

**RAMSEY GOLF CLUB LIMITED**

**CODE OF CONDUCT - RULES**

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Ramsey Golf Club Limited (RGCL) is committed to providing an environment that is free of discrimination, harassment and intimidation for Members, employees and guests.

**Members, guests and visitors** are all reminded that an acceptable standard of behaviour is expected in all areas of the Club and course at all times and that upon payment of membership or green fees, all Members, guests and visitors have given their consent to be bound by both the restrictions and penalties which may be imposed for any breach of the club's standards or serious misconduct in failing to meet the standards set in this Code of Conduct.

Members will be liable for any breach committed whether by themselves or their guest.

R&A Rule 1.2 – Standards of Player Conduct: All players are expected to play in The Spirit of the Game.  
R&A Rule 1.2b – Code of Conduct

**Ramsey Golf Club has adopted the following additional Code of Conduct -**

**On the course: All golfers must:**

Avoid slow play, apply Ready Golf principles and allow other golfers to play through as appropriate, waving the following group through when searching for lost balls and maintaining the speed of play by keeping up with the group in front.

Adhere to R&A and Local Rules of the course.

Demonstrate fair play both on and off the course.

Always follow established golf etiquette respecting the course, such as:

- Repairing pitch marks, replacing divots, raking bunkers.
- Showing the necessary respect to fellow golfers at all times, which incorporates; no shouting on the course, no misuse of equipment (i.e. throwing clubs in frustration etc.), no aggressive behaviour, or the taking of performance enhancing products.
- No alcoholic drinks are to be consumed on the course.
- Conduct yourself in a sportsmanlike manner and do not knowingly cheat, disrespect employees. Officials or fellow players.
- Mobile phones must be switched to silent on the golf course.
- Trolleys and buggies must be kept well away from greens, tees and their surrounds.
- Unless permission has been granted play from white tees will be for competition play only.

- Each player must have an individual golf bag and clubs. Sharing of equipment is not permitted, except under the Rules of Golf. Footwear and clothing must be appropriate for the playing of the game particularly with a view to safety of the player and other players.
- Practice on the Course. The Course shall not be used for the purpose of practicing, with the exception that a solo player may play no more than two balls while playing the Course. A solo player has no standing on the Course and must give way to all other groups of players. Similarly, Members playing a part round must give way to persons playing a full round.
- Visiting parties and Members playing social golf during the times permitted on Club Competition days are required to play in the same format as the Competition to avoid course congestion.
- Players playing a match should be given priority.
- The number of players in a match shall not exceed four unless prior permission given by Manager or Captain's Committee.

## **Competitions**

1 All Competitors must sign in and pay the appropriate fee prior to playing in any competition. They must also ensure their Name, Handicap, the Competition Name and the date are entered on their scorecard. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

2 All scores including No Returns ie less than nine holes completed, must be entered into the PSI terminal, if only some of the holes have been completed they should still be entered. Failure to do so is in breach of WHS guidelines and the player could be subject to sanction. Scorecards should then be placed in the box provided.

3 The Terms and Conditions of Competitions will be posted on the Competition Board. It is the Player's responsibility to acquaint themselves with them.

4 For team competitions it is the responsibility of entrants to provide Markers for their playing partners should they find themselves unable to play after close of entries.

5 It is a Condition of Entry into a Club organized competition that winners of prizes either attend the presentation in person, provide that someone else is present to collect the prize on their behalf or submit prior apology to the Captain or Competition Secretary for their likely non-attendance. A breach of the Condition will result in automatic forfeiture of the prize.

6 Except where stated, in the event of a tie in any competition other than Matchplay, the winner shall be determined on the score for –

- 1 A 36 hole competition as: the last 18 holes;
- 2 For 18 hole competitions and 36 hole competitions still tied after 1:
  - Over the last 9 holes – if unresolved,
  - The last 6 holes – if unresolved,
  - The last 3 – if unresolved, the final hole.
 If it is still unresolved the same process on the first round shall be considered.

## **Members of Ramsey Golf Club**

1 Members must follow the rules and etiquette of golf as made, altered, interpreted and applied by R&A Rules Limited.

- 2 On Competition days the first tee shall be reserved for Competitors only, during such times as are directed by the Handicap Committee and displayed on the notice board or Online Booking system. Non-Competitors may play by starting from the first tee outside the times reserved for Competitors. The number of players in a non-competition match must not exceed the number specified for each match playing in the Competition of the day and in any case no greater than four unless approval has been given by the Board or the Manager. Non-competitors must give priority to Competitors.
- 3 No person may compete in any Club Competition unless their subscription is fully paid up to date and unless they have a current WHS handicap.
- 4 Priority on the first tee shall be determined by the Online Booking system.
- 5 All games must start on 1st tee unless permission granted by the Manager or the Handicap Committee.
- 6 When Visiting Parties are given courtesy of the Course the first tee shall be reserved at times agreed and posted on the notice board or Online Booking system. Members may only play from the first tee during the period of reservation if all the Visitors have left the first tee. Members shall respect Visiting Parties recognising that they provide vital income for the Club.
- 7 The Head Greenkeeper or Manager may close the Course in adverse conditions when no play shall be permissible until the closure notice is removed. This power may be delegated to the Greenkeepers.
- 8 Club Captain has priority on the first tee at all times.
- 9 The responsibility for the administering of the Rules of Golf, Local Rules, WHS, organisation of Club Fixtures and Competitions lies with the Handicap Committee who will liaise closely with the Manager.
- 10 The Handicap Committee Members will include: -  
Handicap Secretary, and up four other members, all appointed as per Articles of RGCL and a representative of the Board. The Handicap Secretary will Chair the meetings and assign responsibilities

## **Handicaps**

- 1 To enter Knockout and Club competitions, Members must have an Official WHS Handicap.
- 2 The obtaining and the maintenance of Handicaps will be in accordance with WHS Rules. Copies can be obtained from the Handicap Committee or the Manager.
- 3 It is the PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITY to return every score, including no returns, from all qualifying competitions both at their HOME Club and elsewhere.

## **General Play cards**

There is no limit to the number of General Play cards. Enter your intention to submit a card on the PSI terminal in the hallway or as directed otherwise by the Handicap Committee, play can be from any set of appropriate tees. Ensure the scorecard has your name and date on it, also tick the 'tees played' box. The card must be signed by you and an active member. Enter the score in the PSI terminal in the hallway and put it in the appropriate scorecard box beside the PSI terminal.

## **In the clubhouse: Members, guests and visitors are reminded that:**

Any form of discrimination, harassment or intimidation is regarded as unacceptable behaviour.

Consumption of excessive quantities of alcohol is not permitted by law.

The use of foul or abusive language such as swearing has no place in the clubhouse and any member heard using unacceptable or offensive language will be asked to either stop or leave the premises. Where someone is noticed to be consistently using bad language after being warned then their continued membership will be reviewed accordingly.

Smoking or the use of e-cigarettes is not permitted within any of the club buildings.

The taking of illegal substances will incur immediate suspension and loss of membership.

Be considerate towards others when using your Mobile phone in the clubhouse.

A person engaging in any behaviour that may be detrimental to the game of golf or Ramsey Golf Club is in breach of the code of conduct and should be reported to the Manager. It is in the best interests of the game that such behaviour is reported, and all players, members and members of the public are encouraged and have a duty to report such behaviour.

## **Dress Code**

RGCL seeks to promote a friendly and relaxed atmosphere while maintaining a standard of dress, both on the course and in the clubhouse, which is appropriate to a private members' golf club.

Members and visitors are expected to comply with the dress code at all times.

The management and staff are authorised to enforce the dress code at all times. Individuals not observing the rules will be asked to change, or leave the premises. Members shall at all times be responsible for their guests.

### **Exclusions – Dress not allowed on the course and practice greens:**

Football, hockey or rugby-type shirts and shorts, singlets, tracksuits, gym attire and leisure/shell suits.

Ripped clothing.

Beachwear or flip flops.

Organised, social fancy-dress competitions permitted by the Manager are the exception to this, providing safety is not compromised.

### **Dress Appropriate for the Course**

Providing they comply with the exclusions above, there are no limitations, although appropriate footwear must be worn:- golf shoes with spikes, soft studs or flat soles.

### **Dress Appropriate for the Clubhouse**

Golf clothing may be worn, provided it is dry and clean.

Jeans are acceptable.

Tee-shirts with slogans that may be offensive to others are not permitted.

Sports attire other than golf clothing is not permitted, although organised fancy dress is permitted.

Footwear – No golf shoes.

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