30 BST (summer)
  - Weekends & Bank Holidays;  
may ONLY commence play after 13:00

Such restrictions may ONLY be lifted on the approval of the Captains Committee.

### 22. Groups playing within reserved times have precedence on the tee.

### 23. All Players

- must adhere to reserved times as displayed on the notice board outside the Men's changing room door or as displayed on the clubs internet web site and via other devices and formats.
- should play the course in the order indicated on the score card.
- only members may choose to not play any hole(s) during their round and may only re-commence play subject to allowing reasonable space between themselves and any players ahead and/or behind them on the next hole.
- must always give priority to greens staff performing their duties.
- may only commence play from the:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> when the group ahead are on the green
  - 11<sup>th</sup> when the group ahead have left the green
  - or, in either case if/when called through by the group ahead.

## **SECTION D - COMPETITIONS**

### **24. Eligibility**

A player is eligible to compete in Club trophy competitions only if he or she has a competition handicap as defined by the CONGU Unified Handicap Scheme.

### **25. Knock-Out Competitions.**

The following rules apply to all Club knock-out matches:

- the first named player or pair is responsible for contacting the opponent(s) within 1 week of the closing date of the previous round, offering three separate dates including a weekday and a weekend date within the period allowed for the conclusion of the match.
- if the players or pairs in a match cannot agree a suitable date within the specified period, they are to inform the Club Manager no later than one week before the period ends. The Club Manager will give a date for them to appear on the tee (usually the closing date of the period in question) at 5pm to play. If neither party conforms then all parties shall be disqualified but will be awarded to any one player/pair that does appear by the time allocated then the match.

### **26. Order of Merit**

The following rules will apply as from 2016;

- Scores counting towards the Order of Merit will be the GROSS score from all monthly medal competitions from April to September each year, including each individual round of Club Championships, with a players 1<sup>st</sup> score counting.
- Scores will be tabled together and a combined leader board calculated with points allocated as follows; 1<sup>st</sup> 10pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> 8pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> 6pts, 4<sup>th</sup> 5pts, 5<sup>th</sup> 4pts, 6<sup>th</sup> 3pts, 7<sup>th</sup> 2pts and 8<sup>th</sup> 1pt.
- Ties are currently resolved via countback and points awarded to winners, this could change to allocate tied places equal points as all 3 competitions (Sat, Sun, Wed) are included in one Order of Merit calculation.

### **27. Late Cards**

If a member is unable to play at any of the allocated start times for all monthly medal and stableford competitions, the member will be able to take out what is called a "late card."

Each member taking out a "late card" must sign-in and pay at the Pro Shop, prior to playing on the day and by 18:00.

The format of play must be in either 3 or 2 balls.

This applies to all midweek and weekend medals and stablefords only, no board competitions.

Please note that late cards will have no playing rights on the course even though they are playing in a competition.