

Visitors with an interest in golf have been considered by VisitScotland in the development of the Golfers Welcome Scheme which recognises the special efforts made by businesses to provide for them, and to help them choose suitable accommodation.



GOLFERS WELCOME SCHEME

Scotland is known worldwide as 'the home of golf'. Visitors have been coming to Scotland for golf holidays for over 100 years and there are 550 courses, more per head of population than almost anywhere else in the world.

Golf is a major source of income for Scotland and our golf courses are renowned worldwide. We need to ensure that the hospitality encountered by our visiting golfers meets, or preferably exceeds, their expectations.

Visitors who enjoy golf have specific needs and it makes a positive difference to their experience if these needs are recognised and catered for. They appreciate having lockable storage for golf clubs; a daily weather forecast; or details of local transport, golf shops, or teeoff times.

Those wishing to apply for the Golfers Welcome Scheme should display a positive attitude towards golfers and a genuine desire to meet and anticipate their needs.

To become a member you must provide the following and your VisitScotland Quality and Tourism Advisor will verify what the required facilities exist when they visit or for non Quality Assured customers a representative from VisitScotland will arrange to come along and verify.

GOLFERS WELCOME SCHEME FOR SERVICED ACCOMMODATION

1. A separate space should be available for drying outdoor clothing and footwear at an ambient temperature of approx. 30°C, so clothes can dry overnight. Dehumidifier can be used.
2. Be able to offer a late evening meal (available until 8pm) if there are no other meal providers within one mile. A late night snack should be available after 8pm.
3. Early breakfast option from 7am, or for very early leavers a tray the night before.
4. Information on location and opening times of nearest local late-opening eating establishments (and directions), if meals are not provided.
5. Information should be provided on local courses

(clubhouse facilities, course maps, contact numbers, usual visitor tee times, dress code, directions, green fees or their acceptance of Golf Passes or saver voucher schemes). Booking of tee times if required.

6. Details of local sports/golf shops, club shops, club hire, coaching, availability of practice areas, driving ranges.
7. General information on the local area with suggestions for the non-golfer. Provide information available on local public transport services e.g. bus and golfers taxi services.
8. Provide a lockable storage area for guests' golf clubs.
9. Daily weather forecast should be available.
10. Free unrestricted WiFi available.
11. Recharge point for electric power caddy.

GOLFERS WELCOME SCHEME FOR SELF CATERING/ HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION

1. A separate space should be available for drying outdoor clothing and footwear at an ambient temperature of approx. 30°C, so clothes can dry overnight. Dehumidifier can be used.
2. Information on location and opening times of the nearest shops and late-opening eating establishments (and directions).
3. Information should be provided on local courses (clubhouse facilities, course maps, contact numbers, usual visitor tee times, dress code, directions, green fees or their acceptance of Golf Passes or saver voucher schemes).
4. General information of the local area and suggestions for the non-golfer.
5. Details of location and opening times of local sports/ golf shops/club shops/hire clubs/coaching/availability of practice areas/driving ranges.
6. Information available on local public transport services e.g. bus and golfers' taxi services.
7. Provide a storage area for guests' golf clubs.
8. Daily weather forecast should be available.
9. Clothes washing facilities or location of the nearest launderette facility.
10. Free unrestricted WiFi available.
11. Recharge point for electric power caddy