

HARWICH & DOVERCOURT GOLF CLUB

LOCAL HAZARDS & ADVICE RE. PLAY

There are certain points relating to the game of golf, local rules and hazards that are necessary to bring to the attention of Junior members of the club.

PLAYERS COMPLETING THE INNER CIRCLE:

Junior members should take note that, when completing an inner circle (1st, 2nd, 7th, 8th and 9th) they are in fact jumping in, in front of players who are about to complete the 6th. **Junior members should ensure that they check the 6th for players about to complete that hole, and let them have preference on the 7th BEFORE jumping in from the 2nd to complete the inner circle.** It is bad manners and against the etiquette of golf, to disrupt the flow of play of persons attempting to complete a whole round of golf and is especially important if those players are in a competition.

WATER HAZARDS:

It is important that all Junior members are made aware of the presence of deep water on the course. The main dangers are as follows:-

- **2nd Fairway:**

The club owns all the land up to the river alongside the practise fairway and the 2nd, it is important that Junior members are aware that the river is deep, and that in the interests of safety no member should attempt to retrieve balls close to the river bank. The out of bounds markers (white posts) indicate the boundary of the course, and balls can be retrieved once out of bounds, however the line of high reeds indicate the river boundary which has steep banks.

- **Pond – 3rd Green:**

This pond is at the rear of the 3rd green and has steep sides. Therefore great care should be taken when playing or retrieving balls in close proximity to this pond.

- **Pond – 6th Hole:**

This pond has steep sides and is deep and similar care should be taken in proximity to the pond.

REPAIR OF DIVOTS:

Junior members should always replace divots on the fairways. These should always be replaced and stamped in, so that the grass will re-grow.

Junior members should also be aware that when taking divots out of the tees that the pre-prepared seeded soil contained in the green boxes on each tee should be used to repair the divot hole. Remember it is your course, and such damage which goes unrepaired, will effect the playing surface for all members.

SCORING:

Score cards submitted for consideration of handicap adjustment should be fully completed with the name of each of the players, the person being considered for handicap adjustment as Player A. The card should be completed by Player A's playing companion, and signed by each person. As some of the signatures are illegible, then please print your name.

All shots should be counted counting, including air shots, and penalty shots for going out of bounds or into unplayable positions.

WINTER RULES:

When winter rules apply (see notice board adjacent to the first tee) players are allowed to pick and place their ball within 6 inches of where it lies, **but only on the fairways and not nearer the hole**. It is not acceptable to pick and place off the fairway, except when picking up from Ground Under Repair (GUR). It is normal to mark the position of the ball prior to picking it up and cleaning it.

REPAIRING PITCH MARKS:

Junior members should ensure that they repair all pitch marks they see on the greens to ensure that they stay in perfect condition. (Pitch mark repairers are on sale in the shop and are cheap to buy).

LETTING PLAYERS THROUGH:

It is very pleasing to hear senior members of the club praise Juniors who allow seniors to play through. It is common courtesy to allow any player behind you, who is playing faster than you, to come through, especially if they are in a competition.

The points made above are brought to your attention for your own safety and for you to enjoy the game. Courtesy, manners, and proper dress and behaviour are expected of you all, so please do not let yourself or your Junior Section down by failing to comply with the points raised.

HEALTH & SAFETY GUIDELINES

Players should be familiar with the Health & Safety guidelines of the club, and ensure that the guidelines are followed at all times.

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