



# Castletown Golf Club

## Guidelines for new membership applications (1<sup>st</sup> January 2005)

Please read the following guidelines carefully and fully complete your application form before returning it. Your Membership may be delayed if you do not comply with all requirements.

### 1. Proposer and Seconder

Your application form must be signed by a proposer and seconder both of **who must have been Full or Senior Members of the Men's Club for a period of at least one year**. Your Proposer and Seconder must know you personally and be willing to accept responsibility for your suitability as a Member.

If you do not know any suitable Members please contact Simon Willoughby, the Honorary Secretary on 667788 (work) or any Member of the Committee to arrange a meeting to introduce yourself. The names and contact numbers of the Committee Members are on the notice board adjacent to the Club Bar in the Hotel.

Your completed application form together with deposit should be returned to the Honorary Secretary c/o the Castletown Golf Links Hotel who will forward it to the Committee for consideration at their next meeting. The Committee usually meets in the first week of each month (October to March - Monday & April to September – Wednesday) at 6.30 p.m.

You may be asked to meet the Captain and Members of the Committee as part of the application procedure.

The Committee has determined that applications which are not complete or which do not comply with the above will be returned to the applicant. However, the Committee will endeavour, wherever possible, to ensure that applicants are made aware of any omissions and are therefore able to supply all the necessary information required.

### 2. Membership Categories

Most Members of the Club are Full or Senior and only these Members have voting rights. There are other categories available such as Overseas and Junior, and a price tariff for 2005 is enclosed.

### 3. Handicaps

Please indicate on your application form if you wish Castletown to be your Home Club for handicap purposes. In any event you must supply a current handicap certificate from your previous or present club certifying your exact handicap. If you do not have a current handicap you should, in due course, submit three completed cards, signed where possible by your proposer and seconder or a Member of the Committee. You will then be allocated an official handicap.

You cannot play in Club Competitions or during the reserved times on Saturdays unless you have an official handicap and other restrictions may apply from time to time at the Committee's discretion.

### 4. Etiquette and Dress

You should be familiar with the Rules of Golf and Golf Etiquette, with particular regard to safety, consideration, priority on the course and care of the course. Local Rules and Club Rules are published for your guidance on the notice board and include the following:-

Slow play should be avoided at all times. A four-ball game should be completed in four hours or less. A four-ball or three-ball must always allow a two-ball match through. Slower games should always call faster games through, whenever there is a clear hole in front.



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Always rake bunkers properly after use, repair pitch marks on the greens, avoid damaging the greens with shoe spikes, particularly near the hole, replace divots except on the tees, and do not wheel trolleys on the green or green aprons or where indicated by the Greenkeepers markings. Use the sand and seed provided on the par 3 tees.

Smart casual dress is required at all times on the Course and in the Club Bar and Snooker Room. Jeans, trainers, beach shorts, T shirts, vests and bare torsos are not permitted. Tailored shorts may be worn on the Course but are not permitted in the Club Bar after playing. Jackets are not required in the Club Bar except on formal occasions. Proper golf shoes are required on the Course.

Practice is not permitted on any part of the Course at any time. There is a practice putting green adjacent to the Hotel and there is a large practice ground with bunker etc to the right of the 15<sup>th</sup> fairway for the use of Members and Hotel Guests. (Take the road crossing the course towards Langness Lighthouse).

The use of Motorised Buggies is not permitted in Open or Club Competitions without prior written approval of the Committee. Such approval can only be granted on medical grounds and any request for this facility should be in writing to the Committee and should be accompanied by an appropriate medical report or letter which will be treated in strict confidence.

## **5. Competitions**

The Club's main competition day is Saturday, but there are a number of competitions arranged on Sundays during the main season.

## **6. What happens next?**

We look forward to receiving your completed application and welcoming you as a Member of Castletown Golf Club. When your application has been approved we will forward your subscription invoice and further information regarding Club procedures and activities, including competitions, usually in the form of a Club diary.