



Northern Counties Golf Union

Code of Conduct

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This Code of Conduct sets out the minimum standards expected when participating in Northern Counties Golf Union championships and tournaments. You must ensure you are familiar with and understand the Code and meet these minimal standards at all times.

1. Code of Conduct

Breaches of the Code of Conduct include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Care of the course, for example
 - i. failure to repair pitch marks
 - ii. not raking bunkers
 - iii. not replacing divots
 - iv. pulling trolleys onto or across teeing grounds
- b) Foul and abusive language
- c) Abuse of clubs or the course
 - i. Throwing and/or breaking clubs
 - ii. De-facing or damaging on-course signage
 - iii. Damaging course equipment, tee markers, flagsticks, rakes etc.
- d) Being disrespectful of other players, referees or spectators
- e) Mis-use of Social Media
 - i. Publicly use critical or disrespectful descriptions of others or NCGU via any social media platforms
 - ii. Excessive use of social media during the round
- f) Acting in a manner contrary to the spirit of the game

2. Enforcement

The committee may impose the following penalties for situations identified in 1 above:

- First Breach of Code of Conduct – Warning or Committee Sanction
- Second Breach – General Penalty
- Subsequent Breach or any serious misconduct – Disqualification

Note 1: Any warnings or penalties applied under the Code of Conduct during a round will be carried forward for the remainder of the round and involvement in the championship of tournament.

Note 2: Any breach of the conduct by the player's caddie will result in sanctions being imposed against the player.

3. Committee Decision is Final

The Committee in charge of the competition will impose any penalty, where applicable. Their decision is final.