

Club Rules

The Club Rules are administrative and are defined by the EGC Committee.

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 be questioned in this regard.

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

Note: Players in official EGC competitions are already registered in Proware and should not register in the book.

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: It is the obligation of every EGC member to be familiar with the Rules of Golf and the etiquette of the game and to ensure that they (and any invited guest) adhere to them during play.

Rule 10: Except for 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: Mobile phones are allowed on the course only in silent mode.

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 15a: Upon completion of a round played in competition, properly completed and signed scorecards should be deposited in the box provided in the Check Inn (or otherwise in accordance with the competition's organizer). A player's score shall be entered into Proware.

Rule 15b: In the case of a casual or a 'general' round (as referred to in the World Handicap System) which is to be taken into account for handicap purposes, the player's score shall be entered into Proware.

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 not more than three guests per round (see Rule 19). Arrangements for entry to the ESTEC site are the responsibility of the member.

Note: for official competitions, exchanges or invitations extended to visiting clubs a maximum of 27 guests may be registered (and pay the green fee) Such events are subject to approval by the committee, and must be included in the competition calendar at least 4 weeks prior to the event. The organiser of such events shall follow the procedures for “non-routine activities” established by ESTEC Facilities Management.

Rule 19: It is the responsibility of EGC members to ensure that guests are properly registered before commencing a round by entering the names of members and guests in the Registration Book in the Check Inn. The green fee for the guest should be paid before play by bank transfer using the QR code displayed in the Check Inn.

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.