



Worcestershire County Golf Ltd

Code of Conduct for Participants in County Competitions, Matches and other Events

This Code of Conduct sets out the minimum standards expected under the Rules of Golf (Rule 1.2) and consequently when participating in Worcestershire County Golf Ltd. (WCG) competitions, matches and other events. You must ensure you are familiar with and understand the Code and meet these standards.

1. CONDUCT CONSTITUTING A BREACH (includes but not limited to)

- a) Care for the course. For example:
 - (i) failure to rake or smooth bunkers
 - (ii) failure to replace divots
- b) Foul and abusive language
- c) Abuse of clubs or the course:
 - (i) throwing and / or breaking clubs
 - (ii) deliberate damage to tees and / or greens
 - (iii) de-facing or damaging on-course signage
 - (iv) damaging course equipment, tee markers, flagsticks, rakes etc
- d) Being disrespectful of other players, referees, or spectators
- e) Misuse of Social Media and Mobile Devices
 - (i) WCG Social Media Policy applies;
 - (ii) Players should avoid excessive and unnecessary use of mobile telephones or similar mobile devices
- 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:

- (i) First Breach of Code of Conduct - Warning or General Penalty (depending on seriousness),
- (ii) Second Breach - General Penalty,
- (iii) Subsequent Breach or any serious misconduct – Disqualification.

N.B . Serious misconduct will be reviewed to determine if Disciplinary proceedings are required.

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 event or match

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

3. COMMITTEE DECISION

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

4. WITHDRAWALS AND 'NO SHOWS'

Also see WCG 'General Terms of Competitions'

a) Stroke Play Competitions and Other County Events

A player who fails to turn up for a competition or event for which they have entered or confirmed attendance and fails to provide a satisfactory explanation may, after consideration of the circumstances by the WCG Board or nominated officials, be excluded from future County competitions, matches or events .

b) Match Play Events

If a player who has entered for or qualified for an event fails to turn up for a match or withdraws from an event without reasonable notice or satisfactory explanation may, after consideration of the circumstances by the WCG Board or nominated officials, be excluded from future County competitions, matches or events.