

**The Bye-Laws of
Chipping Sodbury Golf Club**

1. VISITORS PROPERTY.
The Committee of Management cannot be held responsible for the property of visitors left on the premises.
2. ETIQUETTE
The etiquette of golf must be punctiliously observed.
Always start from the correct tee, according to the starting board or any special instructions on the day board.
Be ready to play and on the tee five minutes before your starting time.
Start at the correct time, it allows time for the match in front to create a necessary gap between you. If you start too early you will quickly find you are held up.
Once on the course play without delay as soon as the match in front is out of range.
If you lose one clear hole in the match in front you must allow the match following to pass.
If you feel you are held up, and the match in front is not holding its place and has not asked you through a polite request is all that is needed. A well-mannered approach will not offend.
Do not talk or stand close to or directly behind the ball or hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke.
Replace your divots and repair any damage to bunkers.
On the putting green, before you putt, repair your pitchmark, and after you have putted, any spike marks or similar damage.
3. GOLF EQUIPMENT
Rules regarding golf equipment are posted in the Clubhouse. These must be observed.
4. SUGGESTIONS
A Suggestion Book is kept in the Foyer. Any suggestion must be signed.
5. COMPLAINTS.
All complaints shall be made in writing to the General Manager, who, if he shall be unable to deal with them, shall submit them to the Committee of Management, whose decision shall be final.
In no instance shall an employee of the Club be reprimanded by a member directly.
6. LICENSING AND CLUB HOURS.
The Club premises shall be open at such time as the Committee of Management in its absolute discretion may decide.
The hours fixed for the sale of intoxicating liquor are listed in the Club Premises Certificate
Intoxicating liquor cannot be sold to, or consumed by, any person under the age of 18 except when taking a meal in the restaurant, such intoxicants having been purchased by an adult.
7. DRESS
Members are to maintain acceptable standards of dress both on and off the Course.
Specific guidelines are displayed in the Clubhouse.
Changing of golf shoes only is permitted in the car park.
8. CLUB PROPERTY
No member shall take away or permit to be taken away from the Clubhouse, under any pretext whatsoever or shall damage or destroy any Newspaper, pamphlet, book or other articles, which are the property of the Club.
9. MEMBERS PROPERTY AND VALUABLES.
The Club accept no responsibility for any article of Members' property left either in lockers, dressing rooms or other parts of the Club premises, car park or other Club grounds.

10. **PERSONAL INSURANCE**
The Club will not accept liability in respect of any claim or damage or injury caused by Members or Visitors to a third party or to another Member whether within the confines of the Course or outside these confines.
All members must ensure that they have adequate insurance cover in this respect and over their equipment.
11. **RULES OF GOLF**
The Rules of the Game of Golf are those as adopted from time to time by R&A Rules Ltd. and the United States Golf Association, and such Local Rules that are in force at the time.
Temporary Local Rules are posted in the Clubhouse. Other Local Rules are listed on the back of the scorecard
12. **CHILDREN**
Children under the age of 10 years must be accompanied by an adult when they are anywhere on the Club premises or Course.
13. **DOGS**
No dogs shall be permitted in the Clubhouse with the exception of Guide Dogs. Dogs may only be permitted on the Course if kept under proper control.
14. **INFORMATION ON COMPETITIONS AND MATCHES**
Information on all competitions and matches are given in the Club Diary, in separate sections in the Clubhouse and in the monthly online calendar.
Separate sections are provided for Seniors, Juniors and Ladies.
15. **GREEN FEES**
The charges for Green Fees will be decided from time to time by the Committee of Management.
16. **NOTICES**
No paper, notice or placard, written or printed, shall be put in the Clubhouse without the sanction of the Committee of Management or the General Manager.
17. **STAFF PREMISES**
The Kitchen, Bar, Store rooms, and Greens Sheds are out of bounds to Members and Visitors.
18. **CONSUMPTION OF FOOD ON THE PREMISES**
No food other than that purchased in the Clubhouse Dining Room or from the Bar shall be consumed in the Clubhouse.
19. **UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY**
Any property left in the Clubhouse and not secured in a locker shall be deemed to have been abandoned if it is not claimed within a period of 21 days. After 21 days, the Club shall have the power to dispose of the unclaimed property as it so determines.
20. **CAR PARKING**
The Club will not accept any liability or responsibility for cars, or their contents, parked on Club premises.
Members shall not park in allocated spaces.
21. **COURSE OPENING TIMES.**
There are no restrictions on early start times, except when the Course is closed.
22. **PRACTICE ON THE DRIVING RANGE.**
For Health & Safety reasons practice on the Driving Range is restricted to the use of the Professional's range balls on the mats
In addition, use of 'woods' (inc metal woods) is forbidden unless under instruction from a professional during a golf lesson.

23. PAYMENT OF BAR AND CATERING BILLS
No credit (tab) is allowed.
24. HANDICAPS
The handicaps of all members shall be administered under the current CONGU Unified Handicap System.
25. MENS AND LADIES PLAYING RIGHTS
Men and Lady members have full playing rights except when the course is let to a Society or when the course is closed to certain handicap levels / sections
The Ladies have a tee closure on Tuesdays.
All tee closures are defined in the Club Diary and on the online calendar on the club website.
26. THREE AND FOURBALL MATCHES.
Three and four ball matches are allowed. The tee to be used is shown on the tee starting board.
27. RULES FOR COMPETITIONS.
The conditions for each competition are provided in the start sheet held by the Professional for men, and in the changing rooms for ladies. These may be altered from time to time by the Committee of Management.
28. JUNIOR PLAYING RESTRICTIONS.
The playing restrictions applicable to members of the Junior section are posted on the Junior section noticeboard in the Clubhouse.
29. USE OF MEMBERSHIP CARDS.
The Membership Card shall allow Members to purchase food and drinks from the Bar at a discounted rate which is set from time to time by the Committee of Management.
The Membership Card shall never reach an arrears situation.
30. DEALINGS WITH THE PROFESSIONAL
The Professional is required to keep an up-to-date and well stocked shop and will be expected, as far as possible, to be at the disposal of Members for playing or giving lessons.
The Professional Shop will be open for the hours agreed with the Committee of Management.
Fees charged for services shall be displayed in the Professional Shop.
31. SMOKING IN THE CLUBHOUSE
Smoking is not allowed in any areas of the Clubhouse, with the exception that E-Cigarettes may be smoked in the Players Bar.
32. MOBILE PHONE USAGE.
Mobile phones are to be switched off on the Course. Any phone call received in the Clubhouse is to take place outside the Clubhouse or in the Players Bar.
33. RIGHTS OF GENERAL PUBLIC OVER FOOTPATHS CROSSING THE COURSE.
There are public rights of way across the Course marked with wayposts.