

# Rules and Procedures

# Golf Club de Mortemart

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The Golf Club de Mortemart is a private property. The purpose of these rules & procedures is to define and organise the arrangements for access to and use of club facilities. It complements the various displays defining the rules of use of the installations (Course, Driving Range, Putting Green, Clubhouse). It is binding on all persons, whether they are a member or not of the Golf Club de Mortemart.

### 1/. OPENING HOURS OF THE GOLF COURSE

The golf course is open every day of the year except December 25th and January 1st.

Summer hours: 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Winter hours: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

A partial or total closure of the course may be ordered depending on exceptional conditions (special events, works, maintenance of the course, weather conditions, etc.). The temporary closure of facilities, for any reason, does not entail any right to an extension of the validity of the fees collected.

The access fees to the course (green fees) are issued during the opening hours of the club house Reception and can be used after the closing time of the Reception. In case of use of the golf facilities after the closure of the Reception, the Golf Management declines all responsibility. Access to the course after the closure of the Reception is prohibited to unaccompanied minors and non-members of the Golf Club de Mortemart (except in case of purchase of a green-fee while the Reception is open).

The course and paths are strictly forbidden to walkers, joggers and cyclists. The course is reserved for golfers and the paths for golf maintenance equipment and buggies. Only buggies rented, previously at the Reception, or having a right of access to the golf course are allowed.

#### Access control to the Mortemart golf course:

Each paid-up member of the Golf Club de Mortemart must imperatively have hung on his golf bag the badge on which their name and the current year of their membership appears. This badge is strictly personal and is issued by the Reception as soon as the annual fee is paid.

#### 2/. CONDITIONS OF ACCESS TO THE FACILITIES

Any member or visitor, upon arrival on the site must present themselves at Reception.

Access to facilities such as the course, the driving range & the putting green is reserved to paid-up members, people who have paid the amount of a green-fee or a right of access to the training areas, and those registered for the teaching courses.

#### 3/. ACCESS TO THE COURSE

Access to the golf course is reserved for to paid-up members, and visitors with a valid right of access, presentable on demand to golf staff (Reception Staff, Greenkeepers, Managers).

The attention of users of trolleys and buggies is drawn to the need to respect traffic instructions and signage, especially around greens and tees. Depending on the condition of the course, the Golf Course Management reserves the right to temporarily prohibit all trolley and buggy traffic on the course.

Players are responsible for non-players who accompany them, especially in terms of respect for the course and other players. At all times, adults are responsible for any children that accompany them. If necessary, they are responsible for giving a minimum of instructions so that they do not play in the bunkers or run on the fairways & respect the tranquility of other players.

It is forbidden to play with Range Balls on the golf course.

# 4/. ACCESS TO PRACTICE AREAS & THE RANGE

Access to the golf practice areas is reserved for members who are up to date with their membership as well as visitors with access rights. Supporting documents may be requested by the golf course staff (bag badge, green-fee ticket...)

All Range Balls are the property of the golf course and must not leave this place under any circumstances.

It is forbidden to put Range Balls in a bag or in your car. To do so may incur sanctions (warning, prohibition of access to the driving range or even removal from the golf course). It is forbidden to practice with Range Balls on the putting green and approach area.

# 5/. GOLF CARTS AND CARTS

Trolley traffic is prohibited on or in the immediate vicinity of tees, greens, bunkers, water hazards and all areas delimited by ropes. It is also forbidden to circulate with your trolley in the clubhouse. It is forbidden to keep a "fork" for the rental trolleys in your locker or car.

The golf carts and rental trolleys must be put back in their place and the "fork" returned to the reception.

Buggies must be reserved at the reception and returned, cleared of all rubbish, as soon as matches are finished.

Their use may be prohibited depending on ground conditions on the course.

# 6/. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription takes effect on the day of payment and is valid until 31 December. Memberships taken after the beginning of the year:

from 01/01 to 30/04 Membership fees will not be recalculated.

from 01/05 to 31/08 Membership fees will be prorated with a supplement of 30%.

from 01/09 to 31/12 Membership fees will be prorated with a supplement of 20%.

The golf course undertakes to inform members by email of the new pricing before the expiry of their subscription. Membership of the Association Sportive of the Golf de Mortemart and the membership of the FFG are made through the Association Sportive. These contributions are not mandatory but are strongly recommended.

# 7/. TERMINATION

Golf membership takes effect for the duration of the subscription.

If, because of work related changes, a member is permanently prevented from benefiting from the services of the golf course, no refund will be made.

If, for health reasons, a member is deprived of golf services for more than 45 consecutive days, Golfy will refund the unused months of their subscription. The claim must be made within 10 working days on the site: <a href="https://www.golfy.fr/sinistres">www.golfy.fr/sinistres</a>, or by email: <a href="mailto:sinistres@gritchen.fr">sinistres@gritchen.fr</a> or by post to:

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The golf course may terminate a membership contract with immediate effect and without prior notice if the member does not pay their subscriptions or if they do not respect the commitment to pay them on the scheduled deadlines. Failure to comply with the rules, violation of the rules & procedures as well as any behavior likely to significantly harm members, golf staff or facilities may justify the termination of the golf subscription. The termination is pronounced by the management of the club. It does not entitle the member to any refund of playing rights. Access to the golf course, as well as to all its structures is prohibited to the member struck off.

# 8/. GREEN-FEES

Visiting players wishing to access the sports facilities, must first pay a green fee, at the Reception, the amount of the green fee corresponding to the tariffs in force. Any player who has purchased a 9-, 15- or 18-hole green-fee must, under no circumstances, grant themselves the right to additional holes without both prior agreement of the reception and paying a supplement. A copy of the tariffs is posted at Reception.

Green fees will not be refunded in case of impossibility of play due to bad weather, however a credit may be issued to players who have not completed at least half of their purchased round.

#### 9/. RESERVATION OF DEPARTURES

All players are required to book their departure in advance.

For members, the reservation may be made at Reception or on the online booking website: <u>https://mortemart.n.netgolf.fr/</u>

All players must systematically present themselves at the Reception before their departure in order to validate their passage and be informed of the playing conditions in force and other specificities of the moment concerning the state of the course. This approach allows the management to evaluate at any time the estimated progress of each player on the course. Players must respect their departure times. Any player arriving late has no priority and must comply with the instructions of the reception regarding available start times. Players whose presence has not been validated at Reception may be excluded from the course and will have to resume another start. Depending on the influx of players, Reception staff reserve the right to organize departures grouped with other members or visitors.

Departures from hole n ° 10 before 9:50 am must be agreed with Reception.

Any player wishing to cancel a reservation must inform Reception or cancel their reservation directly from their online Netgolf account, under penalty of being refused a subsequent reservation.

# 10/. ETIQUETTE AND PRIORITY ON THE COURSE

The course is played in the numerical order of the holes. Golf club staff alone are authorized to allow a round to start other than on hole No.1.

Each player must have their own equipment.

When there is a high attendance, Golf Club staff can require smaller parties to form 4-ball groups.

Players and accompanying persons are required to respect the rules of etiquette that any person entering the course is expected to know.

Here are some of the most important ones: -

- Do not interfere with a player, who is preparing to play a shot, by talking, moving or standing behind them or in the rear extension of their line of play.
- Do not play until the players in front of you or Club Staff are absolutely out of range.
- On tees and areas in front of greens, avoid practice shots and do not take your trolleys or buggies.
- Replace or flatten divots
- Enter bunkers by their lower part and eliminate your traces in the sand by raking carefully (put the rakes back in the bunkers in the direction of the game, at the back of the bunker with the handle out).
- Carefully repair damage to the green caused by shoes and pitch marks and replace the flag (previously removed and gently placed) avoiding damage to the edge of the hole.
- Single players have no priority.

#### **11/. SAFETY OF GREENKEEPING STAFF**

Every player is required to respect and ensure the safety of the personnel who are working on the course.

Technical staff working on the course have priority over the golf players. They may therefore require players to wait for the time necessary for the proper performance of their work. Players are authorised to play only when greenkeepers are out of danger. Maintenance personnel have priority on the course; they will do their best not to disturb the players.

#### 12/. BEHAVIOUR – DRESS CODE

Everyone is required to behave in a way that respects the tranquility of others within the site. Correct and decent clothing is required in summer as in winter and it is forbidden to move round the course shirtless or to play in shorts or barefoot.

Inappropriate clothing includes: cycling shorts, bra-tops, vest-tops, tracksuits, caps on backwards.

We also remind you that wearing a hat or cap is not recommended inside the clubhouse. Shoes or boots with metal studs are PROHIBITED on the course.

#### 13/. TEACHING

Only trainers approved by the Golf Club de Mortemart can give golf lessons.

On the driving range, trainers and their students have priority over the reserved spaces.

Trainers are responsible for enforcing the rules & procedures with their students and ensuring their good behaviour on the course and training areas.

They also teach the principles of etiquette and rules of golf to their beginner students. Trainers from other clubs accompanied by their students must obtain permission from the Management of the Club to be able to teach on the site.

### 14/. RECEPTION AREA – PROSHOP

Access to the Reception area and computers behind the counter is strictly reserved for golf club staff. The Reception area should not be used to transmit mail or various objects between members.

Any picnic is prohibited in the clubhouse as well as on the terrace.

# 15/. COURSE CONTROL SERVICE (COMISSARIAT DE PARCOURS)

In order to improve the fluidity of the game, a "Course Control Service" to control Tee-Times and speed of play may be set up at certain times. It is invested by the Golf Club de Mortemart with all the necessary authority, in particular, to modify the tee times or the composition of the games or ask to interrupt the game and move on to the next hole. It will also monitor the payment of access rights.

#### **16/. COMPETITIONS**

Golf Club de Mortemart and the Association Sportive du Golf de Mortemart organise competitions open to members and visitors. Since these competitions count towards the players' handicap, players are reminded that no game can be "arranged" and that the composition of playing parties and tee-times **only** are in the control of the club.

Registrations are made directly on the AS notice board at the clubhouse or by phone to the Reception at the earliest 15 days before the competition up until mid-day on the day before the competition.

Withdrawals must be reported no later than 18h00 the day before or risk being disqualified from the event, except in exceptional circumstances (illness, accident, etc.).

On the day of the competition, each player must pay their playing fees and be present at the start 5 minutes before their scheduled tee-time.

#### **17/. COMPETING ACTIVITIES**

Unless previously authorized, any exercise or promotion of activities or services that compete with the activities or services offered directly or indirectly by the golf course is strictly prohibited.

# 18/. USE OF GOLF CLUB DE MORTEMART'S NAME OR IMAGE

The name and logos of the Golf Club de Mortemart are its exclusive property. Their use is strictly prohibited without prior written agreement.

#### 19/. SAFETY

Players are reminded to ensure when executing a stroke or practise swing that no one is standing nearby and to play only when the game ahead of them or any other person are out of range. Swimming is prohibited in all ponds, lakes and other water hazards, and it is advised not to approach their banks too closely.

#### Advice in case of thunderstorm:

Avoid open areas, high grounds, isolated trees, water, metal, electrical equipment, wires, fences, overhead wires and power lines, electrical sprinkler devices, maintenance equipment. Look for low-lying areas, sandy areas including the lowest bunkers (not flooded), dense woods, maintenance shelters, motor vehicles or the clubhouse.

#### 20/. LIABILITY & INSURANCE

Members use the equipment and facilities of the golf course available to them under their full personal responsibility. The responsibility of the Golf Club de Mortemart cannot be sought in case of accident resulting from the fault of the member, or more generally, in case of non-compliance with the Rules & Procedures or Etiquette.

The Golf Club de Mortemart is affiliated to the French Golf Federation (FFG) and we invite members to take out an FFG Licence and thus benefit from the Federation's collective insurance contract. This insurance is intended to cover bodily injury or material accidents that licensees may cause to third parties in the course of their golf practice in France or abroad. The Golf Club de Mortemart is not responsible for the deterioration, loss or theft of any object whatsoever, deposited or forgotten within the boundaries of the golf course. Players are reminded not to leave valuables in their car or golf bag.

#### 21/. LOSS AND THEFT – FOUND ITEMS

The Management declines all responsibility in the event of loss or theft within the golf course. Lost and found items will be kept by the golf course for a maximum period of one month, after this period, unclaimed objects will be removed.

#### 22/. DISPLAY

Any posting of notices, posters etc., in any place whatsoever, is prohibited without prior authorization from the Management.

#### 23/. ANIMALS

Animals must be kept on a leash on the course. They are not allowed in the clubhouse.

#### 24/. CAR PARK AREA

Unless expressly authorized by the reception staff, vehicles must not park in front of the golf clubhouse.

The Golf Club de Mortemart declines all responsibility in case of theft or break-in of vehicles.

#### 25/. AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES & PROCEDURES

The Rules & Procedures have been established by the management of the Golf de Mortemart and may be modified at any time.

#### 26/. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES OF PROCEDURE – PENALTIES

The manager of the Golf de Mortemart, or their representatives, are responsible for the application of these Rules & Procedures.

Any violation of these Rules & Procedures entails the possibility for the Golf Club management to decide immediately on a warning or a temporary suspension of access to its services, in particular the immediate exclusion from the facilities, after having heard the views of the interested party.

In the event of a temporary suspension, this does not in any case entail the extension of the validity of the right to play for the corresponding period.

The Management may also decide to permanently remove access to its services and, in the case of members, to exclude them.

In the event of a permanent suspension of service or exclusion of a member, it does not entitle the member to any refund of service.

In all cases, the persons concerned remain liable for any sums due to the Golf de Mortemart, without prejudice to any prosecution.

"Everything that is not allowed is forbidden"