

Wimbledon Park Golf Club Lease 8 May 1986

Provisions for use by the public of Merton

Summary (created by CC June 2022):

The lease, granted 1986, replacing a lease of 1961, reserved to Merton residents very valuable rights:

1. 75% of all members had to be Merton residents or business owners.
2. Any resident could play without needing to be a member and by paying only half the usual green fees.
3. Merton resident OAPS could play without needing to be members and by paying only a quarter of the usual green fees.
4. Merton schools could use the course for a “nominal consideration” and the coach committed to participation in the Golf Foundation Scheme.

Full particulars (transcribed by CC from copy of lease attached to 1993 Sales Particulars issued by Merton):

Clause 2 The Club hereby covenants with the Corporation as follows: -

(20) The Club to make available to persons residing within the boundaries of the London Borough of Merton the right to play golf on the Course as are more fully set out in the Second Schedule hereto.

Second Schedule

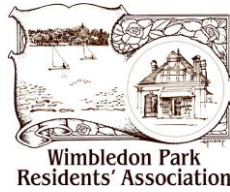
A. The Club (subject to availability of vacancies and of suitable candidates) shall comprise at least 75 per cent of membership living or having business interests within the London Borough of Merton. When vacancies arise, the Club shall if the qualifications and suitability of candidates are in all other respects equal give priority to rate payers within the London Borough of Merton.

B. Residents of the London Borough of Merton who wish to use the course as visitors and are able to use the course in a responsible way may do so on producing to the Club satisfactory evidence of their residence within the Borough upon the following terms: -

(i) Due compliance with the Club's Rules.

(ii) Payment of a concessionary green fee of 50% of the normal visitor's fee current from time to time.

(iii) In the case of London Borough of Merton residents who are also old age pensioners who wish to play on either of two special weekdays each week payment of 25% of the normal visitors fee current from time to time. The “special weekdays” shall be Monday and Friday (provided that the same are not public holidays) or such other two days in each week as may be specified by the Club from time to time with the prior approval of the Corporation such approval not to be unreasonably withheld.



(iv) Subject to practicality the Club are willing to consider providing handicaps to residents who return authenticated completed score cards.

(v) In the interests of safety of all persons using the course the Club shall retain the right to exclude and refund the fee of any authorised resident who fails to comply with the Club Rules for the proper use of the course.

C. (i) The Club shall give favourable consideration to schools within the London Borough of Merton wishing to have facilities for the use of the course by their pupils for a nominal consideration. This will in any event be subject to:

(a) The schools providing adequate supervisory staff to ensure proper behaviour in accordance with the Club's Rules whilst pupils are on the course in the interests of safety.

(b) The Club being indemnified by the Education Authority for liability for any injury whilst the pupils are on the course.

(ii) Coaching facilities for schoolchildren from such schools as aforesaid if required may be arranged with the Club professional staff and such facilities as may be available on the course will be provided for this purpose. Restricted facilities make it difficult to provide coaching facilities for youngsters on the Golf course, but the Club professional has expressed a willingness to participate in the Golf Foundation Scheme if requested by the Corporation and the Club would encourage such participation.

Save Wimbledon Park