



Durham County Golf Union

Players' Code of Conduct 1998 (Updated Jan 2024)

The Executive Committee of the Durham County Golf Union (DCGU) ask that Players agree to adopt the DCGU Players' Code of Conduct before making themselves available for selection to represent DCGU.

The Durham County Golf Union Players' Code of Conduct states:

1. Players accept the expectation in Amateur Golf that a player prioritises his/her availability for and participation in events according to the following order of priority:
 - National Amateur events
 - County Union events
 - Club events
 - All other events

It is accepted that Family and Work commitments may sometimes influence a player's availability/participation.

2. Players must respond immediately to the notification issued by the Secretary to inform players that they have been selected to represent DCGU, a prompt reply via email to the Secretary and/or Captain would be expected. If a response is not received by the Secretary prior to the date stipulated the player may be withdrawn from the Team for that fixture.
3. DCGU have an ambition and an expectation to achieve success. Players are asked to do everything they can to allow DCGU the best chance to achieve this ambition, always playing to the best of their ability. This includes:
 - Each player must play at least one practice round before each match for which the player has been selected to play. Every attempt should be made to play the practice round with the Team at the specified times on the day preceding the match. If a player is unable to play at this time an alternative must be discussed with the Captain.
 - Players must ensure that they are always equipped to play two rounds of golf with suitable clothing and equipment for all conditions and every eventuality.
 - Players are expected to be engaged with the ambition to succeed.
 - Players are asked to contribute towards creating a positive environment throughout the Team – continually offering support and encouragement to fellow players throughout the golfing year. This includes practice/coaching sessions and throughout match days. **Plus, are to remain at the host venue until all team members have completed play.**
 - Players are expected to arrive at the course on the day of a match with time to fully prepare for the match as requested by the Captain.
 - Players must be available for three days to be considered for selection to represent DCGU in the Northern Counties Championship.
 - Players are expected to make every effort to attend Coaching and Practice sessions planned by the Captain and DCGU.

- Players are expected to attempt to play in all DCGU Championships and DCGU Order of Merit events – listed on the DCGU website.
4. It is an honour to represent DCGU and players are asked that their behaviour when representing DCGU is worthy of this honour. This includes:
- If required, players should be prepared to attend pre-match meals and post-match evening meals wearing blazer or suit, shirt and tie – and where appropriate DCGU Colours.
 - Players are asked to wear their DCGU team clothing whenever representing DCGU at County, Regional, and National events. This includes when practicing, attending coaching or playing.
 - Players should respect the rules of a host club and behave in a manner that promotes DCGU as a professional, courteous, and respectful organisation.
 - Players will be advised by the Captain or the Secretary as to any rules relating to practicing on the golf course before a match on the morning of the match. Players are asked to respect these rules.
 - When playing in matches away from home players are asked to stay together as a team throughout the evening and are asked not to behave in any way that may have a negative effect on performance and/or damage the reputation of DCGU.
 - Players **MUST NOT** be under the influence of drugs or alcohol, pre and during any coaching, playing activity, or when representing DCGU.
5. Players that post to social media platforms are encouraged to share DCGU news, fixtures and results however they must ensure that no derogatory comments are made with regard to:
- The DCGU President, Secretary and its Executive Committee.
 - Host venues of County fixtures.
 - Opposing counties/teams
 - Other team members.
- Any such comments/posts may result in disciplinary action being taken if social media activity is judged to have brought the DCGU into disrepute.
6. When representing DCGU players will receive reasonable expenses. When claiming for expenses players are asked to report mileage to the Secretary on arrival at a match. Players are also requested to travel together whenever possible and only claim for actual miles travelled and expenses incurred.
7. Any clothing or equipment supplied to players by the DCGU is for the sole use of the player. Players must account for any clothing or equipment supplied if requested by the DCGU.

I agree to this players' code of conduct and accept that future selection to represent the DCGU may be affected if any of the above conditions are not adhered to.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____