



Slievenamon Golf Club

Welcome Pack

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Welcome to Slievenamon Golf Club.

We are delighted you have chosen to become a member of Slievenamon Golf Club. Although a relatively new Club, established in 1999, we pride ourselves on having a Course that punches well above its weight in terms of layout and maintenance, while being accessible to golfers of all abilities. We also pride ourselves on being a friendly, close knit Club that takes an interest in our Members and whose Members care about their fellow Members and their Club.

This Welcome Pack introduces you to our key employees and your Club Committees, explains the process of ratification as a Member, sets out the main rules and etiquette for playing on the Course, outlines the benefits of being a Member and informs you about competitions.

We very much hope that you will become a fully participating Member of the Club, both on and off the Course, and that you learn to love the Club as much as we do.

Becoming a Member

Being a Member of a Golf Club involves more than just playing a round of golf. You now become part of a community and the social activities of the Club, whether it be popping into the Club for a drink after your round, meeting in the Clubhouse for lunch, enjoying the friendly rivalry of playing competitions, taking part in Open Days, Captains Days and related activities with other Members, taking an interest in Committees which decide the direction of the Club and even joining a Committee yourself. Once you sign up as a Member, we will help you obtain a handicap if you do not have one, which will enable you to play in Club Competitions and Open Competitions at other Clubs. You will also be eligible to play on Club teams in Inter-Club Matches.

Becoming a Member also requires you to abide by the rules of the Club. Slievenamon Golf Club's Constitution can be accessed on our website www.slievenamongolfclub.com. From time to time Local Rules will be posted on notice boards in the Locker Rooms or in the Clubhouse, marked for Members attention. It is important to comply with these rules as they make up part of your obligations as a Club Member. You should also look out for other notices that may contain important information about the Club or upcoming activities. If you leave your email address and phone number with the Office, we will include you on circulation lists for important information relating to the Club. You will also receive notifications on our ClubNet app relating to day to day issues such as Course closures, etc.

Once your membership application is approved, you receive a Membership Sticker and Bag Tag which you should display on your Golf Bag at all times. The sticker and tag identify you as a Paid-Up Member of the Club, and failure to display them could lead to you being refused access to the Course.



Brian Powell
President



Mary Hand
Vice President

Who's Who at the Club

Key Office Staff



Heather Bailey



Mary Butler



Patricia (Trish) Doyle



Rachael Cahill



Clodhna McGrath

Our Office is staffed by Heather Bailey, our Office Manager, Mary Butler, Trish Doyle, Rachael Cahill and Clodhna McGrath. They are always ready to assist you with any Club and Membership related queries, and will also help you with your handicap questions, booking issues, catering enquiries and competition requirements.

In addition to all their administrative work, Heather, Mary, Trish, Rachael and Clodhna also manage the shop, where you can purchase tees, golf balls, gloves and other golf equipment, book golf buggies or golf carts, and buy teas, coffees, water and minerals, scones, snacks and ice cream.



Michael O'Meara, our Maintenance Man, is also a familiar face around the Office and the Clubhouse.

In addition to overseeing the upkeep of the Club, Michael is a regular presence on the Course, where he fills in as needed when requested.

Michael is also a valued Member of the Club itself, and manages our Juniors.

ON THE COURSE

Greenkeepers



Paul Kenny



Michael Walsh

Paul Kenny is the Head Greenskeeper at Slievenamon Golf Club. Under his stewardship, the Course has gone from strength to strength, and he is passionate about bringing the latest leading edge technology to bear on creating a Course that is a pleasure to play.

Paul is ably assisted by Michael Walsh who has a voracious appetite for hard work and who knows his way around machinery like nobody else.

In the Clubhouse



All catering issues related to the Club fall within the ambit of our Catering Manager Jennifer Powell.

Jennifer manages the day to day catering operations and services of the Clubhouse and the Restaurant, monitors the quality of the food and the service, and also plans and organises parties, funerals and other social gatherings that may from time to time be booked in the Clubhouse.

The Golf Club



The Club Secretary of Slievenamon Golf Club is Brendan Kenny

The Committees

Slievenamon Golf Club consists of three Clubs, the Men's Club, the Ladies' Club and the Junior Club. The Men's Club and the Ladies' Club hold individual monthly committee meetings to discuss and manage the operations of their respective Clubs.



Captain Robert Phelan



Lady Captain Ann Maxwell



Junior Captain MI A O'Meara Jnr

The Men's Club is responsible for the running of Men's golf at the Club. They are governed by the Captain and his committee, who in turn are nominated and elected by the Male Members of the Club on a yearly basis at their AGM. The Officers of the Mens' Club are:

Captain, Robert Phelan, **Vice-Captain** Sean Alyward, **Hon. Secretary** Kieran O'Dwyer, **Hon. Treasurer** Michael Dunlea, **Competition Secretary** David Cairns and **Hon. Handicap Secretary** Eamon Power.

The Ladies Club is responsible for the running of Ladies Golf and are governed by the Lady Captain and her Committee, who in turn are elected by the members on a yearly basis at their AGM. The Offices of the Ladies Club are:

Lady Captain, Vice-Captain, Hon Secretary, Treasurer, Handicap Secretary and Competition Secretary.

Ann Maxwell is the Lady Captain for 2020 and will gladly help any new Ladies in any way she can.

If you have any queries about a golf matter, you should address your query to the Hon. Secretary of the relevant Club (Men's or Ladies') and it will be dealt with at their next monthly meeting.

The National Governing Body for Men is the Golfing Union of Ireland (GUI) and for ladies is the Irish Ladies Golfing Union (ILGU).

RULES OF GOLF

The Rules of Golf are laid down in the Royal & Ancient. *The Rules of Golf* and the *Rules of [Amateur](#) Status* is published every four years by the governing bodies of golf (R&A/USGA) to define how the game is to be played. Copies are usually available free in the Office.

Fixtures Diary

A fixtures diary is prepared at the beginning of each year and contains a list of all competitions and sponsors for the Ladies and Men's Clubs. This Fixtures List is available from the Competition Secretary of each Club and on display in the clubhouse as soon as it is available.

Matchplay Competitions

The Men's and Ladies Clubs both run matchplays during the course of the year where members are encouraged to play with other members they may not normally play with.

Men's Competitions

Competition	Format	Details
Slievenamon Open Singles Qualifier	18 hole Stableford, Singles	Every Friday during summer months
Monthly Medal	18-hole Stroke, Singles	Saturday and Sunday once every month during summer months
Majors which include Captains, Presidents, Vice-Captains, McGarry Cup and more	18-hole Stroke or Stableford Singles	Played over a weekend during the summer months
Weekend Club Singles	18-hole Stableford or Stroke, Singles	Every Saturday and Sunday, April to October when there is no Major or Monthly medal taking place.
Christmas Turkeys and Hams	Stableford	November to December
Mens Seniors	Format decided for the day	Every Wednesday

Ladies Competitions

Competition	Format	Details
Sunday/Tuesday (Apr to Sept)	18 hole stableford or stroke	In club competition played every week except when a major competition is taking place. Can be played on Sunday or Tuesday.
Sunday/Tuesday (Oct to Mar)	12 hole stableford	In club competition played every week. Can be played Sunday or Tuesday
7-8 Major competitions during the summer months	Some Stroke play and some Stableford.	These include Captain's, President's, Carrigan Cup, Des Delahunty Cup, McGarry cup and more.

12 hole bi-monthly (all year round)	12 hole stableford over 2 months	Can be played any day. Enter as often as you like with 3 cards to count.
18 hole bi-monthly (April to Sept)	18 hole stroke over 2 months	Can be played any day during these months. Enter as often as you like with 3 cards to count.
Christmas Hampers	12 hole stableford	October to Christmas. 3 cards to count. Can be played as often as you like.
Ladies Seniors	12 hole stableford	Every Thursday, great social event. A chance to meet up afterwards in Clubhouse for tea and a chat.

In addition, the Ladies hold a Spring and Winter League which runs over approximately 6 weeks and is made up of a draw for 5/6 players who submit cards each week.

Mixed Competitions

The Men and the Ladies are very keen to encourage participation in their Monday evening mixed scramble competition, which usually starts early May and runs to late September. During this time, there is also a bigger scramble on Bank Holiday Mondays, following the same format as the Monday evening scramble.

Please Note:

Players must have a competition handicap "c" in order to win the top prize in any competition.

Members can (and are encouraged) to regularly check their handicap on the Club and Golfnet Websites.

How to get a Handicap

The System developed and refined by The **Council of National Golf Unions (CONGU®)** provides a player with a golf handicap that reflects his or her playing ability.

If you have joined us having been a Member of another affiliated Club within the last year, you can transfer your handicap to Slievenamon Golf Club by asking your previous Club to send your handicap certificate to us.

If you never had a handicap, or your handicap has lapsed, you will need to get a new handicap certificate. To do this, you must play 3 rounds or 54 holes accompanied by someone nominated by the Handicap Secretary and Handicap Sub Committee, and that person must mark your card on your behalf. Once you have completed the 3 cards, sign them, insert your GUI/ILGU number, clip them together and either hand them to the relevant Handicap Secretary or place them in the Competition Box in the relevant locker room marked for the attention of the Handicap Secretary. Your handicap will then be assessed by the Handicap Secretary based on your average scores.

You cannot play in competitions until you have attained a club handicap. For more information on handicaps, please see the Quick Guide to the Congu Handicapping System for Players, 2019, which is available to download on the website www.congu.uk

Competitions and Timesheets

Open competitions mean that competitions are open to members and visitors from other clubs. All other competitions are restricted to members of Slievenamon Golf Club.

In order to play in a competition, you must have a Club handicap and you must have another player playing with you who will mark or verify your score. Members usually organise their playing groups and book on the time sheet. If you need assistance in forming a playing group, contact your Club Captains, who will be delighted to assist you and introduce you to other members.

The Men's and Ladies Committees encourage all members to play in the competitions organised and to support the Club.

BOOKING TEE TIMES

It is a requirement of Slievenamon Golf Club that tee times are booked in advance. This can be done using the ClubNet app on your phone, by booking through the website www.slievenamongolfclub.com or asking the Office to book on your behalf. Tee times are available to up to 4 players at a time. If you see a tee time that only has 1, 2 or 3 names on it, you are entitled to include your name as a 4th if you do not have a playing partner.

Going forward, the app will become increasingly useful for Members as it is being upgraded to include details on fixtures, results, matchplay, etc as well as including an e-card which can be submitted electronically and a credit account which will allow you to top up your account and use the app to pay at the bar or restaurant as well as for competitions.

Seniors

We have a very active group of seniors who run a competition among themselves every Wednesday morning throughout the year. Anyone over the age of 55 is welcome to join the group and play in the competition.

Seniors also organise away trips to neighbouring Clubs 4/5 times per annum and these are social events enjoyed by all.

Inter-Club competitions

The Club is constantly on the look-out for players who are interested in playing inter-club competitions. Team captains are appointed by the Committee Captains of the respective Men's or Ladies Clubs and these are posted on the notice boards and on the GUI/ILGU websites.

The Juniors Club

Slievenamon is very enthusiastic about our Juniors and runs a Juniors Club every year where youngsters aged between 8 and 16 are taught the basics of golf. Our Junior Office is Michael O'Meara and under his watchful eye, and with the assistance of volunteers who give freely of their time and energy, he conducts coaching sessions during the year.

Our Junior Captain, Michael O'Meara Jnr is especially supportive and enthusiastic about bringing forward new members of the Club and offering his considerable experience to our younger Members.

DRESS CODE

Members, guests and visitors are expected at all times both on the course and in the Clubhouse to dress in a manner respectful of the Club and its Members and appropriate to the traditional conventions of the game of golf.

ON THE PRACTICE AREAS

- Casual clothing may be worn on the practice area.
- Trainers or other flat shoes may be worn on the practice, putting and chipping areas, but golfers must be aware of and accept the risk of slipping and/or loss of footing.
- Slievenamon Golf Club will accept no responsibility for accident or injury caused, or contributed to, by the lack of proper golfing footwear.

ON THE COURSE

- Golfers must be dressed in customary golf wear or similar appropriate smart casual clothing (no blue denim).
- Golf shoes must always be worn when playing the golf course.
- The Club Manager or Staff, Professional Staff, Course Marshals or members of the Club Committee may require any person considered by them to be inappropriately dressed, either to change or leave the Course.

IN THE CLUBHOUSE

- Members, guests and visitors may wear smart, casual clothing (not ripped or torn 'workwear') and footwear must be worn at all times in all areas of the Clubhouse.
- Golf shoes of any kind may not be worn in the main bar and restaurant areas.
- The Club Manager, Club Staff or members of the Club Committee may require any person considered to be inappropriately dressed, either to change or leave the Clubhouse.
- A no smoking rule applies in all buildings of the Golf Club. This applies also to E-cigarettes.

Should any member consider a member, guest or visitor to be inappropriately dressed then they should bring this to the attention of the Club Manager, or any member of the Staff or Club Committee who may be present.

Members are reminded that it is they who set the standards and that they are responsible at all times for their guests' standard of play, etiquette, dress and decorum, both on the course and in the Clubhouse.

MOBILE PHONES

Should be on silent or switched off on the golf course

Etiquette

Every individual in the Club or on the Course is required to show respect and understanding to the rights, dignity, safety and welfare of others.

On the Course:

Please avoid slow play at all times. If you are unable to keep up with the people ahead of you, and you are delaying the people behind you, you must give way. **When appropriate, you should always allow through faster pairings that come up behind you.**

Please dress appropriately at all times.

Please repair pitch marks on the greens and rake bunkers before moving to the next hole. Pitch repairers are available to purchase in the Clubhouse Shop.

Always ensure that the way ahead is clear of both players and greenkeepers before hitting a shot. Players who hit a wayward shot should shout "Fore Left" or "Fore Right" to forewarn a player at risk.

Please pay particular attention to our greenkeepers, who may be working on the Course during your game, and whose safety is in your hands. You must always comply with any direction issued to you by the greenkeepers.

Your behaviour on the Course should never cause interference to other players at any time

In the Clubhouse and Bar

Please display courtesy and respect to all members of staff, Members of the Golf Club and visitors in the Clubhouse and Bar

Language which is offensive to other users of the Clubhouse or Bar, or to our staff, should not be used

Local Rules

Local Rules which are specific to Slievenamon Golf Club will be displayed on the Notice Board in the Clubhouse. It is important to familiarise yourself with these rules.

Temporary Local Rules may be implemented from time to time to accommodate particular works on the Course - details of these will be made available on the Notice Boards, through the Clubnet app and on the display board outside the Office

Health and Safety

It is a policy of Slievenamon that ALL full Members must take out personal golf insurance to insure them against 3rd party risk on the Course. This insurance also covers loss or damage of golf equipment.

In the case of an emergency:

Call the Office at 052 613 2213 or 086 786 7317 or the Emergency Services on 999 (the postcode is E91 D1F2) and inform the Office. PLAYERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE AWARE AT ALL TIMES OF DANGER TO OTHERS AND TO THEMSELVES; CARE MUST BE TAKEN AT ALL TIMES TO AVOID ACCIDENTS OR INJURIES TO ONESELF AND TO OTHER PLAYERS, OFFICIALS OR STAFF. FIRST AID BOXES WILL BE FOUND IN THE OFFICE. A defibrillator is also located in the Office

THE COURSE

As a general rule, players should not strike a golf ball when there is the risk of endangering another player, member of the Green Staff or a member of the public.

Adjacent Fairways: A deviant ball can carry to adjacent fairways/tees and greens on virtually ALL holes, please shout FORE.

Trees & Bushes: There are significant numbers of trees/bushes on the Course. Care should be taken when playing in close proximity to these and golfers are reminded to be mindful of rebound shots

Bridges (Slip Hazard): Bridge coverings are liable to be slippery when wet

Buggies: Please take care of yourself and others when using a buggy. Under no circumstances should buggies be driven onto the Greens

Out of Bounds: Players MUST NOT retrieve balls from the grounds of any house or private property around the course.

Other potential hazards:

The Green Keeper's Compound/Buildings: These are situated on the left hand side of the 2nd tee box. This is a working area and players are not permitted to enter the compound under any circumstances.

Other Health and Safety Considerations:

☛ Fertiliser and Insecticides etc. on the ground: Do not lick golf balls or fingers. A notice on the 1st Tee will advise when spraying is in progress.

☛ Footwear: Ensure that you are wearing suitable footwear – you have a responsibility to yourself to avoid slipping on slopes and other awkward places.

☛ **Green Keeping Staff:** Green Keeping Staff have priority at all times. Always make sure that they are aware of your presence before you play your shot. The Green Keeping Staff are instructed to signal to you when it is safe to play.