

## Golf Membership at Heacham Manor *Frequently Asked Questions*

### How busy is the course during the week and weekends?

- During the week there are usually many tee times available however there may be occasions availability is reduced due to society or corporate bookings.
- Weekends on the course can be busy especially in the morning and in the summer but there will always be tee times available.
- We run a booking system which means as a member you can book your tee times in and see what the play is like on each day.
- With this, members have priority before 9 am each morning and members can book tee times 7 days in advance.

### What competitions does the club run?

- The club runs numerous competitions for men and ladies. Juniors are welcome to enter all competitions but must play off adult tees. We also include summer singles and doubles match play alongside the men's, ladies, and seniors club championships.
- We also offer mixed social competitions, midweek stablefords, medals, winter match play and the new format Maximum Score competitions.
- We also have many seniors, men's, ladies, and mixed matches against other clubs. We also enter the Norfolk County knock out competitions such as the Myhill, Barnard, Cullington, Diamond and Gillieson as well as the new Norfolk League.

### Do I need a golf handicap?

- A golf handicap is not required to join Heacham Manor; however, we do request that members attempt to gain a handicap within 6 months of joining.

### How do I get a handicap?

- To gain a handicap, you need to submit a total of 54 holes, made up of 3 x 18-hole scorecards or 6 x 9-hole scorecards. From this you are allocated a handicap index, via the World Handicap System. The marker must be a FULL member of our club who holds a Handicap Index, with Heacham Manor as their Home Club for handicapping purposes.
- If you require more information on handicaps, please speak to a member of the golf team who will be happy to assist.

### Is there an opportunity for new members to meet existing members?

- As a club we encourage members to play with a variety of people and therefore we aim to make it easy for new members to meet existing members.
- Every Monday morning the seniors meet at around 8.30am & the ladies meet on a Wednesday at around 10am this is on an open basis, for the purpose of meeting and socialising with other players.
- Alternatively, there are monthly mixed competitions and other fun tournaments for you to participate in.
- We also organise social events throughout the year which gives a good opportunity to meet other members.
- The tee bookings system lets you create a list of friends, and you are able add yourself to any open booking.

### Is there a joining fee?

- There is not currently a joining fee for Heacham Manor Golf Club

### Do you have a waiting list?

- We do not have a waiting list at the moment, and you are able to join without referral from another member.

### Do you offer a courtesy round?

- We do not offer a courtesy round, but one green fee will be refunded off the cost of your membership if you choose to join (proof of paid green fee is required).
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### Why do I have to pay the England Golf and Norfolk Golf Union Affiliation fee?

- All golfers must pay these fees to enable us, as a club, to be able to offer handicaps, competitions, County Cards, safeguarding, club support, development, and rules of golf. This money goes toward helping the England Golf and Norfolk Union develop golf on a national and local level. More information can be found at: [www.Englandgolf.org](http://www.Englandgolf.org).