

Golf Policy

PURPOSE

To ensure consistent acceptable safety standards are maintained for the conduct of all Golf Groups.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Medical Policy

- a. Members are solely responsible for ensuring their medical and physical fitness for this golf group. If uncertain they should seek medical advice before enrolling or participating at any time. The Group Leader may request verbal confirmation that medical advice has been obtained and is being followed.
- b. Members must wear their U3A Knox Inc. identity name tag including up-to-date details of any emergency contact telephone number. In addition, members must carry in their golf bag the details of any relevant medical condition and vital medication, to alert medical professionals who may be called on their behalf and at their cost.
- c. When serious injury or illness occurs, an ambulance should be called in accordance with U3A Knox Inc. [Calling an Ambulance policy](#).
- d. Qualified medical or first-aid treatment is **NOT** provided for this golf group. The costs associated with calling in an ambulance or other medical professionals where deemed necessary by the Group Leader, or Day Leader in the absence of the Group Leader, will be borne by the member.

2. Safety Policy

- a. Each group will appoint a safety representative.
- b. The safety representative is to receive appropriate training from the U3A Health and Safety Officer.
- c. The safety representative will advise the Group Leader of any safety concerns and possible remedial action for consideration by the Group Leader.

- d. Members are responsible for abiding by the rules of the venue. In addition, they are required to comply with any related and reasonable request from the Group Leader.
- e. The basics of play followed by the golf group are those shown on the Golf Australia web site under Basics of Play. URL: <https://www.golf.org.au/thebasicsofgolf>
- f. Members must provide and maintain their equipment in good order.
- g. To avoid the risk to members of heat related illness or stress during the warmer months, tee off times must be scheduled to avoid the hottest part of the day.
- h. The Leader will consider calling off play if the ambient on course temperature is >30° C. However, there is no obligation to finish playing all holes if a member feels that the temperature is too hot for them, he or she may return to the club house at any time.
- i. If there is a likelihood of an electrical storm or an electrical storm commences during play, play must be called off. Golf Clubs have siren systems which they activate when electrical storms are around 5 kilometres away and all members must immediately return to the club house when the siren sounds.
- j. Play is to be called off in any other circumstances when the Group Leader considers the playing or weather conditions are unsuitable or unsafe

Responsibilities: The Group Leader must ensure:

- The Safety Policy is implemented.
- The official attendance sheet has been completed prior to commencement of each golf game.
- Any accidents, injuries or incidents are reported according to the [Health and Safety Policy](#).

3. General Policy

- a. Members are required to wear neat golf attire and shoes that comply with the dress standards of the venue.
- b. Any green fees and any other charges imposed by the venue are the responsibility of individual members.
- c. In the absence of the Group Leader from the group for a period of time, the Group leader may appoint a substitute or Interim Group Leader. As soon

as is practicable the Course Coordinator is to be advised details of the change.

- d. The substitute or Interim Group Leader must be made aware of and ensure that the duties and responsibilities of the Group Leader are performed.
- e. The Group Leader may invite an un-enrolled member or a visitor to participate in an introductory game. The Group Leader is to ensure the invitee is aware, understands and accepts the relevant provisions of this policy.
- f. The Group Leader may appoint a member to be a Day Leader.
- g. An extension of the term program to participate in community or other public events and or other sessions during the term or term break may only be made by the Group Leader or delegate.
- h. The Course Coordinator is to be advised of any changes, extensions, or cancellations to the program. If a group or members of a group propose representing U3A Knox Inc. in a community competition or other public event, prior notice is to be given to the Course Coordinator.
- i. Each group will appoint a Group Assistant to provide administrative support to the Group Leader.
- j. At the end of each term the Group Leader or Group Assistant is required to return the completed group attendance sheet to the Course Coordinator.
- k. U3A Knox Inc does **NOT** indemnify ordinary members or provide public liability, personal accident or any other insurance cover whatsoever including loss or theft or damage to personal or other property.

APPROVAL

This policy was reviewed and amended by the U3A Knox Inc. Committee of Management on September 8, 2021.