

## Golf Course Regulations

### 1. Opening and Closing times:

#### November until February

	RECEPTION	GOLF SERVICE	GOLF COURSE	DRIVING RANGE
<b>Opening</b>	07:45	07:45	08:00	07:50
<b>Closing</b>	18:00	18:00	18:00*	17:00**

#### March and October

	RECEPTION	GOLF SERVICE	GOLF COURSE	DRIVING RANGE
<b>Opening</b>	07:30	07:30	07:40	07:30
<b>Closing</b>	19:00	19:00	19:00*	18:00**

#### April until September

	RECEPTION	GOLF SERVICE	GOLF COURSE	DRIVING RANGE
<b>Opening</b>	07:30	07:30	07:40	07:30
<b>Closing</b>	19:00	20:00	20:00*	19:00**

\*All rental equipment should be returned to the Golf Service Department until at least 15 minutes prior to closing time.

\*\*The ball dispenser closes 30 minutes before the range closes.

The Golf Service, Golf Reception and Changing rooms close 15 minutes after the closure of the course. On Monday's the practice facilities close at 18.00 hrs, except between November and February, when they close at 16.30 hrs. On Tuesdays, the practice facilities open at 10.30 hrs. On public holidays the normal opening hours apply.

#### a. Exceptions:

The Golf Course and the Clubhouse have either limited opening times or are closed as follows:

Date	Times
24 <sup>th</sup> December	07:30 until 13:00
25 <sup>th</sup> December*	Closed
31 <sup>st</sup> December	07:30 until 15:00
1 <sup>st</sup> January*	Closed

*\*The Clubhouse opening and closing times may differ on these days due to special events.*

## 2. Check-in:

- a. All players must check-in at the Golf Reception before the start of play. If requested Members should show their Membership card.
- b. The Director of Golf or other designated persons during the Golf Directors absence reserve the right to request a valid handicap certificate of a maximum of 36 for men and 54 for ladies.
- c. A maximum of 4 players are allowed in a group at any time.
- d. Starting times are not guaranteed if the player arrives late for their starting time.
- e. On Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays it is strongly recommended that there should be at least 3 players in each group. The Director of Golf or other designated persons during the Golf Directors absence can group players together to a maximum of 4 players (members or not) during check-in, on the tee or during play.

## 3. The Golf Course:

- a. Access to the golf course is always subject to availability.
- b. The decision on the playability of the golf course and restrictions to the use of buggies due to adverse weather conditions is the sole responsibility of the Director of Golf or other designated persons during the Golf Directors absence.
- c. Non-playing children under the age of 6 are not allowed on the Golf Course. Non-playing children between the ages of 7 and 18 are only allowed on the Golf Course if accompanied by an adult, who assumes full responsibility for them and their actions.
- d. It is not allowed to play with more than 2 balls on the golf course. The driving range, approach green and putting green are the areas designated for practice.
- e. It is not allowed to practise the short game on or to the putting green.
- f. Players who do not comply with the rules and regulations as set out by the Royal & Ancient Club of St. Andrews, or those specific to Belas Clube de Campo, may be requested to leave the golf course. In such cases there will be no reimbursement.

## 4. Priority starting times and speed of play:

- a. Priority
  - i. Players participating in national and/or international competitions.
  - ii. Golf Course maintenance staff.
  - iii. Groups of 4 players over groups of 3 players.
  - iv. Groups of 3 players over groups of 2 players.
  - v. 1 player playing alone has no standing.
  - vi. Exception to the priorities: All players must play with undue delay and, when there is a clear hole ahead, they must let the following group play through.
- b. Starting Times
  - i. Players should be on the tee at least 10 minutes prior to their starting time.

- ii. A player or group of players who have not made a prior reservation will be subject to starting time availability.
  - iii. The instructions of the starter and marshal should always be followed.
- c. Speed of play.
- i. Belas Clube de Campo adheres to “Ready Golf” and each player should play without delay.
  - ii. A round of 18 holes should not exceed 4h20m, deemed to be 2 hours for holes 1 until 9 and 2h20m for holes 10 until 18.
  - iii. Each group of players or individual players placed on the course is immediately behind the group in front and not immediately in front of the group behind.
  - iv. All players should contribute to the well-being of all players on the Golf Course. The group in front should not be unduly disturbed, but when the front group has a free hole in front of them should let the group behind play through and point 4.a. regarding the priorities on the course must always be taken into consideration.

## 5. Buggies & Trolleys:

- a. The rules of the day are to be adhered to.
- b. A buggy may only be used on the golf course or the car park.
- c. Buggies will be issued approximately 30 minutes before the start of play.
- d. It is not permitted for more than 2 players to use a buggy nor there be more than 2 golf bags on each buggy. The exception being groups that include a resident of Belas Clube de Campo who own a buggy. In these cases, a maximum of 3 buggies is allowed.
- e. Buggies should be driven in a responsible way, not driven at high speed, nor make abrupt curves nor brake suddenly.
- f. Buggies and trolleys must be kept off the tees, aprons and may not circulate between bunkers and greens.
- g. The person renting the buggy is responsible for any damage caused by abnormal use. Any damage caused will be assessed and if found justified, the damage will be paid in full by this person.
- h. It is strictly forbidden for the buggies to be driven by any person under the age of 18.
- i. The buggy’s operating instructions must be followed.

## 6. Etiquette:

- a. Players should not talk, move, or make any noise when another player is preparing to play or playing a shot.
- b. A player may only play their next shot when the group ahead is out of reach.
- c. Players must leave the green immediately after terminating the hole.
- d. A group looking for a lost ball must allow the group behind to play through.
- e. A player must always smooth over the bunker sand, repair pitch marks on the greens and replace divots.

## 7. Tees, stakes, and distance markers:

- a. Tee markers
  - i. White – Play from the white tees requires prior and daily authorisation.
  - ii. Yellow

- iii. Azul
  - iv. Red
- b. Stakes
- i. White stakes and lines – Out of bounds
  - ii. Yellow stakes and lines – Frontal Water hazard
  - iii. Red stakes and lines – Lateral water hazard
  - iv. Blue stakes and lines – Ground under repair
- c. Distance markers *(to the front of the green)*.
- i. White marker – 200 metres
  - ii. Yellow marker – 150 metres
  - iii. Red marker – 100 metres

#### 8. Practice facilities:

- a. The instructions and information given by the staff of Belas Clube de Campo must be adhered to.
- b. Balls may only be hit within the designated areas.
- c. It is strictly forbidden to give lessons on the course or practice facilities without prior authorisation.
- d. The Golf Director or other designated persons during the Golf Directors absence reserve the right to close the practice facilities without prior notice.
- e. The upper area of the Practice facilities is reserved exclusively for pupils of the Belas Clube de Campo - Golf Academy, except for those players or teachers with prior authorisation.
- f. The removal of range balls from the practice facilities is forbidden as is their use on the golf course. Those who disregard this rule will be found to be in severe breach of the courses regulations and will be asked to leave the facilities without recourse nor refund.

#### 9. Dress Code:

- a. Proper attire should be worn on the golf course, practice facilities, clubhouse and any other facility belonging to the Golf Course. The use of jeans, swimming costumes, gym clothes and alike is not allowed. The use of “soft spikes” is mandatory.

#### 10. General:

- a. It is expressly forbidden to bring animals to the Golf Course, Practice facilities, Golf Academy, Clubhouse, or the Car Park. Access to the above facilities may be refused to those accompanied by animals, the exception being guide dogs.
- b. Clients are covered by Civil Liability and Personal Accident insurance. Damages or loss caused by clients to others or other persons belonging, or third parties are excluded from such coverage.
- c. Planbelas S.A. is not responsible for damage or theft within its premises, car park or golf course, nor physical nor material damages.
- d. Planbelas S.A. reserves the right to refuse access or prohibit the use of the golf course and any of the facilities of Belas Clube de Campo by any player or person, including members, members guests or paying guests.