



Club Rules and Byelaws

(as agreed by the Management Board on 23 October 2024)

Pursuant to the powers given to Council under Article 11 of the Club's Articles of Association, the Board has agreed the following bye-laws.

Members are asked to familiarise themselves with the Bye-Laws and to adhere to them to enable all members to enjoy the facilities of the Club.

The Board welcomes Members' comments for any improvements by writing to the Club Secretary / Manager.

We may change these Rules and Byelaws from time to time but we will always inform you via email and on club notice boards, giving at least 30 days' notice of the change.

1. Membership

Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in golf on application, irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, religion, belief, age or disability, except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of golf. The Club may have different classes of membership and subscriptions on a non-discretionary and fair basis.

The Board may from time to time create new membership categories on such terms and on such conditions as they deem appropriate, such categories, terms and conditions to be published as Bye Laws.

1.1 Application Procedure (including payment terms).

No application will be accepted until clearance of relevant payment or the appropriate Direct Debit/Standing Order form is completed. Acceptance to membership shall be at the sole discretion of Bidston Golf Club

Should your application be rejected by Bidston Golf Club, you will be notified in writing / email and refunded any payments made to date pertaining to your membership application.

1.2 Fees

Members must pay a subscription fee for each year's membership. Bidston Golf Club reserves the right to vary the amount of subscription fees contained in its List of Fees at any time. Members will be given no less than 30 days' notice of any proposed increase. Rates may be increased at the time of the Member's renewal. Charges for certain facilities, the use of which are not included in the subscription fee, are displayed at the premises and online on the club's website. Charges may be varied from time to time.

1.3 Affiliation Fees: This is a fee that is payable annually to The England Golf union. It will not necessarily be on display in the Club/List of Tariffs as it is paid to an external golfing organisation. This fee will be included in your subscription fee. This fee provides members with public liability insurance.

1.4 Lockers and trolley store charges will be set by the Board. Should demand outstrip supply, a waiting list will be created and managed by the Club Office.

1.5 Payment Terms:

Initial payment comprising joining fee (where applicable,) part payment, first monthly or annual subscription fee shall be due and payable on the date of application of membership. Thereafter, subscription fees are payable either monthly on our direct debit system, allowing the Member to spread the year's cost over the course of a year, in two instalments, or annually, as elected by the Member, and payable by cash, cheque or selected credit cards.

1.6 Direct Debit Payments

Members paying by Direct Debit are required to notify the club in writing of their wish not to continue with membership at the end of their contract. As described in 2.8, we will continue to take membership payments and will process monthly Direct Debits automatically at the start of each month unless otherwise notified.

If the member defaults on Direct Debit payments a £10 administration charge will be applicable for each month that a direct debit transaction defaults.

1.7 Outstanding payments

Any member who at the start of the subscription year had entered into a credit arrangement with the Club for the payment of their annual subscription and who resigns, will be required to pay to the Club all outstanding subscription instalments for the year, together with any other outstanding subscription, fee or levy pertaining to that year.

Debts outstanding over 30 days may be referred to a debt collection agency. A charge of £100 will be applied to the outstanding balance to cover the debt collection charges.

Bidston Golf Club reserves the right to cancel a membership should outstanding balances owed to them not be paid within a 30-day period.

Any member in arrears shall not be allowed to enter Club competitions and their names will be removed from the club's golf booking system.

1.8 Upon expiry of membership contract we will continue to take your membership payments in order that you retain your membership place or until you inform us to cease collection. We require 30 days' notice of cancellation.

2. Termination, Suspension, Relocation or Transfer of Membership

Bidston Golf Club reserves the right to cancel or suspend membership at any time in the following circumstances:

2.1 If a member commits a serious or repeated breach of these Rules and Byelaws and the breach, if capable of remedy, is not remedied within 7 days of receipt of written notice.

2.2 If any part of a membership fee due by a member is not paid (by way of cleared funds) or on before its due date.

2.3 If a member provides us with details which the member knows to be false when applying for membership and the false declaration would have reasonably affected our decision to grant membership to that member. If Bidston Golf Club terminates this Agreement for any of the above reasons, the Club reserves the right to retain all monies that a member has paid under his Agreement.

2.4 Upon death or proof of a debilitating medical condition, your contractual obligations to Bidston Golf Club are terminated. The balance of any advanced

payments will be refunded from the 1st of the month following written notification from your next of kin.

3. Changing Member Category

Members can only change their category of membership, subject to Bidston Golf Club's consent in writing and payment of applicable fees, which are contained in the List of Tariffs. Change of Category cannot be applied retrospectively.

4. Resignation

Any member wishing to resign must do so, in writing, before 1st March. Failure to comply with this will render the member liable to pay their subscription for the following year.

5. Visitors and Members Guests

Members wishing to introduce guests must observe the relevant Club Rules and Etiquette, in particular:

5.1 The club reserves the right to refuse entry to guests, including former members whose Membership has been previously terminated by the club; Visitors and Members' Guests must pay the appropriate fee as detailed in the List of Tariffs;

5.2 For the duration of permitted use of the Club, Visitors and guests must observe these Rules and Byelaws, including the "Health and Safety" conditions as though they were Members;

5.3 Members' Guests must be accompanied on the course or in the clubhouse by the Member introducing them.

6. Conduct within the Clubhouse

Members and guests must at all times comply with the Club Rules. Bidston Golf Club reserves the right to restrict and/ or prevent entry of Members and guests and/or to terminate membership by reason of breach of these Rules and Byelaws as set out in clause 3.

- Any form of discrimination, harassment or intimidation is regarded as unacceptable behaviour.
- Consumption of excessive quantities of alcohol is not permitted by law. So do not be offended if service is refused.
- The use of foul or abusive language such as swearing has no place in the clubhouse and any member heard using unacceptable or offensive language will be asked to either stop or leave the premises. Where someone is noticed to be consistently using bad language after being warned then their continued membership will be reviewed accordingly. Banter which offends is not banter.
- Smoking and vaping - is not allowed within the Clubhouse or any other club premises
- Cards, and specifically any games involving gambling, may only be played as agreed with the Club Manager.
- No dogs, other than assistance dogs, are allowed in the Clubhouse or on the area adjacent to the putting green.
- Mobile phones are allowed on the course and in the Clubhouse providing they are switched to silent mode.
- Mobile phones may only be used to make or receive calls on the course in an emergency.
- Mobile phones may only be used to make or receive calls within the area of the players' entrance and in the car park.
- Mobile phones can be used in silent mode to access the internet or applications throughout the clubhouse.
- However, respect to other members is paramount and normal good manners should apply, most especially at club functions and dinners.

7. Conduct on the Course

- Practising on the course, i.e. playing more than one ball (except as per the rules of golf), is not allowed.
- Priority shall be given to Greens staff at all times.
- The etiquette of golf shall be observed at all times.

8. Health and Safety

8.1 Bidston Golf Club will endeavour to take due care to provide a safe environment for members. As part of membership, members are expected to abide by notices, signs and information provided for their safety and the safety of others.

8.2 Fire exits, which are clearly marked, are in the interest of public safety and in the event of fire and/ or on hearing the fire alarm, Members and guests are asked to make their way in an orderly fashion to the nearest available exit and to the fire assembly point in the lower car park.

9. Opening Times

Various times of opening for use of facilities and premises are at the sole discretion of the Club and are published on the club website. The Club may make changes to the standard opening hours by giving not less than 7 days' notice. Emergency closure of the premises or facilities in the event of adverse weather conditions, repair and/or maintenance will be announced as soon as possible.

10. Personal Effects

Our liability to compensate you for any loss or damage (in the case of loss or damage other than death or personal injury) is limited to a reasonable amount having regard to such factors as whether the damage was due to a negligent act or omission by us.

Members and the guests of any Members are otherwise responsible for their personal possessions, equipment and vehicles (and their contents) parked in the car park and are advised not to bring valuable possessions onto the premises