

Ashbourne Golf Club

Mission Statement

Ashbourne Golf Club is an equal opportunities Golf Club which seeks to provide for its members and visitors top quality, value for money, year round playing and relevant social facilities in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere, and to ensure an enjoyable and challenging golfing experience for all who play our course.

Ashbourne Golf Club 2019

Committee of Management

President	Brendan Ward
Cathaoirleach	Bob Boxwell
Honorary Secretary	Robert Robinson
Honorary Treasurer	Colin Farquharson
Captain	David Doolan
Lady Captain	Bríd Uí Bhraonáin
Vice-Captain	John Gorman
Lady Vice-Captain	Orla Laird
Course	Ronan Kelly
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**Ashbourne Golf Club 2019
Committees**

Men

David Doolan

Captain

John Gorman

Vice-Captain

Simon Flood

Honorary Secretary

Billy O'Sullivan

Honorary Treasurer

Peter Kane

Honorary Competitions
Secretary

Niall Byrne

Honorary Handicap
Secretary

Committee Members

Denis Walsh

Sponsorship

Tom Cline

Eamonn Stewart

Junior Captain

Sam Flood

Ladies

Bríd Uí Bhraonáin

Orla Laird

Helen Dowling

Elaine Carpenter

Una Keenan

Helena Boxwell

Marian Murray

Margaret McGuirk

Mary Ellis

Major Prizes:

Captain's Prize

Two Qualifying Days (Strokes).
Final Day - 18 Holes + 9 Holes for Leading Qualifiers.

Lady Captain's Prize

One Day (Strokes) 18 Holes.

President's Prize

One Day – (Strokes) 18 Holes.

Professional's Prize

One Day – (Strokes) 18 Holes.

Men's Golfer of the Year Trophy*

Best 6 cards from 9 Major Competitions &
Bonus points for Singles Matchplay.

Ladies Golfer of the Year*

Sponsor – Joan Collins
Best 6 cards from 9 Major Competitions &
Bonus points for Singles Matchplay.

Monthly Medals

Six Medals from April to September.

Matchplay Competitions

Men's Scratch Singles Matchplay Trophy.

Men's Singles Matchplay Trophy.

Men's Fourball Matchplay Trophy.

Men's Foursomes Matchplay Trophy.

Mixed Foursomes Matchplay Trophy.

Ladies Singles Matchplay Trophy.

****All Men's & Ladies' Golfer of the Year competitions are denoted by * in the diary.**

**Ashbourne Golf Club wishes to acknowledge
the continuing generosity of our
Competition Sponsors
and urges all members to support them.**

Inter-Club Competitions 2019

The Club is entered in the following Inter-Club Competitions.

Senior Cup	Peter Kane
Junior Cup	Declan Brophy
Barton Cup	Des Bray
Barton Shield	Peter Kane
Pierce Purcell	TBC
Jimmy Bruen	Eamonn Stewart
Provincial Towns Cup	Frank Bodkin
Newsam Cup	Tony McGowan
Best Cup	TBC
Fingal Seniors Alliance	Kieran Ryan Brian Fitzpatrick
Irish Mixed Foursomes	Ciaran Carroll Susan Carroll
North Leinster Mixed	TBC

ILGU AIG Inter - Club Championships

Junior Cup	Elizabeth Kane
Intermediate Cup	Kay Doyle
Minor Cup	Lily Conaty
Challenge Cup	Anne Gavin
Senior Foursomes	Angela Smyth
Revive Active	Angela Smyth
All Ireland Fourball	Kathryn Johnston
Fred Daly Youths	TBC
Under 15 Inter-Club	TBC
Ward League	TBC
	Team Convenors
Ladies	Angela Smyth
Men	Eamonn Stewart
Juniors	Declan Gallagher

Dates to note for 2019

Tues 1 st January	Invitation 4 Person Team
Sat 26 th January	Captains' Drive-In (David, Bríd and Sam)
Mon 18 th March	Invitation 4 Person Team
Mon 22 nd April	Invitation 4 Person Team
Sat 27 th April	Men's & Ladies Medal Strokes
Sun 28 th April	Open Mixed Scotch Foursomes
Mon 6 th May	Invitation 4 Person Team
Sat 18 th May	Junior/Intermediate Scratch Cups
Sun 19 th May	Men's & Ladies Medal Strokes
Sat 25 th May	Professional's Prize (Ciaran Carroll)
Mon 3 rd - Sun 9 th June	OPEN WEEK
Fri 14 th June	Club Fundraiser
Sun 16 th June	Men's & Ladies Medal Strokes
Thur 20 th June	Open 2 Lady Team
Fri 21 st June	Mid-Summer Barbecue 9 Hole Shotgun Start
Sat 22 nd June	Captain's Prize Qualifier
Sun 23 rd June	Open Singles Stableford (Course Development Day)
Sun 30 th June	Captain's Prize Qualifier
Sat 6 th July	Lady Captain's Prize (Bríd Uí Bhraonáin)
Thur 11 th July	Open 3 Lady Team
Sat 13 th July	Captain's Prize (David Doolan)
Sat 27 th July	Men's & Ladies Medal Strokes
Sun 28 th July	Open Singles Stableford
Thur 1 st August	Ladies Open Singles Stableford
Mon 5 th August	Invitation 4 Person Team
Sat 10 th August	President's Prize (Brendan Ward)
Thur 15 th August	Lady Vice-Captain's Prize (Orla Laird)
Sun 18 th August	Open 2 Lady Team
Sat 24 th August	Men's & Ladies Medal Strokes
Sun 25 th August	Tom O'Keeffe Challenge Trophy
Sat 31 st August	Deirdre Miller Memorial Trophy
Sun 1 st September	Open 4 Person Team (Junior Development Day)
Sat 7 th September	Men's Open Fourball
Sun 8 th September	Vice-Captain's Prize (John Gorman)
Sun 15 th September	Men's & Ladies Medal Strokes
Sun 22 nd September	Open Singles Stableford
Sat 28 th September	25 th Anniversary Gala Dinner Dance
Sat 28 th September	Club 4 Person Team Competition
Sat 29 th September	Lady Captain to Men / Men's Captain to Ladies
Thur 3 rd October	Ladies Open Singles Stableford
Sat 5 th October	Mars v Venus
Tue 22 nd October	Junior Club Annual General Meeting
Mon 28 th October	Invitation 4 Person Team
Sat 2 nd November	Lady Captain Bríd's Dinner
Sat 9 th November	Captain David's Dinner
Mon 11 th November	Ladies Club Annual General Meeting
Tue 12 th November	Men's Club Annual General Meeting
Tue 26 th November	Joint Club Annual General Meeting
Sat 7 th December	Christmas Special
Sat 14 th December	Ladies Christmas Scramble & Lunch

Men's Handicaps

IF NETT DIFFERENTIAL IS

CATEGORY	PLAYING HANDICAP	ABOVE SSS ADD ONLY	BELOW SSS SUBTRACT FOR EACH STROKE BELOW
1	UP TO 5	0.1	0.1
2	6 TO 12	0.1	0.2
3	13 TO 20	0.1	0.3
4	21 TO 28	0.1	0.4
5	29 TO 36	0.1	0.5
6	37 TO 54	0.1	0.6

Reductions in Playing Handicap are immediate.

Increases in Playing Handicap are immediate.

Competitions

Singles

V Par	Full Handicap
Stableford	Full Handicap
Strokes	Full Handicap

Men's Fourball

V Par	9/10 Handicap
Stableford	9/10 Handicap
Strokes	9/10 Handicap

Men's Foursomes

Men's Scotch Foursomes

Mixed Foursomes

Half Combined Handicaps
Half Combined Handicaps
Half Combined Handicaps

Matchplay

Singles: Full difference between the handicaps of the two players.

Foursomes: ½ the difference between the aggregate on either side.

Fourball: Backmarker to concede strokes to other players based on 9/10 of the difference between the full handicaps and strokes shall be taken according to the strokes table.

Ladies' Handicaps

Table of Buffer Zones				
		Nett Differential Within Buffer Zone	Nett Differential Above Buffer Zone	Nett Differential Below Buffer Zone
Category	Handicap	No Change	Increase Exact Handicap	Decrease Exact Handicap Per Stroke
1	5 or less	0 to +1	0.1	0.1
2	6 to 12	0 to +2	0.1	0.2
3	13 to 20	0 to +3	0.1	0.3
4	21 to 28	0 to +4	0.1	0.4
5	29 to 36	0 to +5	0.1	0.5
6	37 to 54	0 to +6	0.1	0.6

Competitions

- I. In Qualifying Competitions where an overall handicap limit is in force, (e.g. in open competition a handicap limit of 30), players must play off their full handicap in order that their scores may be correctly calculated for handicap purposes.
- II. Recommended Handicap Allowances are as follows:

Stroke Play, Par Competitions and Stableford Competitions

Singles: Full Handicap

Foursomes: 1/2 of the aggregate handicaps of the partners.

Fourball: Each partner receives 9/10 of the full handicap and strokes shall be taken according to the strokes table.

Matchplay

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Foursomes: 1/2 the difference between the aggregate on either side.

Fourball: Backmarker to concede strokes to other players based on 9/10 of the difference between the full handicaps and strokes shall be taken according to the strokes table.

Course Record

The Course Record will only be recognised while Playing in a Strokes Competition from the Blue Tee Markers.

Courtesy on the Course

Members shall at all times make way for the Captains on the first Tee.

Course Etiquette

- Unless otherwise stipulated by the committee the honour on the first tee shall be decided by lot.
- The player who has the honour shall play before his/her opponent or fellow competitor tees his/her ball.
- No one shall move, talk or stand close to or directly behind the ball or the hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke.
- No player should play until the players in front are out of range.
- Players should play without delay.
- Your place on the course is one shot behind the match in front of you and **not** one shot in front of the match behind.
- **If your match loses a full hole to the match in front** (i.e. play has finished on the next hole by the time your match reaches the tee) and players in the match behind have been delayed while waiting for your match to move on, **you are obliged to call the following match through.**
- If in doubt about finding your original ball you should play a provisional ball. The decision is yours – not your opponent's or fellow competitor's.
- Players searching for a ball should signal for the players behind them to pass as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not easily be found. Do not wait for Three minutes before doing so. They should not continue play until the players following them have played and are out of range.
- When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green. Cards should be marked on the next tee box and not on the green. **If you have the honour you should play before marking your card.**
- **Players shall obey at all times any instructions given by the Course Ranger** who will have been previously authorised to act in that capacity by the Committee of Management either for a specific competition or in respect for all competitions.

The Course

- A. The Committee of Management has delegated the authority to decide on whether the course should be open or not, taking account of prevailing weather conditions, to the following persons: Captain, Lady Captain, designated members of the Course Committee, Club Professional and the Club Assistant Professional. The Committee of Management may also delegate this authority to other persons from time to time.

- B.** The up to date position on the opening of the course is available on the website or by telephoning the Pro-Shop. Appropriate notices will be displayed in the Clubhouse, near the 1st Tee and in the Pro-Shop. The use of buggies and trolleys may be restricted to protect the course and in such circumstances appropriate notices will be placed in the Clubhouse and on the 1st Tee.
- C.** Children are not allowed on the course. Junior and Cadet Members, subject to their own regulations, are excepted.
- D.** The use of foul or abusive language or unseemly behaviour is unacceptable.
- E.** Guide Dogs are Welcome in the Clubhouse.

Priority on the Course

- In the absence of special rules, two-ball matches should have precedence over and can be entitled to pass any three-ball or four-ball match.
- A single player has no standing and should give way to a match of any kind.
- Any match playing a whole round is entitled to pass a match playing a shorter round.
- Members are reminded that the above rules apply not only in competitions but in friendly matches.
- There shall be no “cutting-in” while a competition is in progress.

Protecting Your Course

All golfers must display a high level of care for fellow members and for our course.

Most of the damage caused to the course during play can quite easily be repaired by players.

Tee Boxes.

- On no account may trolleys be brought or buggies driven on to the tee boxes.
- Divots on par three tee boxes should be repaired with sand from the boxes provided.
- If you must take a practice swing on the tee box, just take one.
- The blue tees are reserved for designated competitions only. No casual golf allowed from these markers.

On the Greens

- Always repair your pitch mark and those of others.
- Avoid dragging your feet on the putting surface.
- Lay, rather than throw or drop, the pin on the green and replace it carefully in the cup after completing the hole.
- Never lean on your putter when retrieving your ball.
- Never take a trolley or bag onto the green.
- Chipping and pitching onto the practice putting green is forbidden.
- Practice chipping and pitching onto the greens on the course is forbidden.

On the Fairways.

- Always carefully replace your divots, add and fill with sand from sand bag.
- Obey all signs and instructions regarding G.U.R. etc.
- Follow pathways and avoid stepping over or under ropes erected to protect vulnerable areas.
- Replace any Red or Yellow marker posts, which you may remove to facilitate your swing, to their original position. White marker posts may not be removed in any circumstance - penalty of two strokes / or loss of hole in matchplay.

Bunkers.

- Rake all areas of the bunker that have been disturbed.
- Replace rakes in the middle of bunkers.
- Leave the bunker in a condition that you would expect to find it.

Practice on the Course.

- When practising on the course no player may play more than two balls and practice chipping onto the greens is forbidden.
- Otherwise practice on the course is prohibited except in the areas designated as "Practice Areas" by the Committee of Management.

Practice Area

- Balls must be hit away from the clubhouse on the practice area.
- Mobile phones may not be used on the practice facilities other than in an emergency.
- Children are not allowed on the practice areas. Junior and Cadet Members, subject to their own regulations, are excepted.
- The use of foul or abusive language or unseemly behaviour is unacceptable.

Trolleys.

- Local notices regarding movement of trolleys must be strictly observed.
- Trolleys may not be taken into the clubhouse.

Buggies

- Buggies may not be driven on to the aprons of greens or on to tee boxes.
- Persons **under the age of 21** must have a full drivers licence in order to hire or drive a buggy.

Mobile Telephones.

- Mobile phones may not be used on the course other than in an emergency.

Clubhouse and Car Parks.

- Golf equipment shall not be taken into or left in any of the upstairs rooms or the halls.
- No notice, document or advertising materials shall be displayed in, or removed from the clubhouse without the authority of the **Committee of Management**.

Car Parking

- Car parking is entirely at the owner's risk.
- Vehicles should only be parked in designated spaces.
- **Reserved parking spaces are solely for the personal use of designated officers and officials.**

Lost and Found

Any unclaimed property left in the clubhouse will be removed and disposed of after 14 days.

Membership List.

The membership list may only be used for official club purposes.

Members are reminded that the object of these Rules and Etiquette is to enable all Members to enjoy the facilities of the course and clubhouse with minimum inconvenience to others and should be complied with in all respects.

All players shall observe the general regulations regarding courtesy, priority and care of the course as outlined in the Rules of Golf as approved by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews. (The local rules as detailed herein with regard to priority on the course shall, however, take precedence).

FIRST AID DEFIBRILLATOR (For Delivering Therapeutic Shock)

Is available in the Clubhouse and Members are advised to familiarise themselves with its location and with those trained to use it.

Rules Governing Competitions

1. The term “Committee” refers to the committee in charge of the competition.
2. The committee shall lay down the conditions under which a competition is to be played.
3. The committee has no power to waive a Rule of Golf (Rule 33.1)

The committee shall interpret the conditions it lays down for competitions and decide on any query arising out of them.

Competition Entry

4. Unless otherwise stated, the method of entry into all singles competitions is receiving a scorecard provided by Pro Shop and entering your name in the computer. Entry to other forms of competition is by entry in the competitions book provided. Competitors must supply all details requested in the competitions book - failure to do so may lead to disqualification.
5. Before starting play, Competitors must:
 - a) enter competitions;
 - b) pay the relevant competition fee before starting play.Exceptions to (a) are:
 - i. if the clubhouse or Pro. Shop is closed.
 - ii. if the computer is not working.

Late Cancellations / No Shows

6. A member of the Men’s Club or Ladies Club who having entered his / her name on the timesheet cancels after 6pm on the day before the competition or fails to attend at his or her appointed time, is deemed to be guilty of a Late Cancellation or a No Show.
7. Any member guilty of a Late Cancellation or a No Show has 48 hours from the close of the competition to write to the Competitions Committee via e-mail or using feedback on the Club website, explaining the reason for the breach.
8. If the reason provided is deemed unacceptable by the Competitions Committee, or if a member fails to follow the above procedure within the time provided, the Competitions Committee has discretion to impose on the member a fine of 4 times the competition entry fee or a 7 day suspension from all competitions at the club. Any fines or suspensions imposed shall be communicated to the relevant member(s) via text or e-mail. The fine or suspension shall take effect within a reasonable period of time.
9. The Competition’s Committee will also have the discretion to impose increased penalties for repeat offenders.

Scorecard

10. Competitors must enter their handicap on their scorecard. (Rule 6-2).
11. Scorecards must be signed by player and marker. (Rule 6-6b).
12. All scorecards must be returned whether completed or not.
13. All scorecards must be returned on the computer system.
14. Scorecards must be deposited in the competition box before close of competition. The competition is deemed to be closed when the results are posted on the notice board.
15. See Rule 6-6 when scoring in stroke play.
16. Scorecards should be completed and signed before entering the bar or restaurant area.

General

17. Players must check in and be ready to tee off ten minutes before the appointed time in order to guarantee entry to competition.
18. See Rule 6-3 re time of starting and groups.
19. Rule 6-1. "The player is responsible for knowing the conditions under which the competition is played."
20. Those competing in official club competitions have precedence at all time. Competitions in the fixture list have precedence over matchplay competitions.
21. All Official Competitions start on the first tee, unless otherwise specified by the Committee. Players in Official Competitions coming through the ninth hole have precedence at all times over players starting with permission on the tenth tee.
22. Players in competition or matchplay events shall have precedence both in starting and through the green over other players.
23. Singles competitions may be set up in three-ball or four-ball format as decided by Competitions Committees.
24. No four-balls may play in a singles Competition which has been set up in three-ball format.
25. The Committee reserve the right to re-schedule, alter times and / or pairings on any timesheet.
26. Mixed Foursomes – Men and Ladies must have Official Club Handicaps. Men must drive from the first tee in Matchplay.
27. Break of tie for 18 Hole Competitions: Last 9; last 6, last 3, last 2, last 1. Front 9; last 1, last 3, last 6, last 7, last 8,- if still tied then by lot.

Please Note: Prizes not collected 14 days after presentation may be forfeited.

Golfer of the Year.

28. Men's Golfer of the Year title will be awarded on the basis of cumulative points awarded for results in Medal Competitions, Captain's Prize, President's Prize, Professional's Prize and Club Singles Matchplays. Best 6 Cards out of 9 + Club Singles Matchplay.

29. Ladies' Golfer of the Year title will be awarded on the basis of cumulative points awarded for results in competitions marked by * in the diary. Best 6 cards out of 9 + Club Singles Matchplay.

The use of ride-on buggies is not permitted in G.O.Y qualifying competitions or in any Matchplay competitions, except on presentation of a Medical Certificate.

Captain's Prize.

30. To win the Captain's Prize, competitors must be Voting Members or Under 25 Members of at least one year and have played in at least **3** Club Singles qualifying competitions in the current year (excluding the Captain's Qualifier). Representing the club in an Inter Club Competition equates to one Singles Qualifying Competition.

President's or Professional's Prize

31. Only Voting Members of the Men's & Ladies Clubs, and Under 25 Members who have competed in at least **3** or more club Singles qualifying Competitions in the current year are eligible to enter the President's or Professional's Prize. Representing the club in an Inter Club Competition equates to one Singles Qualifying Competition.

Lady Captain's Prize

32. To win the Lady Captain's Prize, competitors must be Voting Members or Under 25 Members of at least one year and have in the current year returned at least **Four** 18 holes singles competitions in Ashbourne Golf Club. Representing the club in an Inter Club Competition equates to one Singles Qualifying Competition.

To win any other prize, competitors must have returned Three 18 holes Singles competitions cards.

Matchplay Competitions

33. Only Voting Members and Under 25 Members may enter Club Matchplay Competitions.

34. All Men's Club Matchplay matches must be played from Blue Markers. In normal circumstances extension to deadlines for completion of matches will not be granted by the committee. ***Failure to play by the due date will result in both players being eliminated.*** Competitors in all club

Matchplays must have an Official Handicap at the time of entering the Competition.

Society and Open Competitions

35. Members are obliged, under the handicapping scheme to return details to the Handicap Secretary of their participation in any Open Singles Competitions. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in suspension of the player's handicap. The information required includes the date and course played, the strokes taken or number of stableford points scored (as appropriate) and the CSS or SSS of the course in question.

Players breaking CSS in Open competitions should cut their handicap immediately pending the necessary adjustment by the committee. Members who win a prize at a Golf Classic or in a Society or Fourball competition are obliged to submit details to the Handicap Secretary.

Any alterations to the Rules governing Competitions will be posted on the Club Notice Board or Club Website.

Timesheet Etiquette

36. An Online timesheet will be in operation for all competitions, other than Specials. Prior to playing competitors names must be on the timesheet.

37. The booking of tee times is only a provisional booking. Whereas we endeavour to ensure that all competitions run on time, it may happen occasionally that members may be asked by committee, Starter or Pro-Shop to move up or back from their allotted time in order to help accommodate other members. In the event of a member refusing such a request, he or she may be disqualified from that competition and will be reported to the relevant committee, who may impose a further sanction.

38. Specific tee times are reserved for competitions on the timesheet and only players playing in the competition may enter their names in these spaces.

39. Entry to competitions is by timesheet only. All club Matchplay Matches MUST be played at times which DO NOT conflict with competition timesheets. See Notice boards/Time-sheets for Competition Conditions, e.g.

- a) Tee Markers
- b) Competition Fee
- c) Strokes, Stableford or V Par
- d) Holes in Play

40. Voting Members and Under 25 Members may enter their names on the time-sheet during times specifically allocated to the Men's Club on

Wednesday evenings if there is sufficient space on the Time-sheet after 9am on the Monday beforehand.

41. Internal competition time-sheets will be released 5 days before each competition. Open and Invitation timesheets will be released at least 12 days in advance of each competition. Check Notice Board or Club Website for latest information.

42. Thursday Timesheets (Ladies Competition)

- i. The Competition Time currently allocated to Ladies (9.00 to 12.00) and afternoon (4.00 to 5.00) on Thursday. No fourballs can be booked in from 8.30 to 9.00am
- ii. Unbooked slots during Thursday afternoon Competition time will be released to members at 9am on the previous Monday for; casual golf, singles match play or foursomes matchplay. Under no circumstances can fourball match play be played during this competition time.
- iii. Those playing in the Competition have priority on the course at all times.
- iv. Society bookings should end half an hour before the Ladies Competition time on Thursday afternoons and the last group may not go out as a fourball.
- v. No green fees will be allowed during this competition time.
- vi. As a matter of course, on any competition day, the Pro Shop will inform all green fees (and members) that there are club competitions taking place and players who have entered the competition should be let play through in the event that they are being held up.

43. Saturday / Sundays

- i. No weekend Societies before 11:30am
- ii. Time required for Inter-Club matches must be arranged with the relevant team Conveners and confirmed with the relevant Competition Secretaries by the Convener.
- iii. Inter-club matches can only be played after 3pm. In exceptional circumstances, and in consultation with each other, the Competition Secretaries will exercise their discretion in this regard.
- iv. No match practices (both home team and visitors) at weekends until after competition close time.
- v. Time allocated to Open / Invitation Competitions at weekends will be condensed and the unused slots of any Open/Invitation Competition will be released on a Thursday evening at 6pm.
- vi. At all times those playing in competition will have priority on the course.
- vii. Mixed Foursomes will be condensed and Men's singles club competitions can be run before and after the time allocated.

Rules governing Competitions may be subject to change at the discretion of the Committee. Please observe Notice boards or Club Website for modifications or additions.

Recommendations for avoiding slow play.

1. Your place on the course is one shot behind the match in front of you, not one shot in front of the match behind.
2. If there is a doubt about finding your original ball, play a provisional ball.
3. If your match loses a full hole to the match in front (i.e. play has finished on the next hole by the time your match has reached the tee) and the match behind has been delayed while waiting for your match to move on, you are obliged to call the following match through. One of the recommended procedures is to play your tee shots while the following match plays out the previous green, call them through and stand aside while they play on. You are not obliged to call any other following match through unless you lose a further hole.
4. **The most common causes of avoidable delays are players not being ready to play on their turn, spending excessive time searching for lost balls (no provisional ball played!!), marking cards before anybody tees off and plain idle chatter.**
5. Players searching for a ball should signal the players behind them to pass as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not be easily found. They should not search for five minutes before doing so.
6. When play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the green and proceed to the next hole.
7. Ensure that golf bags are left on the correct side of the green to enable direct progress to the next tee without delay.
8. If there is a doubt about a ball being “out of bounds” or lost outside a hazard play a “provisional ball” before proceeding.
9. Rule 6-7 imposes a 2 shot penalty if a player unduly delays play.
10. If approached by the Course Ranger please comply immediately with his instructions.
11. Inconsiderate slow play is considered to be objectionable.

Remember Slow Play Spoils a Good Day

Cadet, Junior and Under 25 Members

(Under 25 Members are persons aged between 18 and 25 years.)

Code of Practice Statement

“Ashbourne Golf Club is fully committed to safeguarding the well-being of its Junior Members. Every individual in the Club should at all times, show respect and understanding of their rights, safety and welfare, and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Club and the guidelines contained in the “Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children in Sport in Ireland”

Different Categories.

- Cadet members are children aged between 6 and 7 years.
- Junior members are young persons aged between 8 and 17 years.
- Under 25 Members are persons aged between 18 and 25 years.

Rules governing Under 25 Members.

Playing Times and Rules

1. Under 25 members may tee off the 1st teeing ground and play golf on the course on Monday to Friday including Public and Bank Holidays except when:-
 - i. an Inter-Club competition is in progress
 - ii. there is a society or classic booked
 - iii. during competitions (for these see competitions playing times)
2. Under 25 members should commence their golf on the 1st teeing ground only. The practice of “cutting in” is forbidden
3. Please remember in casual (non-competition) rounds of golf:-
 - Men must play from white tees
 - Women play from red tees

Competitions

- Under 25 members, with a handicap, may compete in Men’s or Ladies Club Singles competitions.
- They may compete in and win Men’s or Ladies Medals.
- Under 25 members may enter their Captain’s Prize, the President’s Prize, and the Professional’s Prize.

Rules governing Junior and Cadet Members

Before going out on course:

1. Juniors must sign in with the Pro Shop when they arrive in the Golf club at all times. They are not permitted to go out on the course or practice area without first having signed in and may be asked to leave the course in this event.
2. Juniors must sign out with the Pro Shop when they have finished their round of golf at all times.
3. Membership identification badge must be displayed on golf bags.
4. Junior Members are prohibited from driving a ride-on buggy.

Playing Times and rules:

1. All Junior Members are encouraged to participate in their weekly Junior Club competitions and Matchplays.
2. All rules governing the Junior Club are displayed on the Club website.
3. Juniors intending to play outside competition times must at all times check the Time Sheet for observations pertinent to Junior Members.
4. Juniors who are not playing in the daily competition, are not permitted to use the course, practice area or putting green until 30 minutes after the last tee-off time of all adult GOY competitions.

Competitions:

1. Junior Competitions are usually on Tuesdays except where otherwise notified.
2. Entry to competition is by time sheet or through Pro-Shop only.
3. Only one round of golf may be played on Junior Competition Days.
4. Juniors must leave the Clubhouse and its environs no more than one hour after completing their round, except on Junior Competition days.
5. In order to win the Junior Captain's Prize a member must have played in at least **four** qualifying junior competitions.

Prizes:

1. Junior boys who play in Men's Single Competitions will be awarded a separate prize if they bring in a score better than the Prize Winning Score of an Adult in their particular class.
2. Junior Girls who play in Ladies Singles Competitions may compete for all prizes.
3. Juniors who play in adult team events may compete for all prizes.
4. Juniors who enter adult competitions are bound by the rules of that competition.

In the event of a Junior winning a prize which includes alcohol, an appropriate alternative prize will be provided.

Casual Golf:

1. Juniors without official handicaps, must be accompanied by an adult member or Junior Member who has CONGU handicap.
2. Juniors aged 12 and over may not tee off after 3.00 pm Monday to Friday without an adult unless they have a handicap of **24** or less for boys and **30** or less for girls.
3. Juniors may book their golf through the Office, Pro Shop or On-Line no more than one day in advance, however once their name is on the timesheet, they are entitled to play at that time.
4. Juniors may not play during Inter-Club Competitions, a Society or Classic booking or during Adult Competition times unless they are eligible to play or have been invited to play.
5. In casual golf, Boys must play off the white/yellow tees and Girls off the red/yellow tees.
6. Juniors should commence their golf from the **1st Tee**. The practice of **‘cutting in’** on any other tee box including the 10th is strictly forbidden, unless instructed to do otherwise by the Pro Shop.

Playing Privileges (Sat, Sun, Public & Bank Holidays)

1. Junior Boys with a handicap of **24** or less may compete in all adult competitions (including Medal Competitions subject to the guidelines as set out at 7. Below). In singles competitions, only **Two** Junior Boys per line is permitted and he must play with at least **one Adult Member**. Always check Men’s notice board for details.
2. Junior Girls with a handicap of **30** or less may compete in all adult competitions except **GOY** competitions or otherwise notified and must play with at least **one Adult Member**. Always check Ladies notice boards for details.
3. Junior boys with a handicap greater than **24** and Junior Girls with a handicap greater than **30** (Rookies and Young Masters) must play with at least **one Adult Member** of Ashbourne Golf club.
4. Outside weekend competition times, Junior Boys with a handicap of **24** or less and Junior Girls with a handicap of **30** or less may play unaccompanied by an **Adult Member**.
5. Juniors may only reserve a Saturday tee time slot after 8pm on the Friday of the weekend they intend to play.
6. Juniors may only reserve a Sunday tee time slot after 8.00 pm on the Saturday of the weekend they intend to play.
7. Guidelines for Juniors entering Medal Competitions:
 - a. Junior Boys with a handicap of **24** or less may compete in Men’s Medal Competitions.
 - b. They may only reserve a teetime slot after 8.00pm on the evening before the competition is due to take place.
 - c. Only **Two** Junior Boys per line is permitted.

- d. In the event of a junior boy returning a prizewinning score in any category of the Medal Competition, he will be awarded a separate prize.
- e. Junior members who are not competing in the medal, may not use the course, practice area or the practice putting green until at least 30 minutes after the last teetime in the competition.

Category of Junior Members and Playing Rights:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Handicap</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>		<u>Week Ends & Bank Holidays After Comp.Time</u>
			Until 3 pm	After 3 pm	
CADET	6 - 7	N/A	With Adult	With Adult	With Adult
YOUNG MASTER	8 – 17	Domestic: Boys 36 Girls 36	No Restrictions	With Adult	With Adult
ROOKIE	10 – 17	Domestic: Boys 30 Girls 36	No Restrictions	With Adult	With Adult
CONGU	12 – 17	Boys 20-28 Girls 31-36	No Restrictions	With Adult	With Adult
		Boys ≤ 24 Girls ≤ 30	No Restrictions	No Restrictions	No Restrictions

* ADVANCE BOOKING TIME FOR CASUAL GOLF IS ALWAYS ONE DAY

Opens and Invitational Competitions:

Singles Competitions

1. In Men’s Wednesday Invitational Competitions Junior Boys with a handicap of **24** or less, may tee off before 1.00 pm, are limited to **Two** per line and must be accompanied by an **Adult Member** of Ashbourne Golf Club.
2. Juniors may only reserve a Wednesday tee time slot after 8.00 pm on the Monday before they intend to play.
3. In all other Invitational Singles Competitions, Junior Boys with a CONGU handicap of **28** or less may play, subject to a limit of **Two** per line, provided they are accompanied by an **Adult Member** of Ashbourne Golf Club.
4. In Open Singles Competitions, Junior Boys with a CONGU handicap of **28** or less may play, subject to a limit of **Two** per line, provided they are accompanied by an **Adult Playing**.
5. Junior Girls with a CONGU handicap of **36** or less may play in Ladies Open and Invitational Competitions provided they are accompanied by an **Adult Playing**. No restrictions on playing times.

Team Competitions

6. In Invitation Four Person Team, Three Person Scramble or Rumble, at least one member of the team must be an **Adult Member** of Ashbourne Golf Club.
7. In Invitation Fourballs, Junior members must be invited by and play with an **Adult Member** of Ashbourne Golf Club.
8. In Open Team Events, Scrambles, Rumbles or Fourballs, at least one member of the team must be either an **Adult Member** of Ashbourne Golf Club or an **Adult Playing**.

Junior Green Fees

- Junior Green Fee €15 (Monday – Friday)
- No Junior Guests allowed at weekends or on Bank/Public *Holidays* except during Club organised Open Events.
- Junior Guests must be a member of another Golf Club and have an official handicap from that Club.
- Junior Guests must be 12 years or older.

Cadet Members

Cadet members must be accompanied **at all times** by a Parent or Grandparent.

End of Cadet and Junior Section

Dress Code

Out of courtesy to your fellow golfers, all members and visitors are expected to comply with the following dress code. Access to the Course, Clubhouse or Practice Facilities may be denied to persons who do not comply with the dress code.

Neat dress is required at all times.

1. In general it is accepted that golfers will wear recognised golf apparel including golf shoes (soft spikes only), socks, skirts, slacks or tailored knee-length shorts, a top with a collar and sleeves, and/or a sweater. Turtle necks and collarless tops designed specifically for golf are also acceptable. Ladies may wear tailored sleeveless shirts.
2. Socks must be worn with shorts.
3. **SOFT SPIKE GOLF SHOES ARE OBLIGATORY ON THE COURSE AND PRACTICE AREAS** (spikes may be obtained from the Pro.Shop). This is a contributing factor to our excellent putting surfaces. Access to the course will be denied to persons using metal spike golf shoes.

4. Golf caps, rain gear and hats are a recognised part of the golfer attire. Baseball caps must not be worn the wrong way around.
5. The following are considered unsuitable for wearing on the Golf Course or Practice Facilities.
 - Singlets, sleeveless or collarless tops (other than golf-designed turtleneck tops).
 - Track or leisure suits /hoodies
 - Football or swimming shorts.
 - Trousers tucked into socks.
 - Garments displaying slogans.
 - Denim jeans and jackets.

Dress Code for Inter-Club Competitions

Club Colours must be worn by All Members representing Ashbourne Golf Club in All Inter-Club Competitions.

Dress Code for Bar and Restaurant

1. Smart Casual dress is required at all times.
2. The wearing of golf caps or other similar headgear is not permitted in the Bar or Restaurant.
3. The wearing of slogan or football type shirts or shorts is not permitted.
4. Golf shoes are not permitted.
5. Members are responsible for ensuring that their guests adhere to this code.

Staff are authorised to approach members and visitors if the dress regulations are not adhered to.

Rules for Bar and Restaurant

1. Parents/guardians must supervise children at all times. Children are not permitted on to the practice areas or the course. Junior members, subject to their own regulations, are excepted.
2. Bags, shoes and other golf equipment are not to be left in the doorway, stairwell, bar or restaurant.
3. Children are allowed on the balcony only in the company of a Supervising Adult.
4. Mobile phones must be kept on silent and answered outside of the bar and restaurant.
5. Members must sign their guests into the Visitors book.
6. Guide Dogs are Welcome in the Clubhouse.
7. The use of foul or abusive language or unseemly behaviour is unacceptable.

Members Guests Green Fees :

Weekday - €15.00 (Maximum of three)

Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays - €20.00 (Maximum of three)

Juvenile Visitors: Monday to Friday - €15.00

**ALL GOLF SHOES MUST HAVE
NON-METAL SOFT SPIKES**

NO GREEN FEES DURING COMPETITION TIMES

North Leinster Golf Clubs - Telephone Numbers

Ardee	041	6853227
Ashbourne		8352005
Balbriggan		8412229
Balcarrick		8436957
Beaverstown		8436721
Black Bush		8250021
Clontarf		8331892
Co Louth	041	9881530
Co Meath	046	9431463
Corrstown		8640546
Donabate		8436346
Dundalk	042	9321731
Elm Green		8200797
Forrest Little		8401763
Greenore	042	9373212
Headfort	046	9240146
Hollystown		8207444
Hollywood Lakes		8433406
Howth		8323055
Island		8436205
Laytown/Bettystown	041	9827170
Luttrellstown		8089988
Malahide		8461611
Mullingar	044	9348366
Portmarnock		8462794
Roganstown		8433118
Royal Dublin		8336346
Royal Tara	046	9025508
Rush		8438177
St Anne's		8336417
St Margaret's		8640400
Seapoint	041	9822333
Skerries		8491567
Sutton		8322965
Swords		8409819

