



## **Why do I need the following ?**

### **FFG Licence, Medical certificate, Membership to the Club's Golf Association**

#### **Fédération Française de Golf (FFG) Licence**

The FFG licence is an obligatory form of insurance imposed by the French government (article L321-1 du code du sport) on all sporting associations, societies and individuals who practice their chosen sport in a public setting, regardless of other insurance cover. It covers public liability – both to you and to others - while practicing your sport. The FFG treats 1300 claims annually and pays out over 800.000€ in compensation.

Individual benefits:

- ❖ It provides a licence number which allows you to enter official FFG competitions
- ❖ Your handicap can be registered and monitored
- ❖ You may create a free page on the FFG website where your information can be stored
- ❖ You can receive useful information direct from the federation by SMS (text message) or e-mail.
- ❖ Special reductions such as 30% off Novotel reservations, reductions on Europcar rentals, Air France flights, and many others

The card carries your name, the club's name and FFG code, your licence number and your current handicap.

*The code states quite clearly that secondary or complementary cover elsewhere such as household or specialist sport insurance is not sufficient. It is a legal requirement to obtain the FFG licence for golf. Without this licence, you are playing golf outside the law which can have serious consequences for both you and the SCC management.*

In addition to the individual benefits mentioned above, the license benefits your club

- ❖ The Club receives voting rights in League elections
- ❖ The Club becomes eligible for certain grants directly related to the number of licence holders attributed to the club.

The FFG website explains your obligation in full: <http://www.ffgolf.org/>

You can order your golf licence from the reception at a cost of 46€ pa. This cost can be charged to your club account.

## Medical Certificate

Along with the Licence. French law requires anyone practicing a sport as part of an association to have their GP sign a medical certificate that they are fit to pursue their sport. The FFG computer programme ELKA, which monitors and controls the competitive life of a Club and its members, bars subscription by any member who does not have a current medical certificate. The medical certificate is necessary for those home owners who intend to enter club competitions.

A PDF of the medical certificate is available to download from the SCC Owners' website to be signed by your GP. The certificate can be validated by a GP in your country of residence or in France and must be renewed each calendar year.

It is impossible to play FFG competitions without it. Should anything go wrong when someone is playing the course without a licence or medical certificate, insurance cover is invalidated and the individual becomes personally liable for any eventual damages.

### Recap

- ❖ Legal obligation to hold a current certificate with the licence.
- ❖ Impossible to play FFG competitions without it
- ❖ Insurance invalid without medical certificate

## Association Membership

Membership of the local French "Association des Golfeurs de Mas del Teil." is not obligatory; however for those home owners wishing to mix, meet and integrate with your local French counterparts it is indispensable. The cost of joining the association is an annual fee of 25€. The association organises a wide range of social, golfing & charity events to which members are invited. Membership of the association does not replace the need to take the FFG golf licence.

The association also provides the legal means by which Souillac Country Club can run a Golf School. The Ecole de Golf could not exist without the association and receives grants from local councils and the Golf League of the Midi Pyrenees. The competitive life of the Club is only possible as a result of the association.

I invite you to contact the Club's reception to organise your 2009 FFG golf licence and membership to the association the cost of which can be put on your club account.

The management team of Souillac Country Club will be working hand in hand with the association in 2009 for the benefit of all those who wish to see our golfing activities prosper and become better organised. Please join us in this aim to make 2009 a truly enjoyable golfing experience.

*The views expressed in this overview are those of Ludovic Hanks and are offered as a practical guide rather than an exact legal representation of the FFG's requirements.*