

Club Rules

The Club Rules are administrative and are defined by the EGC Committee. They should not be confused with Rules of Golf or the Local Rules, which extend and complement the latter.

Rule 1: The EGC is a formally constituted Club within the aegis of the ESTEC SSCC. As such, all EGC members must abide by the general rules applicable to all SSCC clubs. Only those in possession of an Area 1 Pass may become Club members.

Rule 2: The EGC course is not the private property of the EGC. It is a facility granted by the ESTEC administration and coordinated by the SSCC for the primary, but not exclusive, purpose of playing golf. It is therefore the responsibility of all EGC members when playing golf to take the necessary precautions to ensure they do not endanger other people on or near to the course.

Rule 3: All EGC members should be aware of their insurance status concerning accidents while playing golf. For example, anyone involved in an accident while contravening any of the Club Rules (e.g. Rule 4) is not covered by the global club insurance.

Rule 4: Playing golf or practising on the course between the hours of 11:30 and 14:00 on ESTEC working days is STRICTLY FORBIDDEN. Anyone seen breaking this rule should immediately be reported to a member of the Club Committee. Exceptionally practise putting is permitted on the putting green using a putter; chipping or the use of any other club or part of the course, including use of the nets, is forbidden.

Rule 5: There is no practice Driving Range on the EGC course. Players may only practice in the nets and in those areas specifically designated for chipping and putting.

Rule 6: During play, all members should be able to produce evidence of membership. It is the responsibility of all Club members to ensure that the EGC course is not abused and anyone thought not to be an EGC member or guest should question in this regard.

Rule 7: A Registration Book is provided in the Check Inn. All players shall register their round prior to its commencement. Anyone not doing so has no standing on the course.

Rule 8: For official Club competitions, the course may be closed to members not participating in the competition. Such closures are announced well in advance and during such periods, members not participating in the competition have no standing whatsoever.

Rule 9: Each member of the EGC is provided with a copy of the Rules of Golf. It is the obligation of every EGC member to become familiar with the rules and etiquette of the game and to ensure that they (and any invited guest) adhere to them during play.

Rule 10: Except for official EGC competitions with a shotgun start, a round of golf should always commence on Hole 1. Starting on another hole is discourteous.

Rule 11: Smoking on the course is not forbidden, but the course should not be used as a large ash-tray. Extinguished cigarette ends etc should be disposed of by removal from the course or in the bins.

Rule 12: All litter should either be put in the receptacles provided, or taken away.

Rule 13: Active mobile phones are not allowed on the course.

Rule 14: Footwear should consist of proper golfing shoes or at least the shoes should be soft-soled, so that the greens are not damaged.

Rule 15: Upon completion of a qualifying round, properly completed and signed scorecards should be deposited in the box provided in the Check Inn. In the case of casual rounds (i.e. not in a competition), a card which is to be taken into account for handicap purposes must be declared in advance as qualifying and provided with a numbered yellow qualifying sticker (available in the Check Inn).

Rule 16: No more than four players may play as a group at any time, unless such a group forms part of an officially organized competition.

Rule 17: Only EGC members (and officially registered guests) are entitled to play golf on the course (see also Rule 19).

Rule 18: An EGC member is entitled to register only one guest per round (see Rule 19).

Note: For official competitions against visiting clubs, the nominated competition organizer shall follow the procedures for "non routine activities" established by ESTEC Site Management.

Rule 19: It is the responsibility of the EGC member to ensure that a guest is properly registered before commencing a round.

To register a guest, the following procedure should be followed:

- A book of greenfee tickets, envelopes for the fees and a green-fee box are provided in the Check Inn.
- The ticket consists of two parts, both identified with the same number. Fill in both halves of the ticket with the appropriate information.
- Tear off one part of the ticket, LEAVING THE OTHER PART IN THE BOOK. The torn-off part should be retained as proof of payment.
- Put the appropriate [greenfee](#) (the amount is decided at the AGM), which is also posted in the Check Inn, in an envelope, write the number of the greenfee ticket on the envelope and deposit it in the greenfee box.

Rule 20: Children on the course: The Club Constitution only defines Junior Members as those who have not reached the age of 21 at the start of the year. However, there are SSCC rules concerning children on-site and EGC members should be aware of these.

As a general principle, the EGC Committee considers that all children under the age of 16 should be accompanied by a responsible Club member, at least until such time as the child has demonstrated his/her capability to behave in a correct manner around the course.

Rule 21: Complaints from members will only be formally dealt with, if they are submitted in writing to the Club Chairman and Club Secretary.