



## **BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF THE RAVELSTON GOLF CLUB LIMITED ("the Club") 2023**

1. No person shall be admitted to the private Course at Ravelston ("the Course") and its Clubhouse ("the Clubhouse") except Members of the Club and such persons as shall be admitted in terms of these Bye-laws and Regulations. Members are requested to carry their door entry access at all times.
2. Members while on the Course must have attached to their golf bags in a conspicuous position a Club disc with sticker for the current year or such other membership identification as the Members of the Council ("the Council") may from time to time direct.
3. Access to the Course shall be by the gateways on Ravelston Dykes Road only.
4. No dogs shall be allowed on the Course or in the Clubhouse with the exception of assistance dogs.
5. Mobile phones must always be on silent and used with consideration to others.
6. No person shall, for any reason whatever, cross the boundary fences, hedges or walls surrounding the Course. Members shall be liable for the cost of any damage caused of whatever nature by any contravention.
7. No liability shall attach to the Club for any damage caused by or to a Member or a visitor, and the Club shall have no responsibility for any article left in lockers or in the Clubhouse, the carpark or on the Course.
8. The rules of golf, as they may from time to time be applied by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St. Andrews, shall so far as applicable, be the rules of the Club, except where otherwise specially provided for in these Bye-laws and Regulations.

Members must both acquaint themselves and comply with the recommended procedures under the Etiquette Section of the said Rules of Golf in respect of courtesy and priority on and care of the Course: in particular if a match fails to keep its place on the Course and loses one clear hole on the players in front, it shall allow the match following to pass.

9. Practice on the Course is not allowed unless in designated areas or on practice putting greens. For the avoidance of doubt, practice includes the playing of more than one ball on the Course, chipping several balls from surrounding areas on to greens, practice chipping from the vicinity of greens towards the next tee and playing several drives from teeing areas. Medal Tees are primarily for use for club competitions play - White for gents and Red for ladies. Normal play is from the Yellow markers. Being a nine-hole course our Fairways and Tees are subject to heavy usage and suffer more wear and tear than other courses. The rationale behind this Bye-Law is as far as possible to protect and preserve the Course for the benefit of all players. Play from Medal Tees may be permitted at other times under the direction of Greenkeeping staff.
10. When directed by the Greenkeeping staff, players must use mats on the fairways.
11. All tee times must be booked online to play the course. All players should refer to notices in the Clubhouse concerning playing 18 holes.
12. Players must not drive off the first tee until the match in front has reached the marker post.

13. Competitions shall be held on such days and on such conditions as the Committees arrange. All disputes at competitions shall be settled by the appropriate Section's Committee. On certain competition days the course will be closed to non-competitors at such times as the Competitions Committees may decide and as noted on the booking system posted on the Notice Board in the Clubhouse.
14. On competition/medal days, 4-ball matches are prohibited at the times specified in the Club's annual fixture card or as posted on the Notice Board in the Clubhouse.
15. In the case of clubs being granted permission to hold competitions over the Course, each member of the visiting club who is not a Member of the Club, must become a temporary member for the day and obtain a temporary ticket upon payment of the fee fixed by the Council from time to time.
16. Temporary members are subject to and bound by these Bye-laws and Regulations.
17. The Members who introduce a guest or guests must play together in the same match. No guest whether introduced by the same or another Member, shall be allowed to play on the Course on more than two days in any calendar month, except with the prior permission of the Secretary of the Club.
18. A Member introducing a guest shall, before commencing play, enter such guest's name in a book kept in the Clubhouse for the purpose, and sign such entry and purchase a guest's ticket and temporary insurance cover, which must be displayed conspicuously by each guest while on the Course. The Member shall be responsible for the conduct of his or her guest(s) both on and off the course and ensure compliance by such guest(s) with these Bye-laws and Regulations.
19. The management of the Club is regulated by its Articles of Association to which Members are referred particularly with regard to the payment of the annual subscription, cessation of membership and voting rights.
20. Members shall not reprimand any other members, greenkeeping staff, official or employee of the Club. All complaints shall be made in writing to the Secretary, in order that they may be submitted to the Council, or to the appropriate Committee.
21. Ravelston Golf Club has a relaxed dress code, but Council does ask golfers to dress appropriately for the sport by wearing only recognised golf clothing. Clothing designed to be worn for sports and pastimes other than golf, such as football, athletics and beach wear is not permitted. Members and their guests must comply with the dress requirements both in the Clubhouse and on the Course as specified by the Council and published by notice displayed in the Clubhouse and on the fixture card.
22. If a Member wishes to table a motion at any General Meeting of the Club, he or she must give the Club's Secretary written notice thereof not later than two weeks prior to the date of such Meeting.
23. Junior Members are young people who have attained the age of nine years and are under the age of 18 years at the date of such membership. The number of Junior Members shall not normally exceed 60 or 10% of the Club membership at any one time.

A Junior Member may apply for full membership of the Club on attaining the age of 18 years and payment of the entry fee applicable at that time or any discounted entry fee as may be determined by the Council from time to time.

Young people between six and eight years can play on the course but on a restricted basis, normally Saturdays and Sundays after 6.00pm and under supervision of a responsible adult Member. These times are subject to normal course closure arrangements which will be published in the fixture card and monthly fixture bulletin.
24. The Council shall have the discretion to admit members of other recognised Golf Clubs to the Clubhouse and Course, for the purpose of holding competitions, and these shall be considered as members for the day only, and shall not be liable for entry-fee or subscription.

25. The Clubhouse shall be opened and closed at such hours as the Council may determine. Kitchen staff will stop serving refreshments 30 minutes before the posted closing time to allow them to tidy up the clubhouse by said closing time. Social and other activities shall be permitted to take place in the Clubhouse with the consent of the Council and at such times as the Council shall from time to time determine.
26. No member shall take or cause to be taken from the Clubhouse any article belonging to the Club without the authority of the Council.
27. All Members are required to pay every expense they incur in the Club before leaving the Clubhouse.
28. Where Bye-Laws and Regulations are breached, or where accepted standards of behaviour and etiquette are not maintained by Members, and where these 'breaches' are deemed sufficiently serious to warrant action by the Club, the following process is in place. When a breach of Bye-Laws occurs, it is the duty of the individual observing such a breach to report this in writing to the Secretary of the Club. The Secretary is empowered in certain situations to temporarily suspend a Member's playing rights pending the outcome of an investigation into the matter. This investigation should be held as soon as is practical after the alleged incident. The matter will be investigated, normally by two members of Council, and the Member(s) involved will have the opportunity to fully explain the situation from his/her perspective.

Should a breach of rules be found to have occurred, sanction may be applied to the individual Member. This may be in the form of suspension from the Club. The members of Council conducting the enquiry are empowered to apply suspension for a period of up to fourteen days. The Member can appeal the action taken and can ask to present his/her case to the full Council where the Club Captain would preside. The Council's subsequent decision would be final.

In the most serious cases of misconduct and after due process and investigation, the Council is empowered in the Club's Articles of Association to apply the ultimate sanction of expulsion from the Club.

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All previous bye-laws and regulations published prior to the date hereof are hereby repealed and superseded by these Bye-laws and Regulations. The Council may from time to time make additions or alterations to these Bye-laws and Regulations and any such changes will be posted on the Notice Board in the Clubhouse.

By order of the Council.

Secretary / RGC Council  
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