

Centurion Country Club - DOMESTIC RULES -



CENTURION RESIDENTIAL
ESTATE & COUNTRY CLUB

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DOMESTIC RULES OF CENTURION COUNTRY CLUB

The Game of Golf is played under the Rules of Golf, as published by the R&A - and any Local Rules adopted by the Golf Committee of Centurion Country Club. In order to ensure an enjoyable golfing experience for all members and visitors of Centurion Country Club, the following Domestic Rules will apply:

1 ETIQUETTE

There are a few aspects under etiquette that a member should remember:

1.1 Safety

Prior to playing a stroke or making a practice swing, the player should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club or any debris which may be moved by the club.

1.2 Consideration for other players

The player who has the honour should be allowed to play before his/her opponent or fellow competitor tees his/her ball. No one should 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. No player should play until the players in front are out of range.

1.3 Raking of bunkers

Before leaving a bunker, a player should use a rake to smooth over all divots and footprints made by him/her.

1.4 Repairing divots and pitch marks

A player should ensure that any divots made by him/her on the fairway should be filled with sand. Likewise, any pitch mark made by him/her on the green should be correctly repaired; and the pieces of green knocked out by the landing ball, thrown away - do not replace it in the pitch mark.

1.5 Damage to greens

Players must ensure that they or their caddies do not damage the greens by dropping their bags or the flagsticks on the greens. They must further ensure that they do not damage the holes when removing or replacing a flagstick.

2 MISCONDUCT OF GOLF MEMBERS

Should any member, in the opinion of the Golf Committee, commit any wilful breach of the Domestic Rules of the Club or be guilty of improper, dishonest or unworthy conduct, or be guilty of conduct unbecoming or prejudicial to the interest of the Club, whether within the Club's precincts or outside them, the Golf Committee will have the power to call upon such member to appear before the Golf Disciplinary

Committee and there explain his or her conduct. The Disciplinary Committee will refer their recommendation to the Management Committee for a final decision.

3 RIGHT OF APPEAL

Any member called before a Disciplinary Committee, will have the right to appeal against the Golf Disciplinary Committee's decision, to the Management Committee of Centurion Country Club. Any member so sentenced will be precluded from all privileges of membership until his/her appeal is heard.

4 EXECUTIVE GOLF COMMITTEE

The Executive Golf Committee consists of the Club Captain, Club General Manager and Head Professional. These members are mandated to take day to day decisions on behalf of the Golf Committee.

5 PACE OF PLAY

The golden rule is that you are to keep up with the four-ball ahead of you or, if you are leading the field, to take no longer than 2 hours and 15 minutes to complete nine holes. One stroke should take no longer than 40 seconds, and one hole no longer than 15 minutes. Players should spend no longer than 15 minutes in the halfway house. Based on this, a complete round should take no longer than 4 hours and 45 minutes.

"Ready golf" is encouraged in stroke play events to help improve the pace of play. Players are asked to act sensibly to ensure that playing out of turn does not endanger other players.

The Golf Committee of Centurion Club has implemented the following actions, as directed by GolfRSA, to correct slow play:

- If you are more than one hole behind: you will be warned and given three holes to catch up to the players ahead.
- If after three holes you have not caught up, you will be given a final warning.
- If after a further three holes you have still not caught up to the players ahead, you will be asked to leave the course.
- If you are more than two holes behind the players ahead, you will be instructed to pick up your balls and proceed to the tee nearest to where the players ahead of you are; or you could be asked to leave the course.
- If you continuously breach the rule you will be instructed to leave the course.

6 SANDBAGS

Sandbags are compulsory for all players at Centurion Country Club. These are available for hire/purchase at the pro-shop.

7 MOTORISED CARTS

No person under the age of 18 years or without a valid driver's licence may drive a golf cart. Carts are not to be driven within 20m of greens and tees; at these areas, the carts are to remain on the cart paths. Golf carts are utilised at the player's own risk.

8 LOCAL RULES

The permanent local rules are printed on the back of the scorecard and are also displayed on the local rules board in front of the Pro Shop. Any temporary local rules or additional rules will also be displayed on the local rules board. Local rules are subject to change from time to time, so players should always consult the local rules board before commencing a round.

9 DRESS

All members and visitors are required to adhere to the dress regulations of the Club. These are displayed at all entrances to the Club and are subject to change from time to time. Any members or visitors not adhering to the dress regulations could be requested to leave the golf course. A member is responsible for ensuring his/her guests conform to the regulations. The dress code for ladies has been standardised for all clubs under the jurisdiction of Gauteng North Golf Union.

10 SUSPENSION OF PLAY

The General Manager, Head Professional and Greenkeeper will decide when the golf course becomes unplayable and will then suspend play. There are two types of suspension:

10.1 Normal Suspension (such as for darkness or unplayable course)

A normal suspension will be indicated by three short blasts of the siren. If any player in the group has started a hole, the players may choose either to stop play or to play out the hole. If the players continue play of the hole, they may go on to complete the hole or may stop before completing the hole. Once the players complete the hole or stop before completing the hole, they must not make another stroke until the Committee resumes play.

10.2 Immediate Suspension (such as when there is imminent danger)

An immediate suspension will be indicated by one long continuous blast of the siren. All players must stop play at once and must not make another stroke until the Committee resumes play.

In either case, resumption of play will be signalled by two short blasts of the siren.

11 CHILDREN

Children are not permitted on the course or the practice putting green, unless accompanied by an adult. Parents will be held responsible for children found playing on the course.

12 VISITORS

Visitors are welcome at Centurion Country Club. The Committee reserves the right to control visitors, subject to the conditions published in the Domestic Rules. Members are responsible for the conduct of their visitors.

13 SHARING OF CLUBS

Sharing of clubs is not permitted at Centurion Country Club.

14 BOOKINGS

Block bookings can be made with the Club's Public Relations Officer, when made more than one month in advance; or groups may book directly in the Pro Shop. No group bookings will be accepted for Thursday afternoons, Saturdays or Sunday mornings.

Tee-off times are available two weeks in advance - online and in the Pro Shop. This excludes Saturday Booking; as the Pro Shop can then only book one (1) week in advance. Visitors may book any time for weekday and Sunday golf but may only book after 1 pm on a Thursday, for the upcoming Saturday.

Cancellations - members are expected to cancel a booking at least 24 hours prior to the actual game.

Non arrivals - repeated transgressors could be banned from booking times.

15 JUNIOR BOOKINGS

Tee-off times are available two weeks in advance - online and in the Pro Shop. All juniors can only book after 1 pm on a Thursday, for the upcoming Saturday (with the consent of the four-ball). During summer months, all juniors will be allowed to book in advance for the Saturday *afternoon* field (only). (1 September – 30 April).

16 MASHIE COURSE

The mashie course is available to all members of Centurion Country Club and residents of the estate. No golf carts are permitted on the mashie course.

17 PRACTICE

No practicing whatsoever is allowed on the Golf course.

18 COURSE MARSHALLS

Course Marshalls are employed by the Club to assist players; and to manage the pace of play of the field. In this regard, they act as spokespersons of the Club Captain and Head Professional. As representatives of the Golf Committee, they are under instruction to implement the rules pertaining to slow play. Please respect our Course Marshalls and assist them in ensuring the correct pace of play is maintained. It is a breach of the rules of the Club, to verbally abuse or rebuff a Course Marshall.

19 CADDIES

Caddy fees will be published on the Notice board and are subject to change from time to time.

Centurion Country Club has twenty (20) permanently registered caddies. It is in the interest of members to use these caddies. Procedures for the employment of caddies will be displayed in the Pro Shop.

20 HANDICAPS

Handicap Index computation is managed by GolfRSA, on the Handicaps Network Africa (HNA) system. Handicap Indexes are automatically computed from 10 PM each day. Players are advised to confirm their Handicap Indexes on either the HNA club terminal located outside the men's locker room, the www.handicaps.co.za website, the HNA Handicap Mobile App, or at the Pro Shop, prior to each round, as Handicap Indexes may have been adjusted overnight. Any queries can be directed to the Head Professional in the Pro Shop.

21 HANDICAP CONTROLS

The golf committee agreed to appoint the Club Captain, General Manager and Head Professional as the Club Handicap Committee. When Ladies are involved, the Lady Captain will form part of the handicap committee. Decisions by the handicap committee will need to be ratified by the golf committee, especially where some sort of corrective action has been taken. The golf committee's decision is final.

22 SCORECARDS

Players participating in club competitions are required, as a condition of entry, to complete a scorecard correctly. The following information must be displayed on the card: the player's name and handicap, the date, the competition format, the marker's name and handicap and both signatures. Should any of these items not be on the card, the player could be disqualified. Random checks of scores will be done from time to time.

23 CONDITION OF ENTRY

The Golf Committee stipulates the rules and conditions for competitions. If any member fails to comply with competition rules and conditions, he/she could be disqualified from the competition.

24 COUNT OUT PROCEDURE

The Count out procedure for 18-hole competitions at the Club, is as follows:

- First nine holes; if still tied:
- Hole 3-9; if still tied:
- Hole 7-9; if still tied:
- Odd Holes; if still tied:
- Spin a coin.

For 36 holes: - the second 18; and then the same procedure as above.

For 72 holes: - the second 36, followed by the last 18 holes, followed by the procedure above.

25 CLUB COMPETITIONS

25.1 Club Championships

The tournament is held annually on the dates prescribed by Gauteng North Golf Union. The tournament is a 36-hole competition played over 2 days. The tournament comprises 4 categories - namely Men, Ladies, Juniors and Men's Veterans. The format of the tournament is as follows:

Men divisions A, B and C – Medal
Juniors divisions A and B – Medal
Juniors division C – Stableford
Ladies divisions A and B – Medal
Ladies division C – Stableford
Men's Veterans divisions A and B – Medal
Men's Veterans division C – Stableford

Tee times for the first round are determined by handicap in each respective division, with the highest handicaps being allocated the earliest tee times. Tee times for the second round are based on first round scores, with the leaders being allocated the latest tee times.

If there is a tie for the overall Championship (best gross score) in any category after 36 holes, a playoff will take place. For all other results, in each category, the count out procedure will apply.

25.2 Monthly Sponsored Competitions

One such will take place per month and the type of competition, prizes, novelty prizes and lucky draw will be determined by the sponsor. These are restricted to members only.

25.3 Monthly Medal

This will take place on the first Saturday of the month and is also restricted to members only. The divisions are A (6.5 and under) B (6.6-15.3) and C (15.4 +), Ladies divisions are A (15.4 and Under) and B(15.5+).

25.4 Club Knockouts

Singles, doubles, mixed and foursomes knockouts are to be restricted to members only. The Rules and Conditions of entry will be stipulated on the entry forms. Members playing in a knockout game, may not play in the club competition at the same time.

25.5 Mixed Competitions

Mixed competitions are arranged and coordinated by the Ladies section. Rules and Conditions of entry will appear on the entrance advertisement.

25.6 Club Competitions

These take place on Thursday afternoons, Saturdays and Sunday mornings; and are compulsory, for all players who wish to use the course on these occasions. Visiting players need to have an official handicap to play and proof of handicap may be required.

26 DRIVING RANGE

The driving range is operated by a contractor on behalf of the Club and is open to members of the Club and residents of the Centurion Golf Estate. Any persons using the facility will abide by instructions issued by the official on duty.

27 DOGS, SCOOTERS ETC.

No dogs will be allowed on the course during playing hours. Roller blades and scooters are prohibited on the golf course.

28 CLUB TIMES

The course is open every day, with the exception of Good Friday and Christmas Day. The course opens at 06:30. Morning tee-off times are from 06:30 to 08:22 and afternoon tee-off times 11:14 to 13:12. Only the Pro Shop may authorise play outside these times. A player must report to the tee 10 minutes before his/her tee-off time.

29 LOSSES AND INJURIES

The Club will in no way be responsible to its members or visitors for any losses sustained by them, or any injuries to them, of whatsoever nature, occurring on the grounds or property of the Club; whether caused by its employees, members or otherwise.

30 CONTROL OF PERSONS ON COURSE

All players on the course must have reported to the Pro Shop. A method of confirmation that this has taken place will be instituted by the Golf Committee. Payment slips will be issued to members and visitors. No persons are permitted to walk on the course during golfing hours (06:30 - 18h30). Walkers must always be aware of possible golf players, as golfers have the right of way.

31 SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Suggestions can be made to any Committee member, via email.

32 GUESTS OF MEMBERS

A member must sign in his/her guest and is responsible for his/her dress and behaviour at all time.

33 MONDAY GOLF

Play will only commence at 11:00 on Mondays, allowing the Green keeper maintenance time.

34 CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

Persons using the floating cards issued for corporate memberships, must have official handicaps to play on competition days. If a complete four ball of visitors are using corporate cards, it is compulsory that at least one caddie be used.

35 VIRTUAL CLUBS

Virtual clubs are not recognised by Centurion Country Club. Virtual Club members may not play in any of our Club competitions. Should they wish to play social golf they will be charged unaffiliated rates. Under no circumstances will exceptions be made.

36 PLUS HANDICAPS

Players with a plus handicap must take their strokes as follows:

Handicap +1: Hole 1

Handicap +2: Holes 1 and 15

Handicap +3: Holes 1, 7 and 15

Handicap +4: Holes 1, 7, 12 and 15

37 EXCEPTION TO CLUB RULES

The Management Committee reserves the right to make exceptions to these rules, under certain circumstances. These exceptions will be placed on the Notice Board whenever possible.