



DURHAM COUNTY GOLF UNION

CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY FOR ALL DCGU CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COMPETITIONS

This Code of Conduct sets out the minimum standards required of all participants in DCGU Championships and Competitions. 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 for the course, for example:
 - i. failure to repair pitch marks.
 - ii. failure to rake or smooth bunkers.
 - iii. failure to replace divots.
 - iv. pulling trolleys onto or across teeing grounds/greens.
- 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. d) Being disrespectful towards other players, caddies, officials or spectators.
- e. e) Misuse of Social Media:
 - i. publicly use critical or disrespectful descriptions of other persons or organisations via any social media platforms.
 - ii. use of social media during the round (mobile phones should only be used in case of emergency).
- 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 and 2 above:

- i. First Breach of Code of Conduct - Warning or Committee Sanction
- ii. Second Breach - General Penalty
- iii. 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 or Match.

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 or day of competition will impose any penalty, where applicable. Their decision is Final.

4. Further Disciplinary Action

Should the Championship Committee feel that a breach of this policy requires further investigation or action, it may refer the matter to the DCGU Executive Committee who will proceed under its published Disciplinary Regulations.

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