

Code of Conduct for golfers

Every player shall strictly follow the policies and procedures of the club. A violation will be considered a serious breach which may lead to disciplinary action including suspension of membership. In a competition, a player may be withdrawn at the discretion of the Tournament Committee for violation of the policies as defined herein. .

To ensure that golf and competitions are enjoyed by all and are in keeping with the traditions of the game, HGA requires players to follow a Code of Conduct on and off the course. It is the responsibility of each player to ensure that they abide by the Code of Conduct of the Association and that they report violations of the Code of Conduct to the Tournament Committee in order to ensure the fairness and integrity of golf at HGA.

1. **Players will be in violation** of this Code of Conduct if they engage in abusive language, club throwing, disrespect of volunteers or officials, abuse of the golf course, use of drugs or alcohol during play, not adhering to the dress code, leaving the course during a competitive round without permission of an official, vandalism, cheating, willfully disturbing the other players, abusive behavior to co-players, employees, caddies and otherwise failing to conduct themselves in keeping with the game's traditions, which includes respect for fellow players.

2. **Proper attire** as specified is required at all times.

3. **Honesty, integrity, courtesy** are the three words that represent the game of golf and define a golfer and a gentleman. Any breach of these or acts such as declaring a wrong score, cheating, improving the lie of the ball and any other such breach of rules, etiquette etc. will automatically result in penalization and disciplinary action which may lead to suspension of membership.

4. The Tournament and Handicap Committee chaired by the Captain may assess any or all of the following penalties based on the severity of the Code of Conduct violation:

a. **Issue a written letter** of warning to the player. In the event that the player violating the Code of Conduct is a junior, the written letter of warning will be issued to both the player and his or her parents.

b. **Rejection of entry** or entries of the player including during the competition. In the event that a player's entry is rejected during a competition due to a violation of the Code of Conduct or Tournament Policy, he will not be eligible to participate in any club event for a period of three months.

c. **Suspend the player's** eligibility for future events for a specified period or for an indefinite period.

In the event of suspension, the player and a parent or guardian (in the event of a junior) may appeal to the Managing Committee in writing within 30 days. The Managing Committee will review the appeal and its decision shall be final.

No shows - Those players who fail to appear for their assigned time without notifying the committee will be suspended from playing in all HGA tournaments for 1 month for 1st infraction; 2 months for 2nd infraction and 3-months for third infraction. Habitual infringers, who do so for more than three times, will be disqualified from participating in any club event for a period of one year.

