



Mahee Island Golf Club
(Ladies Branch)

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MEMBERS GUIDE

Introduction

Whether you are an experienced golfer, novice or junior, we hope you enjoy your golf at Mahee Island.

We believe that golf should be enjoyed by all members and thus it is very important to have good etiquette both on and off the course.

Avoid slow play.

Replace divots and rake bunkers.

Do not spend too much time looking for lost ball, a group may be coming behind so do not hold up play.

If you are approaching the green, make sure your trolley is with you and not 10 yards behind. Keep it a safe distance from the green. Always have it forward so that when walking off the green you are automatically going to the next tee.

Do not hit off a tee until you are sure that the players in front are well out of reach.

When out playing in competitions, watch, as far as is possible, where your partner's ball goes as it saves time looking afterwards.

Do not replace divots on the teeing boxes. Use the soil/seed mixture provided in the tee boxes at each hole.

Membership Fees

Your membership fees cover the administration costs of the club and allow you to:

Apply for an ILGU recognised handicap

Enter weekly competitions

Represent the Club in Inter-club events

Access to the club officials for advice and assistance when needed.

Handicaps

If you have not yet obtained a handicap you will need to return 3 (18) hole cards. It is also acceptable to return 6 (9 hole cards). These must be played with a member who already holds a club handicap and signed by them. It should also indicate that the returned cards are for "handicap" and placed in the box in the Ladies Room. The Handicap Secretary will work out a handicap for you and apply for your ILGU – Irish Ladies Golfing Union Golf card.

Each player is responsible for their own handicap, and it is therefore important to check the notice board each week to confirm this.

If you are coming from another club and wish Mahee to be your home club, your current handicap certificate should be given to the Handicap Secretary.

Competitions

The Club organises competitions throughout the year with the main competitions being held on Monday. The club now allows alternate day competitions for those Ladies who cannot play on Monday because of work commitments. Competition times on Monday are as follows:

Mornings: 9.00a.m - 10.30a.m.

Afternoons: 1.30p.m - 3.00p.m

Evenings: 5.00p.m - 6.00 p.m.

Competition fees are £3.00 for 18 holes/ £2.00 for 9 holes and £1.00 for the “2’s” club.

Charity Competitions: Whatever you wish to donate.

A competition must have a minimum entry of 8 Players. Any number below this, the competition will be abandoned and played at a later date. All members will be emailed as to a new date for that particular competition.

There is now a 9 hole qualifying competition running on Mondays alongside the 18 hole competition, and a 9 hole Mid Week qualifying competition running from Tuesday to Friday. One card per week may be returned for the Mid-Week competition. This will facilitate Ladies who through work commitments, do not have the time to play 18 holes or ladies who are unable to complete 18 holes. This will maintain a handicap which reflects their current playing ability. 9 Hole qualifying competitions are open to all players but should not be a substitute for the 18 hole qualifying competitions.

For Ladies who cannot play on Monday’s Competition day because of work related problems, can play on alternate days, Saturday or Sunday. A time either morning or afternoon can be booked through the BRS system on line. It is always better to check with the Shop to make sure there are no matches being played.

Make sure your handicap, the date and name of the competition is on your scorecard and that it is SIGNED by you and your marker. Scorecard markers must be eligible to play in the competition being played, although they need not necessarily be playing in the competition.

Members with less than three score cards, excluding Foursomes and Better ball competitions, are not eligible to compete for the Captain’s and President’s prizes.

All ‘AWAY’ scores recorded in Competition Play Conditions including non-qualifying at other clubs MUST be reported.

Silver Salver and Match Play are knockout competitions played throughout the summer months. Each round will have a ‘Play by Date’. The Ladies committee have allowed a short period of time after the Play by Date, to facilitate members, but matches will be forfeited outside that time. Check the notice board in the Ladies Locker Room.

Adverse Weather Policy

Lightening

A decision to carry on playing during adverse weather conditions is left to the discretion of the player, who MUST accept full responsibility for their safety. In the event of lightning on the course, golfers out on the course are advised to cease playing. If the

club considers there is a risk due to adverse weather conditions, it will endeavour to make the following audible warning:

THREE LONG CONTINUOUS BLASTS OF THE KLAXON.

On hearing this warning it is mandatory that you leave the course. You must cease play immediately, mark your ball and take whatever action you consider most appropriate to ensure your safety. The Klaxon will be sounded by the Club Steward.

Course Closure

The Greenkeeper is responsible for determining if the course is playable.

The course will be inspected early in the morning and if necessary closed. A second inspection may take place at 11.00a.m, and if appropriate, play will commence at 12.00 noon. If the timesheet is in operation the competition will be cancelled. If timesheet is not in operation i.e. winter competition then the competition will commence at 12.00 noon.

Suspension of Play

During a competition the course can be declared unplayable by a member of Ladies Committee or Gent's Council. A competition will not be suspended however on account of rain, unless the rain is so heavy that the course has become unplayable, for example, balls are moving frequently on the putting greens due to wind or some holes are surrounded by casual water.

Play may be resumed later in the same day if the course becomes playable again.

Resumed play must commence at the hole immediately following the last completed hole before play was suspended. Where it is not possible to resume play on the day of the competition the Committee will decide on what further action to take.

Website

The club website is a source of information especially if you are unable to visit Mahee during the week. On it you will find the latest news including competition fixtures and results.

www.maheegolf.com

Dress Code

The dress code is as with all clubs, no denims, collarless tee shirts, football tops or tracksuits on the course.

Copy of the local rules can be found on the club scorecard.

All Committee members and office bearers' names can be found on the Fixture Card.

Club Caterer:

The club caterer is Mark Spence. Mark caters for the Ladies on a Monday all day, as well as other Important dates such as Lady Captain's Day, Lady President's Day, Open competitions etc.,

Club Contact Numbers:

Club Steward: 02897 541234

Catering: 07792384428

Mahee Island Golf Club Ladies Section endeavour to supply as much relevant information to their members as possible. Notice Boards and Folders are available in the Ladies Room to keep you informed as to what and when things are happening throughout the year.

We also have a history of our Trophies which is being updated at present and will be available for all members to read. It is interesting, especially to new members to know how and where the Trophies originated.

Any other information you may require, please do not hesitate to contact any member of Committee who will be delighted to help and assist.

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