





Welcome to Torphins Golf Club

At Torphins, we believe that golf should be a relaxing, friendly and social experience enjoyed by all ages and golfing abilities. We are a local community club with a full time greenkeeper and a committee that seeks to improve the course and engage with its membership. We hope you will be able to enjoy social and competitive golf, access top rate coaching and participate in our social events.

The club currently has 160 members including a Ladies section, Seniors section and a Junior section.

If you are keen to get to know others in the club please contact the club captain or vice captain who will introduce you to others and help you link up with the appropriate section of the club.

The benefits of joining our club

- Easy access to our golf course
- Free Footgolf
- · Classic Golf Insurance Policy
- Reciprocal arrangement with all the Deeside League Clubs - Braemar, Ballater, Aboyne, Banchory, Peterculter, Stonehaven, Portlethen, Tarland and Lumphanan. As a Torphins member you are entitled to play their 18 hole courses for £20.00 and their 9 hole courses for £10.00, as many times as you choose.
- A chance to participate in our fundraising 100 Club.



Membership

Annual membership runs from April 1 to March 31. On joining the club you will be issued with a membership bag tag to be displayed on your golf bag. You will also be issued with a fixtures card. All members should acquaint themselves with the

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Facilities

The clubhouse is available to members and guests. Entry to the clubhouse is by a secure code which is issued to members alongside their fixtures card. In the clubhouse there is information about the club's activities. During social and competitive events, light refreshments are provided and it is a great place to meet members.

Preparing to play golf

Firstly, always be considerate to all users of the course and club.

There are a considerable number of golf rules which can be complicated! However being familiar with the basics is necessary for you to enjoy and play the game correctly.

Each player requires an individual bag of golf clubs, this helps the speed of play.



Booking a tee-off time

Once you are a member you will be given a password to access the booking system (BRS).

Booking through the BRS system is the best way to guarantee a tee off time. If you require any help logging on please contact anyone on the Committee.

As a nine hole golf course, players waiting at the first tee must alternate teeing off with players coming off the 9th green.

As a member you are entitled to bring a maximum of three guests for whom the member will pay half the current green fee.

For social play you use the yellow tee pegs for gents and the red tee pegs for ladies. The white pegs are used for certain competitions only.



On the course

Play ready golf - "If you are ready to play and it's safe, then play!"

Slow play can affect others on the golf course so please keep up with the groups ahead of you. Remember to give way to faster players or when a ball is not easily found.

Always shout "FORE" when you hit a wayward ball. Observe signage at tees.

Everyone who plays golf has a responsibility to look after our beautiful course. There are a number of actions we expect members to adhere to:

Please ring the bell when clearing the green on the 6th and 7th.

Smooth bunkers and leave rakes within the bunker. Replace and press down divots.

Lift and repair your own pitch marks on the green plus at least one other.

Competitive golf

You are required to have an official handicap to enter a competition.

Having a handicap and playing in club competitions is one of the quickest ways to get involved in Torphins Golf Club and make the most of your membership.

If you are joining without a handicap the process is fairly straightforward. You play three rounds of 18 holes, or 6 rounds of 9 holes, or a combination of both; keep a scorecard for each round; and have this marked and signed by a playing partner. Then forward it to the handicap secretary who will allocate a handicap index based on your scores. This will enable you to play in a competition. Once you have an official handicap index you can apply for a Scottish Golf Card.

Competitions are generally held at the weekend, and generally use the strokeplay format. Full information is provided on the fixtures card and the website details the type of competition.

There are a number of match play competitions which take place throughout the summer. Full details will be available in the clubhouse and on the website.

Also, there are intra club and external competitions in which members can participate throughout the year. The club takes part in the Deeside League which is played on a Thursday evening.

There are a number of sections in the golf club: a Junior section; a Senior Section; and a Ladies section. The senior men meet on a Wednesday morning and the Senior ladies meet on a Thursday afternoon.

Club organisation

The club is run by a committee elected at an AGM. There are regular committee meetings to discuss/ review club activities and any ongoing issues that need to be addressed. The committee members are listed on the fixtures card.

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