

Corhampton Golf Club - Standards of Behaviour Policy

1. Purpose

Corhampton Golf Club is committed to providing a welcoming, respectful and enjoyable environment for all members, visitors, guests, staff and volunteers.

This policy sets out the standards of behaviour expected of everyone using or representing the Club. It reflects the Club's values, the spirit of the game of golf, and our commitment to fairness, respect and inclusion.

All individuals are expected to comply with this policy at all times.

2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- Members.
- Visitors and guests.
- Staff and contractors.
- Volunteers and officials.

It applies in all Club environments, including:

- On the golf course.
- In the clubhouse and practice areas.
- At Club events and competitions.
- In all Club-related communications, including email, messaging groups and social media.

3. Core Principles

In line with the Rules of Golf, all individuals are expected to:

- Act with integrity.
- Show consideration to others.
- Take good care of the course.

In addition, all individuals must:

- Treat others with dignity and respect.
- Behave in a manner that reflects positively on the Club.
- Follow all Club rules, policies and reasonable instructions from staff and officials.

4. Respect and Behaviour Towards Others

All members, visitors and staff must:

- Treat others with courtesy, respect and fairness at all times.

- Refrain from abusive, offensive, discriminatory or inappropriate language or behaviour.
- Not engage in bullying, harassment, intimidation or victimisation.
- Respect the role of Club staff, volunteers and officials and comply with their reasonable instructions.
- Accept decisions of Club officials and committees in a courteous manner.

The Club recognises that social interaction and humour are part of club life. However, behaviour described as “banter” may still be unacceptable if it causes offence, discomfort or creates an intimidating or hostile environment.

5. Equality, Inclusion and Safety

The Club is committed to ensuring that everyone is treated fairly and with respect, regardless of background or personal characteristics.

Any form of discrimination, harassment or exclusion is unacceptable and may result in disciplinary action.

All individuals share responsibility for:

- Promoting an inclusive and welcoming environment.
- Challenging inappropriate behaviour where appropriate.
- Supporting the safety and wellbeing of others.

6. Behaviour on the Course

All players must:

- Play in a safe manner and be aware of other players and course staff.
- Shout “FORE” immediately if a ball may endanger others.
- Stand clear and remain still when others are playing.
- Avoid distracting other players.
- Follow all safety signage and course guidance.

7. Pace of Play and Consideration

All players are expected to:

- Be ready to play at their allotted tee time.
- Play without undue delay and keep up with the group in front.
- Adopt “ready golf” where appropriate.
- Allow faster groups to play through where appropriate.
- Limit ball searches in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

8. Care of the Course and Facilities

All players must:

- Repair pitch marks and replace divots.
- Rake bunkers after use.
- Avoid causing damage to greens, tees and course features.
- Follow all restrictions regarding buggies, trolleys and course conditions.
- Treat clubhouse facilities and equipment with respect.

9. Clubhouse and Social Behaviour

When using Club facilities or attending events, individuals must:

- Behave in a respectful and appropriate manner.
- Adhere to the Club dress code where applicable.
- Consume alcohol responsibly.
- Show respect to staff and other members at all times.

10. Digital and Social Media Conduct

This policy applies equally to online behaviour.

Individuals must not:

- Post or share abusive, offensive or defamatory content relating to the Club or its members.
- Engage in harassment or inappropriate behaviour via messaging platforms or social media.
- Bring the Club into disrepute through online activity.

11. Compliance and Reporting

All individuals are encouraged to raise concerns about behaviour that does not meet these standards.

Concerns should normally be reported to the Club Secretary or an appropriate Club official.

All reports will be treated seriously and handled appropriately.

12. Breaches of this Policy

Failure to comply with this policy may result in action being taken under the Club's Disciplinary Procedure.

This may include, but is not limited to:

- Warnings.
- Suspension of playing or membership rights.
- Restrictions on use of Club facilities.

- Expulsion from the Club.

Serious matters, including harassment, discrimination or safeguarding concerns, will be dealt with formally.

13. Related Policies

This policy should be read in conjunction with:

- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy.
- Harassment & Bullying Policy.
- Disciplinary Procedure.
- Safeguarding Policies.

14. Acknowledgement

All members are expected to familiarise themselves with and adhere to this policy as a condition of membership..

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