

## Milton Abbey Golf Club Rules

All Milton Abbey Golf Club members, including staff members, and their guests have the privilege of playing on the School's Golf Course subject to the restrictions and rules identified in this document. It should be recognised that as the site is first and foremost a school, there will be occasions where the course may be closed or specific restrictions placed on use of the facility for health and safety or child protection purposes. The golf course is operated in accordance with 'Royal & Ancient' etiquette under the direction of Milton Abbey School Services Limited (MASS) whose Directors include the Headmaster and Bursar.

The scenic golf course was designed by Peter Alliss and opened in September 1972. Peter's son, Gary, was a pupil at Milton Abbey but interest in the sport here had originated from the Head Groundsman at the time, George Wagstaffe, a keen golfer who created a practice strip for himself by the east side of the Abbey. Before long, boys started bringing their own clubs into School to join in with him and wider interest in the sport grew from there. It was George's dream and hard work that led to the golf course being built and his influence remains on the course today.

### Golf course opening times:

The golf course is available during term time between 0830 and 1230 Monday to Saturday, and all day Sunday. During exeats, half terms and holidays, the course is open all day to members subject to any local restrictions (eg School events, weddings etc) which will be notified in advance on [www.eventsatmiltonabbey/golf](http://www.eventsatmiltonabbey/golf) and displayed on the golf course noticeboard. For the 2018/2019 membership year, the course will be closed to all golfers during the months of January and February, closing on 31 December 2018 and re-opening on 1 March 2019. It is not currently necessary to pre-book tee times in advance. All users of the golf course are subject to the rules of the course which may be amended from time to time.

### Membership cost:

Annual membership of the golf club for the 2018/2019 year is charged at £162.50 per person and the membership year runs from 1 September to 31 August (excluding January and February). Members will be invoiced annually and issued with a coloured tag which is valid for a single year only. Guest 'Pay and Play' membership is available at a cost of £10 per day for non-members/visiting guests. All 'Pay and Play' guests must pay their fees either in Reception or at the Tea Rooms/Tuck Shop.

### Safety:

- Members are requested not to play from the 2nd or 12th tees unless it is safe to do so. Tennis players should be warned before you take your tee shot from the 12th tee.
- Remember that visitors to the Abbey often do not realise that they are straying onto a golf course so players should be vigilant.
- No dogs are allowed on the golf course.
- No pram/pushchair walking is allowed and children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

### Identification:

All Milton Abbey Golf Club members and staff members must display their current membership tag whilst using the golf course and be prepared to verify who their guests are and that payments for the guests' rounds have been made in advance of play. No pass, no play.

Milton Abbey is an open site and therefore as part of the School's Child Protection Policy staff are encouraged to challenge visitors who are not identified by wearing an appropriate pass. Milton Abbey Golf Club members are requested to respect any such challenge and ensure they can produce their membership tag.

In return for the privilege of playing on the course, Milton Abbey Golf Club members and staff members are requested to help check that others observe the rules and that non-members are not using the course.

#### **Car parking:**

During term time, Milton Abbey Golf Club members are requested to park only at Damer Green, leaving the car parks adjacent to the School buildings available for School staff and visitors on School business. During holiday periods members may access all School car parks subject to any local restrictions. When parking on Damer Green, please access the golf course by walking around rather than across marked sports pitches and the cricket square.

#### **Facilities:**

Facilities for Milton Abbey Golf Club members will be restricted during term time but members are encouraged to take full advantage of changing and showering facilities in the pavilion and access to the Tea Rooms for refreshments during holiday periods.

#### **Club rules:**

- Members wishing to bring a guest must pay a £10 'Pay and Play' fee. Fees must be paid to Reception or the Tea Rooms/Tuck Shop, and the accompanying member must sign the register.
- Score cards are available upon request from Reception or the Tuck Shop/Tea Rooms.
- Golf society days must be booked through Anne Litchfield via [anne.litchfield@miltonabbey.co.uk](mailto:anne.litchfield@miltonabbey.co.uk)
- Any particular news for the day will be displayed on the Golf Club noticeboard located by the 1st tee, and forthcoming course closures will be notified by email in advance and also at [www.eventsatmiltonabbey.co.uk/golf](http://www.eventsatmiltonabbey.co.uk/golf).
- Members must display a current membership tag. No pass, no play.
- All R&A rules apply including appropriate dress code.
- Players are to play the course from tees 1 to 9 - no shortcuts are permitted.
- All players must have a bag of golf clubs.
- Strictly one ball per player.
- Slow play must be avoided at all times.
- Players should respect the direction of Grounds staff whilst using the course.
- Please replace all divots, repair pitch marks and rake bunkers after use.
- Children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult.
- No pram/pushchair walking is allowed on the course.
- No dogs or dog walking is allowed on the course.
- During the School weekday, term time, and when the All-Weather pitch is in use, the 2nd tee must not be used.

We very much hope that you will enjoy your use of the golfing facilities at Milton Abbey.