

HEALTH & SAFETY

- Elderslie Golf Club policy is to conduct the operation of it's facilities in a manner that provides an enjoyable and safe environment for all.
- Members, guests and visitors are requested to act sensibly, with consideration at all times, and to adhere to golfing etiquette. Players are expected to be aware of the dangers to themselves and to others while on the course.
- Accidents must be reported to the Secretary or Professional as soon as possible.
- Please report any potential hazard, on or off the course, to the Secretary, Course Manager, or Club Professional.
- Golfers are expected to insure themselves against third party claims in case of accident.
- Avoid ascending/descending steep slopes e.g., the banks around the 12th green.
- Use steps (where provided) to access tees.
- When adjacent to internal dry-stone walls and the like check for loose stones in the grass around the location of the ball and unevenness on both sides.
- Players should refrain from crossing the boundary wall on the 7th hole to retrieve out of bounds balls due to uneven ground, possible covered stones, and differences in height.
- Care is to be taken when adjacent to burns due to steep or slippery banks. Consider only retrieving balls using a telescopic ball retriever.
- Take appropriate precautions when pesticide notices are in use.
- Trees, walls, fences, burns etc. are recognised golfing hazards. It is accepted practice that play from such situations is at the player's own risk. If in doubt, consider penalty relief.

GOLF BALLS LEAVING THE COURSE BOUNDARIES **(5th, 6th, 11th, 12th & 18th HOLES)**

Members and visitors are reminded that it is their duty to report ALL instances of golf balls leaving the course which could result in damage to our neighbours' property.

ALL SUCH INSTANCES SHOULD BE RECORDED IN THE OUT OF BOUNDS BOOK WHICH IS KEPT BEHIND THE BAR OR ALTERNATIVELY VIA THE QR CODE LOCATED ON THE TEE BOX BOARDS.

Insurance cover for any such damage is included in your fees but to comply with this, such instances MUST be recorded.

Local Rules

1. Course Boundaries

- Perimeter fencing, perimeter walls, and *white stakes* bounding the course, form an external boundary to the course.
- The practice ground, the car park, and the plantation to the right of the 1st tee are Out of Bounds (OB). *White stakes or white lines* indicate OB.
- All temporary builder's fencing in the general area form the boundaries of No Play Zones that are treated as an abnormal ground condition. These fences are deemed integral to the No Play Zone and relief be taken under rule 16.1f.
A ball lying beyond the fence/marked area behind the 15th green, but still within the general area can be replaced and dropped without penalty in the nearest Drop Zone which will be clearly marked.
Players should not enter a No Play Zone to retrieve balls.

2. Penalty Areas

- Penalty Areas are marked by either yellow or red stakes.

3. Abnormal Course Conditions

- Ground Under Repair (GUR) is normally marked by white lines. If a ball lies in a lined area, the ball must, without penalty, be lifted and dropped within one club length of the nearest point of complete relief, not nearer the hole.
- The outcrops of rock found in a fairway or in semi rough are GUR. If a ball lies in such an area, or if it interferes with the player's stance or swing, the ball may, without penalty, be lifted and dropped, within one club length of the nearest point of complete relief, not nearer the hole.
- Bird or animal droppings are deemed to be loose impediments lying on GUR. If they interfere with the playing of a shot, the player may, without penalty, clean and drop the ball, within one club length of the nearest point of complete relief, not nearer the hole. Alternatively, the player may abandon the ball and drop a replacement without penalty, within one club length of the nearest point of complete relief, not nearer the hole.
- If a ball lies close to a staked tree, the ball must be lifted and dropped, without penalty, within one club length of the nearest point of complete relief, not nearer the hole.
- Seasonal adjustments to the course maintenance program will be notified to members and will be subject to Local Rule 6.

4. Immovable Obstructions

- If a ball strikes an electricity cable, a replacement ball must, without penalty, be played from as near as possible to where the original ball was played.
- A ball lying wholly or partially on a man-made path, a black rubber protection mat, a bridge, an artificial (astroturf) tee or a permanent drainage cover such as a grill or a concrete slab may, without penalty, be lifted and dropped, within one club length of the nearest point of complete relief, not nearer the hole.

5. Aeration Holes

- In the General Area, if a ball rests in an aeration hole, a preferred lie may be taken, without penalty, with the ball lifted and cleaned and placed as near as possible to where it lay, not nearer the hole.

6. Damage from Green keeping Equipment

- Temporary damage to the course caused by green keeping equipment is to be deemed GUR, even if not marked by a white line.

7. Pace of Play

- Priority on the course is determined by a group's (or single player's) pace of play.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule

Match Play – Loss of Hole Stroke Play – Two Strokes

Golfing Etiquette

1. If a game fails to keep its place on the course or lose more than one clear hole on the players in front, the game behind, if close, should be allowed to play through.
2. When the greens are being prepared, priority must be given to the safety of the greens staff. Players must await the greens staffs' signal prior to hitting balls to the green.
3. In the interests of all, players should play without delay.
4. No player shall play from the tee until the party in front has played their second shots and are out of range or play up to a putting green until the party in front has holed out and moved away.
5. Players looking for a lost ball should allow matches playing behind to play through (the rules of golf state that the maximum search time allowed is 3 minutes). They should signal to the players following them to pass, and having given such signal, they shall not continue their play until these players have passed and are out of range.
6. It is the duty of every player to replace or see replaced any portion of turf that may have been removed in the act of playing.
7. On leaving a bunker, it is the player's responsibility to smooth out the sand.
8. It is the responsibility of every player to repair any pitch marks they see on the greens.
9. Clubs or golf bags should not be dropped on a putting green.
10. On leaving a green, the flagstick should be carefully replaced in an upright position.
11. The course should be left in the condition in which you would like to find it.

CLUBHOUSE DRESS CODE

Elderslie Golf Club is keen to promote the club for members, visitors and families to enjoy as a place of leisure. We wish to create an inviting ambience where everyone can feel relaxed in their free time. As such, we have a flexible standard of dress for all club members and visitors.

Acceptable Clothing

- Shirts with an identifiable collar
- Round necked GOLF shirts
- Polo neck - turtle neck – roll neck jumpers (as alternative to collar)
- Tailored Trousers and golf shorts
- Denim Trousers and Shirts (clubhouse only)
- Hats or Caps (golf course only)
- Spike-less Golf Shoes and Trainers

Unacceptable Clothing

- Football colours of any description
- Combat/cargo trousers or shorts
- Tee-shirts
- Flip-Flops
- Tracksuits/Sportswear other than golf Clothing
- Hats or Caps in the clubhouse

Ripped, torn, wet or dirty clothing, including golf shoes, will not be permitted in the clubhouse under any circumstances. Any visitor or member who is inappropriately dressed may be asked to leave the premises.

CLUB CAR PARK

Visitors are reminded to park with consideration in the car park. Please ensure that you park within the designated lines and not cause an obstruction. Do not create spaces which are not physically marked. It is vitally important that there is sufficient access for emergency vehicles to be able to move through the car park. **Visitors using the designated disabled parking bays must clearly display a valid blue badge.** On days when the car park is full there is additional parking at the old Elderslie Swimming pool with access to the club via the adjoining lane.

Electric Vehicle charging spaces are provided for use by members, guests, and the local community. They must only be used when actively charging an electric vehicle.