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BIGGA's guidelines on Courtesy Golf

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BIGGA provides strict guidelines to its full greenkeeper members regarding the procedure to follow when a member applies to a golf club for courtesy golf. A great deal of trust is placed upon the member to adhere to these guidelines. BIGGA is aware that a small minority of greenkeeper members (and in some cases other categories of members who are not entitled to courtesy golf) are not following these guidelines.

The Association is, therefore, anxious to ensure that the actions of a minority of people do not spoil this wonderful opportunity for the majority and requests the assistance of the golf clubs, who extend this privilege to BIGGA members, in enforcing the following guidelines:

- ⌘ Only those with full greenkeeper membership should seek courtesy golf.
- ⌘ Courtesy golf is only given at the discretion of the individual golf club and is not an automatic benefit of membership.
- ⌘ Members wishing to seek courtesy golf at a club should contact the club at least 24 hours in advance of wishing to play.

On arrival at the club, members should report to the Secretary/Pro Shop and follow normal procedures for playing golf.

- ⌘ Members should always produce a valid membership card as proof of status to the club.
- ⌘ Members should make a point of thanking the club for their courtesy on completion of their round of golf.
- ⌘ Members should not seek courtesy golf at any one golf club more than twice per year.

It is the vast majority of members who do follow the above guidelines and can work together to ensure the continuation of courtesy golf, which is a benefit much valued by BIGGA members in terms of providing an insight, from a golfer's perspective, of the playing and set up of a golf course.

Golf clubs wishing to verify membership or requiring further details should contact BIGGA. All suspected abuses of the card should be reported in writing to BIGGA headquarters where such complaints will be investigated and appropriate action taken.

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