



# GREENACRES GOLF CLUB

## New Members Guide

The Council and members of Greenacres Golf Club would like to extend a warm welcome to you. Whether you are an experienced golfer, a novice or junior we hope you enjoy your golf with us.

The following information has been put together to give you an understanding of the Golf Club. We hope you find it useful.

Whilst we all strive to be competitive and give a good account of ourselves in all competitions, we all recognise that golf should be enjoyed. Good etiquette both on and off the course helps us all to enjoy the game. So please avoid slow play, repair pitch marks, replace divots and rake bunkers.

### **Membership of Greenacres Golf Club**

Adult, Student or Junior membership of the Golf Club is payable in addition to your centre fees. Just complete an application form which are available in the Member's Room or at the above web address. Then leave for the attention of the Membership Secretary in the relevant slot of the cabinet in the member's room. This payment is to cover the administration costs of the club and allows you to:

- Obtain a WHS handicap index.
- Enter Greenacres Golf Club weekly competitions
- Have limited coverage under the Greenacres Golf Club 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance policy
- Represent, if selected, Greenacres Golf Club in interclub events.
- Access to the club officials for advice and assistance when needed.

When the Membership Secretary processes the payment, you will be added to the Golf Ireland Clubhouse which is their central handicap database. Shortly afterwards Golf Ireland will post to the Golf Club your Golf Ireland card.

### **WHS Handicaps**

If you are transferring from another club, please write your Golf Ireland membership number on the membership form.

If you are a member of another club, please write your Golf Ireland membership number on the membership form and indicate if you want to make Greenacres your 'Home' club.

If you had a WHS handicap previously then, please write your Golf Ireland membership number on the membership form.

For members who have never had a WHS handicap, you must submit a required number of nine and/or eighteen cards played over a measured course. Any permutation of nine and eighteen cards may be submitted but must total a minimum of 54 holes. At Greenacres the Men's measured courses are the full eighteen holes, the front nine and back nine played of the Blue or White tee markers.

While the course is in non-acceptable scoring conditions. E.g., the winter tee boxes are in play and/or the ball is being lifted and placed in the rough. Score cards for handicap can NOT be submitted.

When the Course is in acceptable scoring condition the Club post a notice on the boards and on the Club website.

For the score cards to be accepted for handicapping.

- You must preregister your intent to submit a score card, by completing the preregistration sheet in the member's room.
- Please indicate which tees were used and the date the round was played.

- The cards must be signed by a marker who already has an official WHS Handicap.

Cards will be accepted from other courses, provided the round was pre-registered before commencement of play.

Once the required number of cards have been completed, please place them into the Match & Handicap Slot of the cabinet in the members room and brief note of any playing experience. Examples:

- Was a member of X Golf Club Y years ago and played of Z handicap
- I'm member of a society and play X times a year; society handicap is
- I'm just starting to play golf

Until the cards and accompanying information have been submitted and a handicap has been allocated new members can play with another member in any club competition from the competition tees.

When your membership payment has been processed the Match & Handicap Committee will enter the score cards into Clubhouse and your initial handicap index will be automatically calculated.

### **Club Computer**

The club uses the Club v1 to manage our Club Competitions. Members can access this through the screen in the member's room and their individual scores and season progress through [www.howddido.com](http://www.howddido.com) and [golfireland.ie](http://golfireland.ie) websites.

A week after submitting the cards for handicap, new members should use the screen and/or the howddido website to check if their handicap has been allocated.

### **Club Competitions**

The club organises competitions throughout the year with the main competitions being held on a Saturday. During the summer months, additional Stableford competitions include the Over 60 Trophy, Midweek and Sunday competitions.

- The Sunday Competition runs from Sunday through to Tuesday and is played of the White Tees.
- The Midweek Competition runs from a Wednesday through to Friday and is played of the White Tees.
- The 60 Plus Competition runs from a Wednesday through to a Friday and is played of the Blue Tees.

The Saturday competitions are managed by the club and are open to all members\*. Tee times are controlled via a start sheet which is published three weeks in advance by the club. Tee times for these competitions should be booked in advance through the Golf Centre BRS Booking system.

\* Five-day members must pay the appropriate fee to the Golf Centre and juniors must be accompanied by an adult.

These competitions continue to run throughout the Winter Months. Details for each of these events will be published on the notice boards and the club website.

### **Saturday Start Sheet**

The Saturday start sheet allocates members a tee time, with the first group teeing off at around 7:00am during the summer months followed by groups at 8 minute intervals. Earlier tee times are popular so unfortunately new members to the club will need to either avail of the later tee times or seek an earlier time as it becomes available. To have your name added to the start sheet write to the Match & Handicap Secretary stating your preferred time slot.

The start sheet is managed through the screen in the member's room and the [www.howddido.co.uk](http://www.howddido.co.uk) website. All members are required to remove their name from it by Friday evening at 5.30pm, if they are unable to play. This means that individual spaces become available throughout the time sheet. Other members are free to enter their name into a free space.

Members who fail to remove their name from an assigned tee time will be fined the competition entry fee and will be ineligible to compete in future competitions until the fine is paid. Members failing to withdraw their name for 3

subsequent weeks will automatically lose their entitlement to that tee time. If exceptional circumstances apply you must notify the Match & Handicap Committee in writing.

Until the three cards have been submitted and a handicap has been allocated new members wishing to play during a Saturday competition should contact the Match & Handicap Secretary.

### **Saturday Competitions**

Upon arrival at the club, members are required to sign into the competition on the club computer and pay the competition entry fee before commencing their round. Entry into a Saturday competition will be £5.00 unless otherwise stated. Which should be placed into an envelope with the name of the competition and date written on the outside and then dropped into the relevant slot of the cabinet.

You should then proceed to first tee at least five minutes before their allocated tee time.

Upon completion of the round your score should be entered onto the handicapping system using the screen and the SIGNED card placed into the relevant slot in the cabinet. All score cards should be returned at the end of the round even if the score is not entered onto the computer. Failure to return a card without a valid reason will result in a penalty score.

### **No Return Policy**

A player entering a club qualifying competition must return his card to the committee as soon as possible after completing his round i.e. enter his score in the computer and/or return his card. Consequently, the following actions will be taken against members who do not return their score cards:

<b>NR</b>	<b>Action</b>
1st	Player will receive a written warning
2nd	Player will be suspended from all club competitions for 1 week
3rd	Player will be suspended from all club competitions for 1 month
4th	Player will be referred to the council for further action

### **Midweek / Sunday / 60 Plus Competitions**

These competitions may be entered as a 2 ball.

Upon arrival at the club members are required to sign into the competition on the club computer and pay the £5 entrance fee before proceeding to the first tee. The entrance fee should be placed into an envelope with the name of the competition and date written on the outside and then dropped into the relevant slot of the cabinet.

Upon completion of the round your score should be entered onto the handicapping system using the screen and the SIGNED card placed into the relevant slot in the cabinet. All score cards should be returned at the end of the round even if the score is not entered onto the computer. Failure to return a card without a valid reason will result in a penalty score.

The no return policy applies to these competitions.

**IMPORTANT:** *Junior members must play with at least one adult member in a Sunday / Wednesday competition.*

### **Prizes**

During the summer, unless otherwise stated, for a Saturday competition prize vouchers will be awarded as follows:

<b>Competition</b>	<b>Prize</b>	<b>Section / Division</b>
Overall or Gross	£30	
1 <sup>st</sup> Section	£25	Division 1
2 <sup>nd</sup> Section	£20	Division 2
3 <sup>rd</sup> Section	£15	Division 3

Sunday / Wednesday competition prize vouchers will be calculated based on 70% of entrance fee collected.

The voucher issued for **each** 2 will be calculated by dividing the entrance fee collected by the number of 2's returned. If there is a hole-in-one the member will receive half the prize fund with the remaining divided evenly by the number of 2's returned.

### **Vouchers**

Instead of issuing vouchers for every competition, a record of all prizes is kept in your Members Account. Vouchers can be requested by completing the request slip and placing it into the appropriate slot in the cabinet. Vouchers are valid for 6 months and once issued can be collected from reception. Vouchers can be used as full or part payment in all golf shops. Vouchers can also be used as full or part payment of your Centre fees however vouchers cannot be used against the Club fees. You can check the amount in your Members Account via the Club website or the Match & Handicap Secretary.

### **Club Competitions**

Posted on the club notice boards and the website you will find the dates for Saturday competitions which include your Captain and President's Day in addition to qualifying events for several other external competitions.

### **Matchplay Competitions**

To coincide with the start of the summer competitions the club organises a singles and doubles matchplay competition. All members are eligible to enter, provided they have an official WHS handicap. Further information will be posted on the notice boards and the website.

**Note:** *It is the responsibility of both members to contact their opponent to organise the match before the deadline for each round.*

### **Inter Club Competitions**

All members are eligible to play in our interclub competitions if you hold a playing handicap and meet the requirements of the Golf Ireland sponsored competition. If interested, further details will be posted on the notice boards and the club website.

### **Website / Email Alerts**

The club website is a source of information especially if you are unable to visit the Centre during the week. On it you will find the latest news, club and inter-club competition details, area to check your voucher totals plus all the results. We would also encourage you to sign up to the WhatsApp Community and/or follow us on Facebook and/or X [formerly Twitter].

### **General Play**

Members wishing to return general play score cards can do so in several ways:

- By using the Golf Ireland app
- By signing and returning a score card via the screen in the member's room.
- Using the HowDidIDo app.

When you start a general play round the score cards should be returned at the end of the round even if the score is not entered onto the computer. Failure to return a card without a valid reason will result in a penalty score

### **Dress Code**

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

### **Local Rules**

A copy of the local rules can be found in the accompanying document and on the club website.

### **Facilities, Council and Crawford Family**

We are extremely proud of the facilities we have available here at Greenacres and the relationship we have with Stephen and Colin Crawford who have built an exceptionally challenging 18 hole parkland course, 9 hole par 3 course and state of the art driving range. Greenacres Golf Club is here to complement the work of Stephen and Colin and to ensure that you get the most from your financial commitment. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact any of the council members, we are here to help.