
ST ANDREWS LINKS BYE-LAWS REGULATING THE USE OF ST ANDREWS LINKS

The TRUSTEES of the ST ANDREWS LINKS TRUST (hereinafter referred to as the "Trustees"), appointed in terms of Section 4 of the St Andrews Links Order Confirmation Act 1974 (hereinafter referred to as the "St Andrews Links Order 1974"), hereby make and enact the following bye-laws for the regulation of the Links of St Andrews for the management and use of the Golf Courses on the said Links, for the control of the conduct of persons frequenting the Links, for regulating the employment and remuneration of Golf Caddies and Bag Carriers (hereinafter referred to as "Caddies"), and for the delegation of powers to the Links Management Committee").

Applicable to the Links as described in the First Schedule to the St Andrews Links Order 1974.

Interpretation

1. Interpretation of Terms throughout these bye-laws:
 - i. "Links" means the lands set forth and described in Part 1 of Schedule I to the St Andrews Links Order Confirmation Act 1974.
 - ii. "Management Committee" means the Management Committee appointed in pursuance of Section 21 of the St Andrews Links Order Confirmation Act 1974.
 - iii. "The Act" means the St Andrews Links Order Confirmation Act 1974.
 - iv. "Officer" shall include the Links Supervisor, the Deputy Supervisor, Rangers and Starters.

General

2. No person shall play any game (other than golf) on any part of the Links except with the consent of the Management Committee.
3. No person using the Links for the purpose of walking or recreation shall interfere with the playing of golf or any other duly authorised game.
4. No person shall remove, displace, soil, damage or destroy any portion of the Links or any of the golfing holes, tee-boxes, guide posts, greens, turf, shrubs, flags, flagsticks, watering equipment, bunkers or other hazards or any Notice-Board on the Links or any part of any wall or fence thereon, or any part of any building, railing or any fixed or moveable seat or any other structure or erection on the Links, or any green-keeping equipment.
5. No person shall at any time in any part of the Links, deposit any soil or sand, debris, rubbish or material of any kind without the authority of the Management Committee.
6. No person shall distribute or cause or permit anyone on his behalf to distribute advertising material of any description, or broadcast or cause or permit anyone on his behalf to broadcast, upon the Links except with the authority of the Management Committee.

7. No person shall, except as authorised by the Management Committee, erect any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand or other structure upon any parts of the Links.
8. No person shall land an aircraft on any part of the Links except as authorised by the Management Committee.
9. No person shall, on any part of the Links, sell, or offer or expose for sale, any comestibles, ice-cream, confectionery, beverages or articles or commodities of any kind unless in pursuance of an Agreement with the Trustees and for such payment or consideration (if any) in respect of the right or privilege to do so as may be fixed by such Agreement.
10. No person shall on any part of the Links deliver any public speech, lecture, sermon or address, or give or transmit any musical or other entertainment, or conduct any show performance or fair without the authority of the Management Committee.
11. No person shall obstruct, disturb, annoy or interfere with any other person exercising a legitimate use of the Links.
12. No person shall park a vehicle on any part of the Links except with the authority of the Management Committee.
13. No person shall, except in the course of playing golf, between the hours of 8am and 8pm on any day, either alone or in conjunction with other persons or by the use of dogs or other animals, or by the use of instruments or mechanical devices, search for golf balls on any part of the Links or loiter with intent to make such search.
14. Any person found in a state of intoxication and incapable of taking care of himself and any person behaving in a riotous or disorderly manner or disturbing the peace, or infringing any Bye-law upon any part of the Links shall be guilty of an offence, and may be removed therefrom by any constable or by any officer of the Management Committee.

Relating to the playing of Golf

15. Before commencing to play, every player (unless such playing is entitled to exemption from payment of the charges for the Golf Courses or has been granted the benefit of reduced charges and received a ticket or token in respect thereof) shall obtain a ticket from the officer appointed to issue same, and shall pay the charges which may from time to time be imposed.
16. No person shall fill up or lodge any false or duplicate application or applications for a starting place or places.
17. No person shall fill up or lodge any false or duplicate application for the purpose of being granted the benefit of reduced charges.
18. No person shall transfer the ticket or token granting the benefit of reduced charges to any other person, and no person shall receive or accept such ticket or token for the purpose of avoiding payment of charges for golf.
19. No player shall play from any teeing ground until the players immediately in front are out of range, nor play to the putting green till the players immediately in front have holed out and left the green.
20. Players looking for a lost ball must allow other players coming up to play through.
21. Any turf cut or displaced by a stroke in playing must be at once carefully replaced by the player or his caddie, and pressed firmly down with the foot.

22. No person shall practice or teach golf on any part of the Links, except in an area set aside for the purpose or with the authority of the Management Committee.
23. Players causing undue delay must, when requested by a Ranger or such other person authorised by the Management Committee, allow players in a later match to pass them. Any player who fails to comply with such a request from a Ranger or other authorised person or who shall consistently hold up play shall, if required by the Ranger or other authorised person, discontinue play and leave the course.
24. Players turning without playing a whole round must allow players playing two-, three- or four-ball games who are in course of playing a complete round, to pass them immediately on being requested to do so.
25. Golf flagsticks when taken out of the holes must be laid upon the ground without damaging the green and the flag-stick must be replaced properly in the hole immediately upon the hole being played out.
26. No player shall strike a ball if any person is in a position of danger without first audibly shouting "fore", and allowing such person a reasonable opportunity to get out of range.
27. No person shall wade in the Swilcan Burn so far as it flows through the Old Course, nor shall any person, except players or their caddies in retrieving a ball when engaged in a match then in progress, do anything to cause the waters of said Burn to become discoloured or muddy.
28. No person shall enter upon, or pass over, any part of the Golf Courses (with the exception of (1) the portion of the Links occupied by the road leading from the Golf Hotel westwards to the bridge at the West End of Gibson Place, (2) the road known as the Mussel Road, and (3) the road which crossed from Granny Clark's Wynd to the West Sands) with any horse or other beast of draught, or with any vehicle of any description except with the permission of the Management Committee.
29. No person shall obstruct or molest any workman or officer engaged upon the Golf Courses while in the discharge of his duties; and no person shall neglect or refuse to comply with instructions or orders lawfully given by such officer of the Management Committee provided that such officer giving the instructions or orders shall either be in uniform or shall be openly wearing a distinctive badge of office or shall produce a signed authority from the Management Committee.
30. No person shall cause or allow any dog belonging to him or in his charge to be loose so as to cause annoyance to any golfer.
31. Every player shall, when required by any officer of the Management Committee, exhibit to such officer the ticket held by such player; or in the case of a player granted the benefit of reduced charges, the ticket or token held by such player; or in the case of a player entitled to exemption from payment the authority held by such player. Any player refusing such requirement of such officer properly made shall, if requested to do so by such officer, immediately leave the golf courses, failing which he may, in addition to such other penalties as may be incurred in terms of these bye-laws, be removed therefrom by such officer or by any constable.
32. Any person refusing or evading payment of the charges which may from time to time be duly made for the Golf Courses, or any of them, shall, upon being requested by any officer of the Management Committee, immediately leave any golf course upon which such person may be playing, failing which he may, in addition to such other penalties as may be incurred in terms of these bye-laws, be removed therefrom by such officer or by any constable.

33. The Management Committee may exclude from all or any of the Golf Courses any person who has refused or evaded payment of the charges made as aforesaid, and no such person shall play upon any of the golf courses after being so excluded therefrom by intimation from any officer of the Management Committee.
34. No person shall play upon any Golf Course or part thereof at any time when the same is closed for play.
35. The Management Committee may fix the hours during which three- or four-ball matches may start, and upon such hours being fixed no player shall start in such matches except during the hours so fixed.

For regulating the Licensing and Allocation of Caddies and Bag Carriers and as to the Duties of the Caddie Master.

36. Caddies are not employed by the Trustees or the Management Committee but, for the convenience of persons playing golf, caddies are permitted on the golf courses provided they are in possession of a valid licence issued by the Management Committee. It shall be at the discretion of the Management Committee as to whether a licence will be issued.
37. No person shall act for hire as a caddie on the golf courses unless he is the holder of a licence issued by the Management Committee and is fulfilling such other conditions as the Committee may from time to time impose.
38. A register of every licence so granted shall be kept by the Caddie Master, who shall be appointed by the Management Committee, and every licence shall be signed by the Management Committee, or such other person as may be authorised to act on its behalf and shall continue in force for the period mentioned in the licence, such period not to exceed twelve months.
39. Players or persons acting for or on behalf of players in the engagement of caddies shall, in every case, engage caddies through the Caddie Master, except when the Caddie Master is not on duty.
40. Players may select particular caddies by name through the Caddie Master, otherwise the Caddie Master shall select caddies in accordance with his daily roster of caddies attending for duty.
41. If, through an unusual number of golfers or any other cause, all licence holders are employed, the Caddie Master may appoint, for the day, emergency caddies. In this connection a Starter or Ranger may operate in the Caddie Master's absence.
42. Should any caddie, having reported for duty, refuse an engagement when selected by the Caddie Master, he shall have his name removed from the duty roster for the remainder of that day.
43. No caddie shall anywhere canvass for employment, or quarrel or make a noise about his rotation for engagement, or about the players of the game, or annoy the public or the players in any way.
44. The Caddie Master shall have full control under the Management Committee of all matters relating to the engagement or allocation of caddies. Every caddie shall obey the orders of the Caddie Master and of any officer or official duly appointed by the Management Committee in connection with the upkeep and control of the Golf Courses.
45. The charges payable by players to regular licensed caddies shall be determined by the Management Committee from time to time, and such charges shall be applicable to all the Golf Courses. No caddie shall demand payment from a player of any sum in excess of these charges.

46. In the event of a contravention of the bye-laws by a caddie, the Caddie Master may suspend the caddie pending an investigation by the Management Committee or pending the result of any prosecution which may ensue.
47. Professional caddies brought to St Andrews by participating golfers during Championships or other tournaments must apply to the Caddie Master for registration as an emergency caddie. Such registration will not be made if the caddie has been refused a licence by the Management Committee.

Penalties

48. Any person contravening any of the foregoing bye-laws shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £50 for each breach thereof, and, failing payment, to imprisonment in terms of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1975, and any person contravening any of the bye-laws numbers 23, 29, 31, 32 and 33 shall be further liable to be excluded from the Links for such period not exceeding one year as to the Court shall deem proper.

The following Bye-laws for the regulation of the Links of St Andrews etc., enacted by the Trustees of the St Andrews Links Trust, viz.:-

- (1) Nos. 1 to 66 and 70 to 73 of the Bye-laws made and adopted by the Provost, Magistrates and Councillors of the Burgh of St Andrews on 2nd July 1923, and confirmed by the Sheriff-Substitute of Fife and Kinross on 8th October 1923, and by the Secretary for Scotland on 30th October 1923, and
- (2) Bye-laws Nos. 74, 75, 76 and 77 which are additional to the Bye-laws for the regulation of the Links of St Andrews and for other purposes made and adopted by the Provost, Magistrates and Councillors of the Burgh of St Andrews on 8th January 1945 and confirmed by the Sheriff-Substitute of Fife and Kinross on 29th March 1945, and by the Secretary of Scotland on 27th April 1945 are hereby repealed as from the date when the foregoing Bye-laws shall come into effect.

The Trustees of the St Andrews Links Trust, as authorised by the St Andrews Links Order Confirmation Act 1974, and without prejudice thereto, as authorised by the provisions of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1947, as amended by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, have made and enacted the foregoing Bye-laws Nos. 1 to 49 for regulating the use of St Andrews Links and for other purposes.

Signed on behalf of the said Trustees at a duly constituted Meeting of the St Andrews Links Trust, on the Twenty-sixth day of November, Nineteen hundred and seventy-six.

NORMAN W GRAHAM, Chairman of the Trustees

LS ROBERT BUCHANAN, Secretary to the Trustees

Confirmed by the Secretary of State for Scotland LS M H ORDE, Assistant Secretary

Scottish Development Department
Edinburgh
23rd January 1978



49. The Trustees of the St Andrews Links Trust, as authorised by the St Andrews Links Order Confirmation Act 1974, and without prejudice thereto, as authorised by the provisions of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1947, as amended by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, have made and enacted the foregoing amendments to Bye-laws nos. 36 to 49 for regulating the use of St Andrews Links and for other purposes.

Signed on behalf of the said Trustees at a duly constituted Meeting of the St Andrews Links Trust, on the Twelfth day of November, Nineteen hundred and eighty-two.

LS NORMAN W GRAHAM, Chairman of the Trustees

LS ROBERT BUCHANAN, Secretary to the Trustees

In exercise of the powers contained in Section 202 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the Secretary of State hereby confirms the foregoing amendment.

LS H H MILLS, Assistant Secretary

Scottish Development Department
New St Andrew's House
Edinburgh
10th May 1983