

## Safety

Please be aware and take care as the course is steep in places with sheer drops, uneven ground and water hazards. The whole course becomes slippery in wet and icy conditions, please take extra care in these conditions.

Prior to playing a stroke or making a practice swing, the player should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club, the ball or any stones, pebbles, twigs or the like which may be moved by the stroke or swing. Be aware of walkers using the public footpath and members of the public using the road to Huntworth Farm.

Due consideration must be given to road safety, especially when crossing the road, playing the 9 and 18 holes and using the practice area.

Do not tee off on the 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> holes when players are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> tee. Please allow time for these players to leave the tee and get into the bottom field before teeing off on the 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> holes.

First Aid box and accident book are available in the Men's locker room in the Clubhouse. Report all accidents to the Secretary.

## Rules of Entry to Competitions

### General

Annual subscriptions due must be paid prior to playing.

Rules of entry may vary from one competition to another. Please read applicable notices posted in the locker rooms.

Competitors must be on the tee, ready to commence play at the allotted time.

## Local Rules

### Distance-Measuring Devices Rule 4-3

For all play at this course, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures **distance only**. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play, (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

### Preferred lies

As provided in Rules of Golf - Rule 16 to 16.4 and pursuant to its roles of promoting the proper playing of the game of golf in a fair and pleasant way and protecting the course, the Committee makes the following Local Rules which may apply during the winter months or very unfavourable conditions:

1. A player's ball lying on a closely-mown area may be lifted, without penalty, and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, the player must place it on a spot within 6 inches of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a penalty area and not on a putting green.
2. A ball lying on any teeing ground shall be lifted and dropped, without penalty, within 1 club's length of the nearest point of relief which is not nearer the hole being played. In proceeding under these Local Rules, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for replacing a ball under Rules 14.2b(2) and 14.2e. Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a."

### Out of Bounds

Over all boundary walls and fences.

Internal OOB 3<sup>rd</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> holes: Edge of men's 3<sup>rd</sup> tee box, running down the side of 4<sup>th</sup> green and fairway.

7<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> holes: To the left of the white posts down the left hand side and up to the bridge carrying road to Huntworth Farm.

Internal OOB 7<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> holes: to the right of the white posts on the top of the slope down the right hand side including the 8<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> green and fairway marked by white posts.

### **Ground Under Repair**

Any area marked GUR or surrounded by a white line is ground under repair from which play is prohibited. If a player's ball lies in the area, or if it interferes with the player's stance or the area of his intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 16-1.

### **Practice Area Rule (Rule 5.2 applies)**

The Practice Area adjacent to the 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> hole and the practice green are integral parts of the course. When Rule 5.2 applies, practice is only allowed within the confines of this area. Please see map on scorecard.

### **Immovable Obstructions (Rule 16.1 applies)**

1. The following are immovable obstructions:- Embedded stones/rocks on closely mown areas.
2. In the general area any artificial surface including but not limited to: Winter teeing mats, stone(s), Astroturf, concrete, 150 yard boulders, bells, pipes, fairway yardage marker discs, manhole covers, or the like. A ball coming to rest on one of the above, or one of the above interferes with the player's stance or the area of their intended swing the ball may be lifted and dropped within one club's length from the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole, without penalty.

### **Integral parts of the course**

All bridges, walls and trees are to be considered integral parts of the course; therefor there is no relief without penalty. A player, if declaring the ball unplayable when it lies between the green markers behind the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> greens, MUST use the nearer Drop Zone (DZ) under a 1 stroke penalty.

### **Overhead Wires**

A ball striking the overhead wires or supporting poles MUST be played again without penalty.

### **Priority**

Players, having left the 9<sup>th</sup> green and intending to continue their round, will alternate with players waiting on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee.

### **Tyre Tracks**

In the general area a ball lying in a tyre indentation may be lifted and dropped within one club's length from the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole, without penalty.

## **The Rules of Golf Etiquette**

### **Courtesy on the course**

#### **Consideration to other players**

Depending on the form of play, there are times when players may play out of turn to save time. In match play please refer to Rule 6.4a. In stroke play players may play "ready golf" in a safe and responsible way.

No one should 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.

In the interest of all, players should play without delay.

No player should play until the players in front are out of range.

Players searching for a ball should signal the players behind them to pass as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not easily be found. They should not continue play until the players following them have passed and are out of range.

When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green.

### **Priority on the course**

An official club match or competition has first priority. In the absence of special rules, 2 ball matches should have precedence over and be entitled to pass any 3 or 4 ball match, which should invite them through.

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.

If a match fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than 1 clear hole on the players in front, it should invite the match following to pass.

**NB.** The Committee has made the following ruling – Where congestion occurs around the 1st/10th tee, through matches playing the 10th meeting up with those about to play the 1st, matches should use the tee alternately. This ruling applies to any class of match and should be followed fairly and courteously.

### **Care of the course**

Replace all divots, repair ball-marks and other damage you may cause.

In the general area a player should ensure that any turf cut or displaced by him is replaced at once and pressed down and that any damage to the putting green made by a ball is carefully repaired. Damage to the putting green caused by golf shoe spikes should be repaired on completion of the hole.

### **Damage to greens – flagsticks, bags, etc.**

Players should ensure that, when putting down bags or the flagstick, no damage is done to the putting green and that neither they nor their caddies damage the hole by standing close to it, in handling the flagstick or in removing the ball from the hole. The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before the players leave the putting green. Players should not damage the putting green by leaning on their putters, particularly when removing the ball from the hole. Repair ball indentation marks as soon as possible

### **Repair damage**

In taking practice swings, players should avoid causing damage to the course. Please replace divots as soon as possible.

### **Please do not take practice swings on the tee beds.**

Do not place golf bags or trolleys on the tee beds.

### **Golf Etiquette and Dress Code on the Course**

Bag tags must be displayed at all times.

Members' guests paying concessionary rates may only play the course three times per annum at that rate.

Please use Mobile phones in emergencies only.

For protection of the course and health and safety issues recognised golf shoes are strongly advised.

Clothing should be smart and clean.

Shirts must have a collar or turtleneck and be tucked into trousers for men or fitted for ladies.

Trousers and shorts must be of a tailored type please.

The following clothing items are unacceptable:

Denim jeans, Non-tailored shorts, Vests, Jogging pants, or tracksuits.

### **1895 Club**

Settle Golf Club was founded in 1895 and is a proud member of the 1895 Club. As part of that membership our members can play at other participating clubs for free or a much discounted rate. T&Cs apply. For more information see website

<https://www.settleclub.com/members> or contact the secretary.

### **Your Handicap**

We highly recommend that you get a handicap index. A handicap index is easy to get and will seriously enhance your golfing experience.

If you require any information about getting a handicap index or any details about your previous/current handicap please contact our handicap secretary Anne Morton on [lane\\_side@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lane_side@yahoo.co.uk) Please note we are unable to offer handicaps to several membership categories.

For members that already have a handicap index the World handicapping System website platform is available for you to see your handicap index. To access the WHS platform click on the following link <https://members.whsplatform.Englandgolf.org/signup>

**100 Club** - a great opportunity to help support the club

The 100 Club runs each year from the 1st April. Tickets are £ 15.00 each. Draws are carried out throughout the subscription year. 50% of the money raised goes back in prizes the other 50% goes to support the golf club. It is always a nice surprise when your number gets drawn out.