



Shirley Golf Club
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Shirley Golf Club Opens Terms & Conditions

Payment via our on line booking facility at www.shirley.golf

To book a tee time on-line you will have to enter your credit or debit card details using our secure on-line payment process. We normally take full payment at the time of booking and will advise you if this is not the case.

Payment via Cheque or other means

A tee time will be allocated to your booking and an email will be sent confirming this, cheques will be banked when your booking is processed. Should your allocated time be inconvenient it is your responsibility to contact the Opens organiser to discuss cancellation or amendment.

Cancellation Policy

If you wish to cancel please mail enquiries@shirley.golf quoting the competition name, booking names and booking reference.

Cancellation more than two weeks before event - full refund

Cancellation between one and two weeks before event - 50% refund

Cancellation less than one week before event, or failure to cancel - no refund

Winter Green Fee Terms

Should the course be subject to frost and 5 or more frost holes are in play a £5 refund will be made on each Green Fee. No discount or refund will be offered should 4 or less frost holes be in play. Every effort subject to weather conditions will be made to ensure full course opening at all times.

Booking Transferable

The Booking is completely transferable. Therefore, should you be unable to make your tee time, you can offer the tee time to someone else such as a family member or friend.

Handicap Restrictions

Entries are only accepted from golfers who have a Competition Handicap of 28 or less (men) or 36 or less (ladies). If you do not meet these restrictions you may still be able to enter but will be required to play off the handicap limit stated on the booking form or on line event, you must be able to play to an equivalent standard. If you do not hold a Competition Handicap at the time of the event they you are permitted to play but will not qualify to win any prize on offer.

Please contact the Opens Organiser to confirm acceptance of your entry before the date of the competition

Open Competitions Tee Time Draw Competitions

When making online bookings players are required to select a tee time as part of the booking process, this tee time may change, If this occurs you will be notified of your revised time accordingly.

Dress Code

Normal dress code applies. The following are therefore not permitted: denims, football/rugby tops, football/beach style shorts, combat trousers, track/shell suits must not be worn at any time. Metal spikes are not permitted on the Golf Course. Hats must be worn conventionally. For further information please see the Dress Code section of our website.

Inclement Weather, Suspension of Play & Competition Abandonment

The aim of this Policy is to have procedures in place to cope with inclement weather & other situations where play may need to be halted during competitions. This is clearly required so that players and those involved in running a competition (this includes members of the Golf Club's staff) are able to recognise the signal that means play has been suspended. The situation where players do not know whether play has been suspended or not, or some players know and others don't should be avoided.

For the purposes of this policy it is assumed that the "person responsible for the competition" is a member of the Golf Professional staff. When required the Member of Staff can liaise with the Proprietor, Member of Green keeping Staff or a Member's Committee representative as appropriate.

Players have a duty to protect themselves in Health and Safety matters especially should there be a danger from lightning when play must stop immediately. Rule 6-8 of the Rules of Golf makes it quite clear that a player is entitled to discontinue play if the player believes there is a danger from lightning or if weather is such that the course becomes unplayable.

All players must adhere to the following Suspension of Play procedures:

Dangerous Circumstances

A suspension of play for a dangerous or unplayable situation (e.g. lightning) will be signalled by one prolonged single blast on the klaxon.

However, even if the klaxon is not sounded and the players believe there is a real risk of, or danger from, lightning then the player is entitled to proceed under the provision of Rule 6-8 and discontinue play. If the klaxon has been sounded, then a player is not entitled to override that decision and continue play. When the klaxon has been sounded for play to be suspended, players must discontinue play immediately PENALTY for breach of this condition is DISQUALIFICATION.

As soon as the players have returned to the clubhouse it is the responsibility of the competition organiser, club staff or committee representative, to keep players fully informed of the situation.

Conditions will be reviewed and communicated to everyone and as soon as the lightning has dispersed (as a general rule of thumb if there has been no thunder and lightning after a period of 30 minutes) play will be allowed to continue. If the storm is continuous the situation will be reviewed every (30) minutes up to a maximum period of one hour.

After one hours delay and with no improvement in the situation the person responsible for the competition should declare the competition abandoned and the players notified accordingly.

Those players who have not completed their round will be considered as having not entered the competition and their cards will not be classed as "No returns" (NR's).

If **more than** 50% of the competitors have completed a full round then the competition will stand, prizes will be allocated based on the number of completed cards returned. This will be decided by the competition organiser or their representative. It may be necessary to forward on prizes to players to enable an adjustment to the prize to be calculated and purchased.

If **less than** 50% of the field have returned completed cards then the competition is **abandoned** in full.

Where full or partial abandonment occurs players will be re booked into the following year's event and advised accordingly by email, notices and updates will be posted on www.shirley.golf Opens page. Should any competitor require a refund of their entry fee then this should be requested by contacting the Opens Organiser – details of which can be found on our entry forms on www.shirley.golf Opens page.

Sweepstake and 2's entries will be refunded on the day for those teams /players who have been unable to complete the competition. If players are not able to be refunded it will be the discretion of the Opens organiser with consultation of the club to use such monies to apportion to the captains charity associated with the event.



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Fog

Should play need to be suspended due to fog then the same procedure will be followed as for lightning. It is considered that play is only safe when the 150 yards can be clearly seen from the any teeing ground. The decision on play will be the responsibility of the Pro Staff on duty that day.