



Baltinglass Golf Club



BYE-LAWS

To ensure the efficient running of Baltinglass Golf Club, the following bye-laws are a guide to members and visitors to ensure everyone enjoys their game of golf in a pleasant and friendly environment. All members and guests are requested to behave in an orderly and friendly manner and refrain from any misconduct. The 'Rules of Golf' and all 'Local Rules' must be observed.

Adherence to the Club's Dress Code.:

- Smart dress is essential in the clubhouse. It may be casual, but must be clean, neat and tidy in keeping with the high standards of the Club. Tailored shorts and neat jeans are permitted to be worn in the clubhouse. Vests, tracksuits, football attire, trainers /runners are prohibited. Golf shoes and caps are not permitted in the bar and function room areas. Juveniles are exempt from this dress code provided their attire is clean, neat and tidy and golf shoes and caps/hoods are not worn in the bar and function room areas.

Rules Relating to the Course - Respecting the Course and Other Players

- **Repair the Course:** Always repair your divots in the fairways and semi rough by replacing firmly the displaced cut turf. Always repair pitch marks on the greens. Repairing the divots and pitch marks immediately significantly speeds up the regrowth process. Rake/repair bunkers after play and leave the rake in the bunker. The playing of multiple golf balls to a green or on an individual hole is prohibited. A maximum of two golf balls is allowed when practicing. The Club Committee, or any person authorised by the Club Committee, has the right to withdraw the use of the course from members or players infringing this rule.
- **Interacting with your Golf Partners:** Players must show respect for fellow golfers, avoid slow play, refrain from the use of abusive language, and the use of a mobile phone on the course. A degree of social interaction is expected during a golf game. In general, be quiet during others' golf shots and congratulate them on their good shots with a 'good/great shot' comment. Assisting to find a playing partner's golf ball is expected, within the allocated search time allowed.

Be Aware of Other Players

- If you misdirect a ball to where there are people/players, shout '**fore!**' Shout quickly and shout out loud!
- A word of apology is expected if you meet up with the people/player(s).

Priority on the Course:

- Players must be ready to tee-off at the appointed time that they reserved on the BRS. The order of precedence re 1st Tee times should be strictly followed.
- Players in Club competitions have precedence over casual golf players.
- In the absence of special rules, two-balls should have precedence over and be entitled to pass through any three or four-ball group of players. A single player has no standing on the course and should give way to two, three and four ball players.
- If a group fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than one clear hole on the players in front, it should allow the players following to pass. One's place on the course is behind the group in front, not in front of group behind.
- The Club Committee has the authority to reserve the course for any purpose on such days as it deems necessary.

Notices :

- Notices posted by the Club Committee must be observed. A notice, placard or poster may not be displayed in the clubhouse without the permission of the Honorary Secretary.

- It is an offence to remove, amend or delete a section of a notice posted by the Club Committee.

Golf Bag Membership Tag

- Members must display a current Membership Sticker on a Baltinglass Golf Club tag attached to their golf bag.

Reporting Scores:

- Mark one another's score card only after leaving the green. Scorecards for all competitions must be signed and returned (now requirement of Golf Ireland), after entering score data on computer system. Members not returning their competition score card may have their handicap reduced.

Juvenile & Junior Golf : (See Club Policy 'Golf for Young People')

- Junior members with a Golf Ireland handicap can play anytime as per BRS allotted times.
- Juveniles under 12 are only allowed on the course when supervised by an adult. As a general rule, juveniles aged 12 or less, must vacate the club and its environs by 6 pm. In certain circumstances, juveniles may be permitted to remain beyond the stipulated times, at the discretion of the committee. Juveniles with a full/'adult' handicap can only play after 6 p.m. if accompanied by adult member(s).
- A juvenile, with a Golf Ireland handicap, can put his / her name opposite any time on the BRS time sheet, provided they play with at least two adults. This is to comply with the Child Protection Act and the Club's Child Protection Policy. Two juveniles can play with one adult as long as the adult is a blood relation i.e. parent/guardian/ grandparent/uncle/aunt/brother/sister. One (1) of the juveniles must be 16 years of age or over for the purpose of marking/signing a fellow competitor's score card.

Car Parks:

- Designated car parking spaces must be observed.

Food:

- Members or visitors shall not bring any food or drink into the clubhouse for the purpose of consumption, without prior approval of the Club Committee.

Liability:

- Baltinglass Golf Club is not responsible for any loss or damage to any vehicle, clothing, equipment or any other personal belongings on Club property.

Buggy Use:

- Private owners of golf buggies must verify that they have a current certificate of insurance for their buggy prior to its use on the course.
- All who drive a Club buggy must be a minimum of 18 years of age and hold a current driver's licence.
- Adults are requested not to bring any juvenile in a buggy.

Sanctions:

- See 'Fines & Suspensions' - Section 14 Club **Constitution**.

Complaints:

- Members are asked not to approach any Committee member on the course to discuss any issue. Complaints to Honorary Secretary in writing or email. Complaints that cannot be resolved, will be discussed at the next committee meeting, if received 5 working days prior to the meeting. Otherwise, it will be dealt with at the next meeting.

