



St Andrews Links
Student Guidelines
2016/2017



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St Andrews Links is the Home of Golf where the game has been played for at least six centuries. Comprising of seven courses the Links is now the largest public golfing complex in Europe.

St Andrews Links was gifted to the residents of St Andrews almost 900 years ago and they have special playing privileges, some of which are extended to Students studying at the University of St Andrews.

These guidelines tell you exactly how to play the courses at St Andrews Links and make the most of your time here at the Home of Golf.

The Seven Courses at the Home of Golf

Course	Yards	Par	Men's SSS	LGU SSS	Golfer Level
*Old Course	6721	72	73	76	Experienced
The Castle Course	5460 - 7188	71	72	73	Experienced
New	6625	71	73	75	Experienced
Jubilee	6742	72	73	74	Experienced
Eden	6250	70	71	72	Reasonable
Strathtyrum	5620	69	67	67	Reasonable
Balgove (18 holes)	3040	60	-	60	Beginner

*Please note that the Old Course is the only course which requires a handicap (24 men, 36 ladies) and an official handicap certificate must be presented to the Reservations team when purchasing a yearly ticket. A letter of introduction from a club or professional will not be accepted.



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Yearly Ticket Information

St Andrews University Students can purchase a yearly or a single round green fee ticket at discounted rates. Below are the prices for yearly tickets:

Ticket Type	Courses	Cost	Required
Full Ticket	All	£205	Matriculation card + Handicap certificate
Restricted	All Excl. Old & Castle (Restricted ticket holders are entitled to 2 rounds per year on The Castle Course for only £10 per round)	£110	Matriculation card
Strathtyrum	Strathtyrum & Balgove	£45	Matriculation card

Yearly tickets are valid from 1 September 2016 –31 August 2017 and the full price shown above is payable regardless of the purchase date. To purchase your ticket visit the Reservations team in the Eden Clubhouse between 9am and 4.30pm weekdays (Thursday 9.30am) bringing your **current matriculation card**. Please note a **Full Ticket cannot be purchased without a current, official handicap certificate**.

Current yearly tickets for 2015/16 will continue to be valid until close of play on Monday 31 August 2016 and can be renewed from 1 September 2016 onwards with your **current matriculation card (and current official handicap certificate if renewing a Full Ticket)**.

Single Round Green Fees

Below are the prices for single round green fees:

Course	High Season	Shoulder Season	Low Season	Required
Old	£44	£31	£22	Matriculation card + Handicap certificate
New	£25	£18	£12	Matriculation card
Jubilee	£25	£18	£12	Matriculation card
The Castle Course	£40	£28	£20	Matriculation card
Eden	£15	£11	£8	Matriculation card
Strathtyrum	£10	£7	£5	Matriculation card
Balgove	£5	£2	£2	Matriculation card

Low Season (Old & Castle Course): 1 Nov 2016 – 31 Mar 2017*

Low Season (Other Courses): 1 Nov 2016 – 28 Feb 2017

Shoulder Season (Old & Castle Course): 17 – 31 Oct 2016, 1 – 16 Apr 2017

Shoulder Season (Other Courses): 17 – 31 Oct 2016, 1 Mar – 16 Apr 2017

*Please note that The Castle Course is closed from 7th November 2016 – 28 Feb 2017 inclusive

To purchase single green fee tickets visit the Starter for each course bringing with you your **current matriculation card**. You will also need your handicap certificate if playing the Old.

Please note any abuse of the privileges provided to St Andrews University Student Ticket Holders will result in the tickets being withdrawn



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How to Book – 2 or more golfers

To book over the phone for one day ahead , on the day bookings or to enter the Ballot, call the Links Clubhouse Reception on 01334 466666. (Open 7 days)

Local Online times are available to book 9 weeks in advance of play via our website at standrews.com

Course	
Old	<p>To enter the 48 hour Ballot there must be at least two players and you may enter online via our website standrews.com , in person at one of the clubhouses, or by telephone on + 44 (0) 1334 466666 before 14:00 two days before you hope to play the Old Course. The Ballot will take place every day of the week with the exception of Friday as there is no play on the Old Course on Sundays.</p> <p>Students must submit their names, handicaps and yearly ticket numbers when entering. The home club should be entered as St Andrews University.</p> <p>The result of the Ballot is available by phoning back after 4.30pm the same day as you entered on + 44 (0) 1334 466666, or by checking our website standrews.com</p> <p>Trolleys are not permitted on the Old Course between November and March. A trolley may only be used on the Old Course from 12 noon between April and October.</p>
New	No booking required, simply turn up at the Starter and they will allocate you the next available time.
Jubilee	Book one day ahead by phone providing the names (min 2 golfers) and time you wish to play. Students with a yearly ticket also qualify for local preferential times available every day from 8-9.30am and 1.30–2.30pm which can be booked seven days ahead. Ticket holders can also book local preferential times online. If you need to cancel your round please inform us on 01334 466666
The Castle Course	<p>Book one day ahead by phone providing the names (min 2 golfers) and time you wish to play. Students with a yearly ticket also qualify for local preferential times which can be booked seven days ahead. Full ticket holders can also book local preferential times online. Restricted ticket holders are entitled to two rounds per year on the course at a discounted rate of £10, paid at the point of play. Book as above. After these have been utilised the single round green fee applies.</p> <p>The course is closed from 7 Nov 2016 – 28 Feb 2017 Inc.</p>
Eden	Book one day ahead by phone providing the names (min 2 golfers) and time you wish to play. Students with a yearly ticket also qualify for local preferential times available every day from 7.04-8.24 am (when daylight permits or no less than 7 local times) which can be booked seven days ahead. Ticket holders can also book local preferential times online. If you need to cancel your round please inform us on 01334 466666
Strathtyrum	Book one day ahead by phone providing the names (min 2 golfers) and time you wish to play. Students with a yearly ticket also qualify for local preferential times available every day from 8.30 -9.30am and 1.30–2.30pm which can be booked seven days ahead. Ticket holders can also book local preferential times online. If you need to cancel your round please inform us on 01334 466666
Balgove	No booking required, simply turn up at the Starter and they will allocate you the next available time.



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How to Book –Single Golfers

It is still possible to try to play the Old Course and any of our other courses as a single player.

For the Old Course you should check in at the Old Pavilion (at the side of the first tee) on the day of play and the staff will try to help you join with a 2 or 3-ball group willing to take another player with them on their tee time. (In the summer months there may be a queue of singles waiting, so it is advisable to make sure the Starter and the Old Pavilion staff are aware you are there hoping to play.)

With patience, this can be successful but there are no guarantees. The green fee is payable to the Starter on the day. A current official handicap certificate/card is required to play the Old Course and to be shown to the starter prior to play; the maximum for men is 24 and 36 for ladies. There are no handicap restrictions on any of our other courses.

This procedure applies to a single golfer on our other five 18-hole courses although it is not necessary to arrive so early for those courses and is much easier to get out and play.

Golfing Etiquette

It is important for the future of student golf that the traditional etiquette of the game is observed in St Andrews.

1. Always play without delay, keep up with the match in front, do not practise and move off the green to the next tee before marking score cards. Tee-off as soon as it is safe to do so.
2. If you cannot find your ball immediately, signal the following players through as soon as they are ready to play and if playing in a three or four ball, allow two ball matches to play through.
3. Four-ball medal play is not allowed. If you are out of contention on a hole, pick up.
4. Repair any pitch marks made on the greens immediately to prevent damage.
5. Respect the courses and the course equipment and avoid damage to them.
6. Rake bunkers after use.
7. Do not play if golfers in front are within range.

Dress Code:

Golfers are expected to wear clothing appropriate for golf. Scruffy or torn clothing is not considered appropriate. If in doubt please consult the Starter. The dress code is smart casual in the clubhouses.

Speed of Play:

An indication of the time four balls are expected to complete a round is published on the score card for each course but Golfers are asked to ensure that they play without delay. Players' Assistants are on the Links at all times to help golfers and to ensure that they maintain the speed of play. Your co-operation is appreciated.



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Learn at the Home of Golf

The St Andrews Links Golf Academy is open 7am – 8pm seven days a week. This state of the art teaching facility offers a range of lesson plans for all abilities from beginners to single handicap golfers. The Golf Academy is also home to a flood lit driving range with indoor and outdoor bays and a short game area for chipping, bunker and putting practise.

No. of Balls	Price	Ticket Holder
25	£2.50	£2.00
50	£4.00	£3.50
75	£5.50	£5.00
100	£6.50	£6
500 ball Rangecard	£32	£29
1000 ball Rangecard	£60	£54
Short game area	£3.00 for 1 Hour	£2.50 for 1 Hour

Prices valid as of 2nd August 2016

Relax at the Home of Golf

There are three clubhouses at St Andrews Links and all are open to the public serving meals and snacks throughout the day.

The Links Clubhouse offers fantastic facilities for golfers playing the Old, New and Jubilee Courses including lockers, showers and drying facilities. Upstairs the Swilcan Restaurant provides stunning panoramic views over the Old Course.

A constant hub of activity, the Eden Clubhouse offers a friendly and inviting atmosphere for golfers playing the Eden, Strathtyrum and Balgove Courses.

As popular as the course itself, The Castle Course Clubhouse is well worth a visit, even if just to drink in the stunning views over St Andrews Bay. With a circular glass front and terrace, alfresco dining is available during the warmer months.

(The Castle Clubhouse is closed from 7 November 2016 – 28 Feb 2017)

All three clubhouses offer a dining and bar area, private lockers and Callaway club and shoe hire.

For more information on our clubhouse facilities please refer to our website: standrews.com/Relax