

Dogs on the Golf Course Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to state the requirements when a dog is brought onto the Northland Golf Club course and associated areas.

Background

From time-to-time dogs have been brought onto the golf course either for exercise or to accompany a player during a game. The Northland Golf Club has in the past protected the course house and grounds from any interference and damage from dogs.

Policy

The Club promotes a dog pet-friendly environment but within the needs of golf, player requirements and the need to preserve course care.

During Competitions and Tournaments

During formal competitions and tournaments no dogs except service dogs are permitted to accompany a player, visitor or guest on the golf course. The hours of golf-play include any time when players are engaged in a round or part-round of golf. Any persons with service dogs should have with them proof of their status.

Walking and Exercising Dogs

The hours before and after the Club Shop opens and closes may be used by Club members and their visitors to walk and exercise their dogs around the course grounds. Only service dogs are permitted to enter Club buildings.

Public Access to the Course

From time to time there will be members of the public or persons connected in some way to the Club who will walk dogs on the course. This is not an open invitation for members of the public to enter the Course grounds but some will enter the course grounds. Unfortunately it is not possible to police all access points so warning signs are to be erected to advise the rules and safety aspects for people walking their dogs. These warning signs are to be located at established entry-exit points.

Safety and Course Care

Whilst a Club Member has a dog on the Club grounds the dog is to be **under control** at all times and this may require the dog to be on a leash.

Dogs seen or proven to be a danger to the safety of any players will be banned from the course.

Dogs are to be kept away from tee-blocks, greens and bunkers. Any interference to bunker surfaces is to be raked smooth. Dog faeces are to be picked up and removed from the golf course by those controlling the dog. This includes the course *general area*.

Reporting a Breach

Should a breach of these policy requirements be seen by a Club Member it should be reported to the Club Shop.