



Javea Port Golf Society

Rules of the Society

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The spirit of the Game

1. These may make it sound that we take golf too seriously, but this is not the case, as the game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, always demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship, irrespective of how competitive they may be.

Javea Port Golf Society

2. Is an association of Ladies and gentlemen who wish to play golf on a regular basis but are not affiliated or members of any one specific Golf Club. Members, also enjoy the social aspect of the Society with two aims, firstly to have regular golf that improves their handicap, and secondly to build friendships that can last a lifetime.

How to obtain full Membership

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 - The annual membership year will run from January 1st to December 31st.
 - Players must have a minimum of a 36 playing Handicap. Those players who are higher than 36 will be capped at the minimum at the time of their first game as a guest or as a full member, until such time that their general play entitles them to a lower Handicap.
 - The Committee approves all new applicants for membership, with the applicant playing at least 3 games with different members to ensure that the applicant fits the role of a gentleman or lady golfer.
 - Once approved by the Committee Full Membership to our Society is obtained by paying **40 euros** plus **5.00 euro** per week for competitions, to maintain their full membership.

Benefits of Full Membership

- **Priority booking through “Society Golfing” (full members will enjoy priority where we are oversubscribed)**
 - **Replacement Tee Shirts**
 - **Trophy Engraving**
 - **Society Software Licences paid for**
 - **Evening drinks to a Maximum of 100 euros when appropriate**
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- This money is called the “Society Pot or kitty”. The distribution of the pot will be determined by the President, The Captain, The Vice-Captain, and one Committee member, at the start of each membership year or during the year where appropriate.
 - Golfers over the age of 18 years old are eligible for full membership.

Founding Members

4. In recognition of the two founding members David Hey and Francis McNeil there are two aspects.

Francis McNeil

5. Sadly, Frances has passed away, and in recognition and remembrance of Frances on an annual basis a Society Competition will take place. There is a Trophy that is called the Francis McNeil Memorial Trophy which was won by
 - Benardus Van Zutphen. (2021)
 - Clive Challinor (2022)

David Hey

- 6 As a founding member and in recognition of his contribution, David will continue in perpetuity to be our President, if at any time David wishes to step down as the president, he will be appointed the honorary president.

Committee and Officers

- 7 The Society will appoint a Captain and Vice-Captain plus one other to run the affairs of the Society. Committee Meeting should be held weekly/monthly or where appropriate.

All Officers excluding the President will retire after 12 months of their appointment but may be re-appointed at the Annual General Meeting. The AGM will take place during the first week of each new year.

Roles and Responsibilities

8. The President

- The President will be responsible for calling the AGM and setting the agenda after consulting with the Committee.
- He will also be responsible for presenting the Francis McNeil Trophy.
- In addition, the President is responsible for collecting the weekly monies from the members and holding those monies in safe keeping until they are called upon.
- He will update the members on a regular basis as to the size of funds held.
- He is also responsible to ensure that the two Golf Markers are available each week of play.

9. The Captain

- The captain will preside over all committee meetings, he will set the date and Golf Course for the annual Trophy. In view of the Committee having 4 members there will be a requirement for the captain to have a casting vote if no decision is reached on a certain subject.
- He will be responsible to select which golf course the Society plays on each week.
- He will decide each week and before play, which players are playing together, ensuring that the higher Handicap Golfers are equally placed in different teams.
- Ensuring that all players have a regular mix of who they play with.
- He will decide which fairways are used for the nearest to the pin and longest drive.
- He will decide the format of competitions.
- He will also preside over the meetings following each game
- The captain may hold the position of Captain and Handicap Secretary simultaneously until such time as there is a suitable replacement

10. The Vice-Captain

The Vice-captain will assist the captain and attend to his duties during absence, he will also be responsible along with the captain for team selection when playing other Societies.

11. The Handicap Secretary

The Handicap Secretary will be responsible for the following:

- He will ensure that after each game all cards are handed in and then compiled on the Handicap Master software system. The world Handicap System is used to determine a true Handicap the best 8 games of your last 20.
- Cards are also required if they fall outside the normal week of play of the Society.
- Each week the Handicap Secretary will post on the Notice Board (WhatsApp) the handicaps of all the members.
- He will also provide handicaps using the World Handicap System for casual players who do not play on a regular basis with the Society. **(Please see item 3 above)**
- All playing visitors must notify the Handicap Secretary of their lowest handicap, and if requested they must produce a certificate to that effect. **(Please see item 3 above)**
- In the event of any disputes to any players handicaps the decision of the Handicap Secretary is final.

12. The Rules Secretary

The Rules Secretary is responsible for setting out the basic rules of play:

- To provide the rules in relation to gimmies, bunker use, fairways, greens, manmade obstacles, natural obstacles, playing in the rough, out of bounds, penalty shots, etc...
- The decision of the Rules Secretary is final provided he can back up his ruling with the rules of golf.

13. Booking your Tee Time

Full members and guests are required to book their tee times through www.societygolfing.co.uk

Login – this is provided on our WhatsApp Group

Password – this is provided on our WhatsApp Group

Go to Events and a list of Golf Courses and Tee times will be available for you to book. As stated above priority will be given to fully paid-up members when booking Tee Times.

14. Cancellations and Codes of Conduct

Players must notify the Golf Captain of their intention to cancel at least 72 hours prior to the first tee off, by removing their name from the society golfing website. Failure to notify will result in the member paying the full green fee.

- 14a.** Although we don't like our society to take things too seriously and we want to keep a relaxed atmosphere that we have always enjoyed we felt it was time to set up a Code of Conduct in the unlikely event that a member or a visitor is guilty of a serious infringement of the rules bending the rules or as some would say cheating.

If any player witnesses or suspects a fellow competitor of a serious rule infringement, you should challenge this person at the time of the incident and then report the matter to the captain.

The captain, will bring the matter to the Committee who may give a verbal or written warning to the member, reminding the member that bending the rules or cheating is not within the spirit of Golf. Persistent bad behaviour will result in an initial suspension.

The member has a right of appeal which will be decided upon by the full membership.

Full expulsion from the Society following consistent cheating or bad behaviour is decided by the committee. Once again and in the interests of natural justice the player can appeal the decision. Upon appeal the player can put forward a written submission given his full reasons why he believes that the committee has reached the wrong conclusion. The written appeal will be decided upon by the full membership.

Slow Play

- 14b.** It is in everyone's interests to speed up play, so if a player is slowing play down, please have a word with that player and let him know politely that he needs to speed up.

15. Dress Code

A minimum standard of smart casual dress will be always required. During warm weather it will be expected that the Society shirt should be worn.

16. Mobile Phones

Mobile phone usage is discouraged during play. Please keep your phones on silent. Making and receiving unnecessary calls is discouraged.

17. WhatsApp

The Society has a group app under the Society's name, members are asked to keep the communication regarding what is posted to golf related matters only. Should members wish to send other members banter material then members should set up a private app for this purpose.

18. Travelling Arrangements

When travelling to other golf courses outside Javea, it is recommended that 1 pooled car takes 4 players including the driver where possible. Travelling to Altea, Benidorm areas to play, it is recommended that the Driver irrespective of wealth accepts 5 euros per person towards his fuel. When traveling further afield the recommendation is 10 euros per person.

19. Score Cards

All cards must be agreed within your team for accuracy before it is handed in to the Handicap Secretary. Cards are marked two plus one when a hole is blobbered. Example a par 3 would have a maximum of 6, par 4 maximum of 7, and a par five maximum of 8 marked on the card.

20. Issues that are not covered within the Rules of our Society

From time to time there are circumstances that arise which are not covered by this document, we cannot legislate for every eventuality or make a rule for every eventuality. However, when issues arise not covered by this document the captain, in consultation with a majority of the committee in attendance will be able to make a new ruling.

21. Office Holders

President – David Hey

Captain and Handicap Secretary – Martin Leyshon

Assistant captain – Doug McDonnell

Rules Secretary and Committee Member – John Aitken

21. Local Rules

The Committee will from time to time issue a set of local rules during play.

21. Disclaimer

The Society will not be responsible for any accidents suffered by members or visitors during play, competition's, socialising, presentations, both in respect to their person or their belongings.

22. Our Website

www.javeaportgolfociety.com