



Social Golf Groups Organisers Guide

Half Moon Bay Golf Club is a friendly and relaxed club that welcomes visitors who wish to enjoy our facilities. We do ask that you take a moment to review the following guidelines to ensure you and your friends all have a great day.

Bookings & Tee Times

Please call the ProShop: (07) 4055 7399 ... well in advance to secure your tee times. If you have a large group of 12 or more, you may be asked to ring back and confirm your booking the day before you play. If you require golf carts, please be sure to book those early as well.

On the day, please make sure all your group are at the golf club and checked in 15 minutes prior to your first tee time.

You will need to split into groups of four or less, so ideally you want to arrange a group of 4, 8, 12, 16 etc. You will not be allowed to play in a group larger than 4.

Dress Requirements:

Acceptable Attire

- Neat & presentable at all times
- Predominately white ankle or sports socks
- Shorts or Trousers
- Appropriate golf footwear
- Shirts must have a collar

Unacceptable Attire

- Torn, ripped or soiled clothing
- T Shirt or singlet tops of any kind
- Tracksuit pants
- Football jumpers, shirts or shorts
- Metal spikes not permitted

Game Formats

If you have beginners in your group, we strongly recommend you consider one of the game formats outlined below to ensure they don't get overly frustrated or hold up other players on the course.

Ambrose: This is a great format if you have more than one group of four. Split into teams and spread the beginners and better players evenly.

- Each player hits off and the best shot is used.
- The other balls are picked up, and everyone plays from that position.
- The process is repeated for each shot until the hole is completed.
- Your score for the hole is the number of shots used.

To even things out a bit, usually there's a minimum number of drives that have to be taken for each player. You can set that at 2-3 depending on the skill level of your worst players.

This format takes the pressure off the beginners and saves the better players having to wait around while a beginner hacks 20 shots for every hole. So this is usually much more enjoyable for all players in your group.

Skins: Each hole is worth one 'skin' and whoever wins the hole gets the skin. If no-one wins the hole outright then the 'skin' is carried over so the next hole is worth 2 skins, and so on until someone sinks that pressure putt. Play off scratch or handicap.

Social Stableford: Points are awarded for your score on each hole on a handicap basis. Give the beginners a 36 handicap (2 shots per hole), and those who've played before get 18 (1 shot per hole). Anyone with a current handicap plays off that (and does the scoring!)

You then award 1 point for a nett bogey, 2 for a nett par, 3 for a nett birdie, 4 for a nett eagle and 5 if you bag an albatross (fat chance). Anything worse than a bogey, pick up and stop wasting everyone else's time.

Capped Stroke: If you don't have enough players for an Ambrose, or you just prefer to play individually, a capped format can keep things moving and keep it enjoyable.

Depending on your player's abilities, you set a maximum number of shots over par that you'll score for each hole. More experienced groups might make it 3, if no one in your group has played much, you might make it 4.

So as an example... on a par 4 hole like our 1st, as soon as a player has had 8 shots, they pick up and write down the eight as their score for the hole.

In any game format, you should usually agree to pick up on 9-10. There's no value in taking more shots than that on any one hole... it's frustrating for the player, painful for the others to watch, and it holds up the players behind you.

And that just puts more pressure on the player and makes it even more difficult for them.

Use Of Motorized Golf Carts

Each cart will need to be signed out to a single person who is personally responsible for any damage to the cart.

Carts are very expensive to repair so everyone in your group should be made aware of the need to take care and look after them.

Our golf carts belong to our Members, and any misuse of the carts is sure to be witnessed by Members on the course and reported to the course marshal.

There will be no warnings on cart-misuse. The cart hire will be cancelled on the spot, with no refunds. Both players using the cart will be asked to leave the course.

Group Bookings, Parties etc.

If you're bringing a large group, it is especially important that you make sure everyone is aware that this is a Member's Club and they are here as our guests.

Your players should be made aware of basic course etiquette, dress and behavior standards before you arrive and again before you tee off.

Misbehavior or abuse of the course or equipment will not be tolerated and will ruin the day for your entire group. We understand that this is a big day out for you and spirits will be high, but we are a licensed premise and we cannot leave people out on the course, or in control of motorised carts:

- If they are intoxicated
- If they are misusing equipment or causing damage to the course
- If they are impacting on other players enjoyment of the facility
- If they are clearly out of control and putting other players at risk

To avoid potential problems we recommend you

- Split up your more exuberant players into different groups
- Pair them with some steadier/older players to provide a calming influence
- If you have designated driver's, spread them around the different groups as well
- Let everyone know that their behaviour could ruin the day for everyone.

Common sense and basic good behaviour should mean none of this is an issue for most people, but if you are bringing people onto our golf course, the onus is on you to ensure they behave.

Responsible Service of Alcohol

Half Moon Bay Golf Club is a licensed venue, and our license covers the entire course area. As such, you are not permitted to bring alcohol onto the course. Alcohol brought onto the golf course will be confiscated, just as it would be at any other venue.

We have a duty of care to ensure no intoxicated person is served alcohol. If any of your group are intoxicated and unruly, we are legally obliged to ask them to leave the premises.

The short version is: if you want to come out, play some golf, have a few drinks and have a great day, we'd love to have you.

But if you're planning on getting drunk, misusing our golf carts or damaging our course, you'd best go somewhere else.

If any of your party start to misbehave, you need to bring them into line immediately or they will be asked to leave.

That should all be common-sense and basic acceptable behaviour for most people, and we certainly don't want to restrict your enjoyment of the day. However we do need to ensure no one else ruins your day for you!

So if you'd like to organise a day for your social or sporting group, a christmas party, a birthday party or any other special occasion, please call today to discuss your options.

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