

Ernie Els & Fancourt Foundation Hostel at Fancourt

Introduction

Fancourt has purchased a piece of land on which there was an existing guesthouse. This building has since been converted into a world-class boarding hostel catering for up to 56 boys and girls of high school going age.

The hostel runs similarly to a school boarding house with strict rules and regulations. Members are expected to conduct themselves in an impeccable manner at all times, within the guidelines set out by the Foundation. Each member will have his or her own bedroom within a specific 'dormitory' and make use of its shared bathroom facilities. There is a communal dining room for all meals, as well as a central entertainment area for recreational activities.

A sick-bay is stocked with suitable and necessary items and a 'matron/housekeeper' looks after the members' needs. This person also takes responsibility for laundry and general domestic issues. Although there are cleaning staff at the hostel, each member will be expected to do domestic duties typical to any family home (e.g. being responsible for their own belongings, tidying their own room etc.).

A typical school day starts with an early (substantial) breakfast, followed by transport to the selected school. At the end of the school day, each member will be collected from school and returned to the hostel, where they will then attend the golf academy, followed thereafter by an individual programme as devised by the Fancourt coaching staff (under the direction of PGA professional George Harvey).

The members will be encouraged to take part in at least one other extra-mural activity at the school they are attending, whether it be a team sport or cultural activity (e.g. choir), so as not to miss out on vital aspects of secondary education. They will also participate in outreach programmes within less privileged communities in the George area.

The members will be able to play at least 18 holes of golf on one of the Fancourt courses each weekend, depending on their other golfing commitments. They are likely to be eligible to play league for Fancourt, however, they will not be eligible to represent Southern Cape at a provincial level. They will remain available to their home unions for representative team golf. They will also remain members of their existing golf clubs and will be handicapped there.

The house master will be responsible for rules and regulations and will be available for meetings with parents at all times. He will be responsible for day-to-day disciplinary issues and will report directly to the Foundation CEO and, in turn, to the Foundation Board of Trustees. A full document

detailing these rules and regulations will be available in due course. Both the member and his or her parents will be expected to agree to abide by these as a condition of membership of the EEFF.

Guidelines for hostel members of the Ernie Els & Fancourt Foundation

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In order to achieve the objectives of the EEFF it is important that hostel members adhere to a code of conduct as set out below. Although the EEFF endeavours to steer away from numerous confusing rules and regulations, it is, however, necessary to set out such guidelines for the day-to-day affairs of the hostel and the members who reside on the premises.

Guidelines are based on the below-mentioned values:

Respect: a form of admiration, appreciation and recognition of somebody or something special and is earned through achievement, seniority and standard of civilization. Respect needs to be mutual between boys and girls and between people of different cultures. Lack of respect for rules, property and other people normally leads to a person not fitting in, in society or in an institution of this nature, which in turn could lead to temporary or even permanent expulsion from the EEFF.

Excellence: one's intention not to accept anything less than the best. Being the best that one can be in any given situation.

Balance: using one's various talents in different spheres of life in order to learn more skills and become a well-rounded individual.

Self-realization: knowing yourself, what is important to you, what you are striving to achieve and also being happy and at ease with yourself.

Community involvement: becoming a caring and involved part of the community in order to make a positive difference to the lives of those around you.

The above-mentioned values are based on the underlying foundations of integrity and loyalty.

Integrity: implies honesty, dependability and being able to admit one's mistakes before making an effort to rectify them.

Loyalty: means that members will uphold and promote the name of the EEFF at all times.

Rules and regulations of the Ernie Els & Fancourt Foundation hostel

This part of the information contains a few basic rules pertaining to the day-to-day activities at the hostel, as well as guidelines to assure an orderly lifestyle in the hostel and surrounds. These rules aim to create a sense of decent living, equality and freedom within a well-structured and controlled environment.

Accommodation

- Members will be accommodated in four or six-bedroom 'apartments.'
- Rooms must be tidy at all times e.g. beds made and clothes folded and packed away in cupboards.
- The sound of radios or any sound equipment should not be heard in adjacent rooms or be a disturbance to others.
- Ball games of any sort will not be allowed inside the hostel.
- Entrances to rooms may not be blocked in any way.
- No alcoholic beverages or cigarettes are to be brought onto the premises or used as ornaments (full or empty) in rooms.
- Members are to sleep in their own beds, however, over weekends a member may sleep in another room provided that there is a free bed and that the person on duty has been consulted. No mattresses are to be put on the floor in order to create a bed.
- Members may not shout to one another if in different apartments at the time.

Bathrooms

- Bathrooms and toilets are to be kept and left clean and tidy at all time.
- No washing or clothing may be left or dried in any bathroom or shower.
- Toilets must be flushed after every use and the seat and lid should be closed at all times when not in use.

Laundry and cleaning; organized by Fedics:

- Each member will receive a laundry bag labelled with his/her name.
- All clothes must be marked.
- Laundry will be collected on Monday and Thursday mornings. The laundry bag with dirty clothes should be left on the floor of the member's room before he/she leaves for school.
- Each member must ensure that his/her room is kept neat and tidy.
- Fedics staff will clean rooms and bathrooms.
- Each member must ensure that valuables are locked away at all times.

Telephones

- Although cell phones have largely taken over modern communication, the correct use thereof is very important.
- Phones may not be switched on during study hours, therefore no calls or sms's during such hours.
- When an incoming call is received at an awkward time or place, the member should excuse him/herself from the company, and take the call elsewhere.
- Most golf courses do not allow cell phones on course, so players should familiarize themselves with the club's rules before going out to play.