

CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY (Rule 1-2b) -W.E.F 1st January 2019.

1. Care For The Course.

Players are required to repair divots, repair pitch marks on the putting green and rake bunkers.

Players should not take divots on practice swings.

Players should ensure that no damage is done to the putting green when putting down bags or the flagstick. Also they should ensure no damage is done to the hole while handling the flagstick and removing a ball from the hole

If any stakes or markers are removed or displaced, players should take care to replace them.

Players should avoid littering and use only the dust bins provided for their litter.

Players should take care not to play from No Play Zones especially those related to flower beds, areas of newly planted grass etc.

2. Consideration For Other Players/Safety.

Players should ensure the safety of other players, greenkeeping staff etc before they make a stroke. They should shout a warning if their ball is in danger of hitting someone. The traditional word of warning is 'fore'.

Players should show consideration for other players by not disturbing their play by moving, talking or making unnecessary noise especially while using mobile phones. Highly restricted use of mobile phones while playing regular games is recommended. For tournament play, a player may be penalised for the use of mobile phones as per the Terms of Competition.

On the teeing ground, a player must not tee his ball until it is his turn to play.

Players should not stand close to or directly behind the ball or cast a shadow over another player's line of putt.

3. Pace of Play.

Players are expected to follow the Pace of Play policy of the club in general play as well as tournament play.

4. Players should not use unacceptable language or abuse clubs on the course. They should adhere to the dress code prescribed by the club.

5. Treatment of Club Staff.

Players are expected to treat club staff who are only doing their duty with courtesy, especially when such staff are monitoring pace of play.

6. Players are responsible for the actions of their caddy.

7. Spirit of the Game/Integrity.

Players are expected to play the game with a high degree of integrity. For the most part, golf is a game played without referees and players are expected call penalties on themselves and interpret rules situations with the highest standards of integrity.(eg. lifting ball to determine if it's embedded or establishing the point where the ball crossed the edge of a penalty area etc).All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they are. This is the spirit of the game of golf.

Artificial inflation of scores to increase the handicap is a major violation of the spirit of the game.

Players are required to report scores with utmost honesty so that the player's handicap is based on actual scores made by the player.

Manipulation of the round so that the score for the holes are more than what they would have actually been, non-submission of scores, especially low scores, is a breach of integrity. Non-reporting of away scores, especially tournament winning scores constitutes a violation of the spirit of the game.

8. Penalty For Breach of Code of Conduct Policy.

The Committee may impose such penalties as it deems fit on players who violate the code of conduct policy.

In tournaments, serious breach of code of conduct policy may result in the Committee imposing a penalty of disqualification if it deems fit, after due consideration to the seriousness of the breach.

For general play, a breach of Code of Conduct policy will result in appropriate action by the Committee including debarring a player from playing on the course for a certain period of time.

The decision of the Committee is final in applying the penalty for a breach of the Code of Conduct Policy.