

Dress Code



Lounge Bar

Weekdays & Weekends

- At all times smart casual wear may be worn (no shorts, jeans or T-Shirts at any time). Please do not wear golfing attire (i.e. clothes that were worn during your game). Shirts must have a collar.
- Spikes, trainers or golf shoes are not to be worn at all.
- A jacket and tie should be worn at prize presentation evenings when collecting a prize. No jeans, T-Shirts or shorts please.

Dining Room

Weekdays & Weekends

- A jacket and tie must be worn after 7.00 p.m. in the dining room (this also applies to guests of members).
- Smart Casual wear is permissible for Saturday and Sunday lunchtimes.
- Spikes, trainers or golf shoes are not to be worn at all. Please do not wear golfing attire (i.e. clothes that were worn during your game).

Casual Bar

- Smart casual wear only – no track suits or jeans. Please do not wear golfing attire (i.e. clothes that were worn during your game). No collarless shirts.
- Only smart tailored shorts may be worn i.e. with a belt.
- If shorts are worn, socks with shoes, sandals or good quality trainers, are permitted. Sports socks are also allowed.
- Spikes or golf shoes are not to be worn at all.

Course

- Recognised golf shoes must be worn – no trainers are allowed.
- Jeans, track suits or vests are not permissible. Trousers must not be tucked into socks.
- Tailored shorts are allowed but white sports socks must be worn above the ankle with golf shoes. Shirts must have a collar. Shirts must be tucked in.
- Ladies must wear a proper sports top i.e. sleeveless shirts must have a collar and round necked shirts must have sleeves.



WELCOME TO THE WEST MIDDLESEX GOLF CLUB

Your application for membership will be formally considered and approved by the Committee of the Club in about a *month's* time (please check notice boards) but in the meantime we would like to welcome you to the Club and wish you a successful and happy association with us.

The following notes are provided for your general information, but should you have any queries, please telephone the Secretary's office during opening hours.

Most information (including the dress code) is available from our website, the Club diary or the notice boards within the Clubhouse. Please read these on every visit to avoid missing vital information. You can also contact the Pro Shop on 020 8574 1800.

Please register on www.howdidido.com to access details regarding your handicap record.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND PLAYING TIMES

FULL MEMBERS (Men and Ladies)

Monday – Sunday anytime but check the fixtures for course closures and competitions

FIVE DAY MEMBERS (Men and Ladies)

Five day members can play at anytime during the weekdays, i.e. Monday to Friday (including bank holidays) subject to course closures and competitions.

RESTRICTED MEMBERS (Men and Ladies)

Monday – Friday anytime but check the fixtures for course closures and competitions
Saturday & Sunday – After 12.30 p.m. in the winter (1 November – 31 March) and after 3.00 p.m. in the summer (1 April – 31 October).

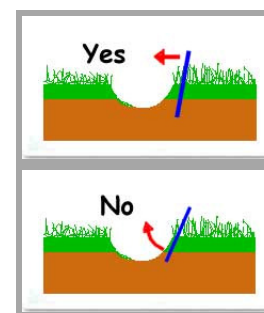


Putting Green

- Place bags off the putting green.
- Look to see whether you have made a pitch-mark on the green and repair it.
- Repair one other pitch mark on each green in addition to your own.
- Avoid causing damage to the putting green by dragging your feet.
- Don't walk on another player's line of putt.
- Avoid standing too close to the hole.
- Do not use the head of the club for removing a ball from the hole.
- Handle the flagstick carefully and replace it properly in the hole before leaving the green.

Pitch Marks

Pitch-marks on the green that are repaired quickly and properly will ensure that long term damage is kept to a minimum. A pitch-mark repaired within five minutes recovers within 24 hours, whereas a ten minute delay means the green will take 15 days to recover.



Trolleys And Carts

- Observe any club regulations for movement of trolleys and carts.
- Avoid taking a trolley or driving a cart on, or too close to, a putting green.
- When driving a cart, proceed with caution, especially on hills and turns.
- Always set the parking break when leaving the cart.
- Do not exceed the regulations on the number of passengers in a cart.



Be aware that the committee may disqualify a player for a serious breach of etiquette such as behaviour which is deliberately intended to distract other players, is offensive or shows a serious disregard for some aspect of the etiquette of the game.

Bunkers

- Do not jump into bunkers; always enter and exit from the low side of the bunker.
- Before leaving the bunker, carefully fill up and smooth over any holes or footprints made by you or other players.
- If a rake is reasonably close to the bunker, use it to rake the bunker.
- Place the rake in accordance with any guidelines issued by the club. If there are no guidelines, place the rake outside the bunker at the nearest spot where it is least likely to affect the movement of the ball.

Before The First Tee

- Arrive at the club in plenty of time.
- Know your handicap.
- Be aware of the format of play.
- Know the order of play in your group.
- Put an identification mark on the ball you are going to play with.
- Pay attention to the instructions given by the starter.

Care Of The Course

It is the responsibility of all players to make sure that they do nothing to spoil the condition of the course. Players should try to leave the course as they find it and should, for example, avoid hitting the head of the club into the ground, whether in anger or for any other reason.

Fairway And Rough

- Avoid taking divots with practice swings; replace them if you do.
- Carefully repair divot holes, either by replacing the divot or filling the hole with soil.

Safety

- Ensure that one is standing in a position to be hit by your club, the ball or any object when you make a practice swing or stroke.
- Do not play until the players in front are out of range.
- Alert greens staff nearby or ahead when you are about to play a stroke that might endanger them.
- Shout 'FORE' if there is the slightest chance that your ball will hit anyone.
- Seek shelter from lightening. The Rules of Golf allow you to stop play and take shelter any time you feel threatened by lightening.

ON THE COURSE

Please ensure you repair pitch marks, replace divots and rake bunkers. Avoid SLOW play. If you are in trouble, call through the game behind you. Play a provisional ball if in doubt. Move a little quicker between shots and play in the format of the day i.e. 3 ball, 4 ball etc. This is indicated on the notice boards.

Call up players behind you on the 2nd, 7th and 10th (par 3 holes) before putting out. This helps to speed up play.

If the Captain or Lady Captain comes up behind you, it is both etiquette and a West Middlesex rule to call him or her through.

If you have no handicap, you can obtain one by putting in three cards, which must be signed by another member. You must obtain your card from the Pro Shop, who will mark it to indicate your intention to play a "stroke play" round for handicap purposes.

Competitions are held mainly at weekends, but there are weekly Medal and Stableford events held on Thursdays. In your own interest you are advised to play in as many competitions as you possibly can.

If you have difficulty in obtaining a game (although this is very rare at West Middlesex due to its friendly reputation), please ask in the Pro Shop and they will endeavour to find another player for you.

You may sign in up to two guests at a preferential fee although it is hoped that the guest may wish to join as a full member in due course. The guest fees are published in the Pro Shop but you can telephone them on 020 8574 1800.

IN THE CLUBHOUSE

There are certain dress regulations which members and their guests are required to observe. A copy of our Dress Code is attached to this information. Please also read the notice boards in the changing room and around the Clubhouse as these are updated on a regular basis.

There are two bars, Lounge and Casual with a dining area in the Lounge bar. The kitchen serves food on most days up until 6.00 p.m. approximately and can also cater for a private function should you wish to book an event at the Clubhouse. The menu provides a variety of meals and in addition, snacks can be obtained from the bar. We welcome your family and friends for Sunday lunch – this can be booked on 020 8574 3450 (press option 4 for kitchen) or inform the Secretary.

Club members can also enjoy the facilities of a snooker room and there is also a card room for those interested in our weekly Bridge sessions.

GENERAL

If at any time you experience a problem with a member of staff, please do not enter into an argument or discussion with them. You should contact the Secretary, her Assistant, or a Committee Member and advise them of the situation. In the absence of any of these people, please contact the Steward who will assist you.

Our website is updated on a regular basis www.westmidxgolfclub.co.uk and we welcome any ideas that bring in new members or business to the Club so please let the Secretary know by letter or by email (westmid.gc@virgin.net) if you prefer.

You can collect a Club diary and a bag tag as soon as you have paid your membership subscription. A swipe card has been ordered for you for access to the Clubhouse and bar/catering purchases. The office opening hours are:

Monday – Friday 9.00 a.m. – 5.30 p.m. (Saturday by arrangement.)

GOLF STARTING TIMES AND ETIQUETTE

All Greens staff have priority on the course at all times and members, guests and visitors must give way if required. Abusive language or behaviour towards staff will not be tolerated under any circumstances.

The official starting points on the course are the 1st and 11th tees, except on *weekend timed competition* days (please read the notice board for any tee restrictions on these days). Please do not start anywhere else on the course.

In the winter, the first tee will remain open at all times at the weekend but players starting on the 11th tee will not be allowed to alternate when arriving at the 1st tee.

Members not competing in general weekend competitions must play in the same format of the day up to 12.00 noon. Please check separate tee restrictions for major competitions.

Please note that all weekend Medal and Stableford competitions can be played in a 2, 3 or 4 ball throughout the year WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TIMED COMPETITIONS WITH STARTING SHEET WHICH MUST BE PLAYED IN A 3 BALL FORMAT OR THOSE COMPETITIONS WHERE A PARTICULAR FORMAT IS SPECIFIED.

Please read the various notice boards on a regular basis for up to date information.

Consideration For Others

- Do not disturb the play of others by making unnecessary noise.
- On the teeing ground, don't tee your ball until it is your turn to play.
- Don't stand close to or directly behind the ball, or the hole, when a player is about to play.
- Avoid standing on another player's line of putt or casting a shadow over another player's line.
- Remain on or close to the putting green until all other players in your group have holed out.
- If you are marking a card, record the players score after each hole. Check it with the player if necessary.
- Avoid taking electronic devices onto the course if possible. If the device is essential, ensure that it does not distract other players.

Pace Of Play

Slow play affects everyone's enjoyment of the game. Players should make a real effort to play at a good pace. Priority on the course is determined by a group's pace of play. It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If a group loses a clear hole, it is expected to invite the group behind to play through, irrespective of the number of players in either group.

- Avoid excessive practice swings.
- Be ready to play as soon as it is your turn, for example, have your glove on.
- Proceed to your ball as soon as it is safe to do so.
- If you wish to determine yardages, do so while walking to your ball.
- At the putting green, leave bags or carts in a position that will allow quick and easy movement off the green to the next tee.
- Study your line of putt while others are putting, avoiding any distraction to other players.
- When the hole is finished leave the putting greens immediately.
- Mark scores on the way to the next tee.
- If there is a chance of your ball being lost outside a water hazard or out of bounds, play a provisional ball.
- If you have to search for a ball, signal immediately to the group behind to play through.
- Having allowed a group to play through, don't continue play until the group has passed and is out of range.

Teeing Ground

- Avoid taking divots from tees with practice swings. If possible, practice swing away from the teeing area.
- It is not advisable to replace divots on tees as that should be filled by the green keeper on a regular basis.
- If there is a fill mixture by the tee, fill any divot holes with the mixture to ground

CLUB ETIQUETTE



To ensure that you and others enjoy the game as much as possible you need good golfing etiquette and to understand the spirit of the game. In short, consideration should be shown



Unlike many sports, golf is generally played without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The Game relies on the integrity of the individual. All players should behave in a disciplined manner, showing courtesy and sportsmanship at all times. This is the spirit of the game of golf.

General Etiquette

Good etiquette is important at all times, whether on the golf course or in the clubhouse. In particular

- Observe and respect any dress code that the club has established.
- Check to see if there are any requirements concerning golf shoe spikes.
- Check in with the starter or professional's shop before proceeding to the first tee.
- Be courteous to all club staff.
- Control your temper and never throw clubs or damage the course in anger.
- Avoid spitting on or littering the course.

The First Tee

- Arrive at the first tee at least 5 minutes ahead of your scheduled starting time.
- If not already known to you, introduce yourself to the players with whom you are playing.
- Wish the players in your group a good game.
- Advise the players in your group of the type of ball you are playing and your identification mark.
- Play from the tees indicated by the starter or, if you have a choice select the tees appropriately for the ability of your group.

SUNDAY CARVERY – 3 COURSE

We Welcome

MEMBERS (£13.00 per person) one course (main) £7.00

AND

NON MEMBERS (£14.00 per person) one course (main) £8.00

Call Harry or Angela Harkin to book your table on 020 8574 3450 (option 4)

FUNCTIONS

We offer a stylish function room (capacity of up to 150 people) for hire to members and non members for that special occasion.

Fully licensed bar and catering available.

Access for Wheelchair users.

Large Car Park.

GOLF GIFTS

Want to get your other half something different for their birthday? Maybe you'd like to get the rest of your family members into golf.

We currently sell golf vouchers, in the office.

We also have a fully stocked Pro Shop for all your golfing needs.

NEED ANYMORE HELP?

We wish you a long and fulfilling time as a member at the West Middlesex Golf Club.

Should you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact our staff at the club.

You will find all the contact details on the back page

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