

Dress Code & Course Etiquette

1 Dress Code

Highcliffe Castle Golf Club is a progressive Club that respects the traditional values of dress code as well as accepting that fashion and modern golf wear has changed immeasurably in recent years. For example the 2019 Masters Winner Tiger Woods won the tournament without a collar! It's a brave Committee that banned him from the course and clubhouse! Our approach to golf wear is to apply sensible standards and common sense together.

All Highcliffe Castle Golf Club staff are fully authorised to require any golfer, guest or visitor, whose dress does not conform with the dress code, to leave the course or club house.

1.1 On the course

We would ask all golfers to wear appropriate golf attire while on the course.

For Gentleman shirts should be tucked into trousers or shorts. Caps, if used, must be worn peak front as designed.

The following items are examples of dress considered appropriate on the course:

- A. Shirts: Golf Shirts with long or shorts sleeves and turtle necked tops.
- B. Trousers: Tailored trousers appropriate for golf.
- C. Shorts: Tailored shorts (if wearing shorts, either sport/trainer socks or long hose style must be worn).
- D. Shoes: Golf shoes.
- E. Ladies: Collarless shirts/tops must have sleeves and sleeveless shirts/tops must have collars and must have a modest neckline. Trousers, cut offs, tailored 'Bermuda' shorts, golf skirts/culottes.

The following are examples of dress not considered appropriate on the course:

- F. Shirts: Rugby or Football style tops.
- G. Trousers: All types of denim, military style or camouflage style trousers, combat trousers (multiple pockets), cut-offs or tracksuits.
- H. Shorts: Running, military style, cargo, beach or combat shorts (multiple pockets).
- I. Shoes: running shoes and shoes without hard, soft or moulded spikes.

1.2 Changing

(including just shoes) is not permitted in the car park or elsewhere, other than changing rooms.

1.3 In the Clubhouse

We operate a relaxed dress code in and around the clubhouse and good standard of dress should be worn in all areas of the Clubhouse, 'smart casual' clothing or golf attire is expected unless a particular dress code is specified for a Club event.

Most are aware of what is generally considered as 'Smart Casual' and members, guests and visitors are asked to both conform and respect the majority of the members by complying with this.

The following items are not considered to be acceptable in the Clubhouse...

- A. Faded, ripped or work clothing.
- B. Military style or cargo (multiple pockets) trousers or shorts.
- C. Tracksuits.
- D. T Shirts.
- E. Golf Shoes.
- F. Training/running shoes, beach sandals or flip-flops (unless in the Cecil Sargent bar).
- G. Hats or caps (unless on a balcony).

It is hoped that this less prescriptive approach to dress and common sense on all sides will mean that a minimum level of enforcement except for the most obvious breaches will be required.

2 Course Etiquette

We want all members, guests and visitors to thoroughly enjoy playing golf at Highcliffe Castle Golf Club. When playing you are responsible for behaving considerately and in a manner that does not spoil the enjoyment of other players.

Slow play - We know that not every golfer plays to the same standard or speed, so please be considerate to other players, do not hold them up, simply call them through. This will ensure that you and your group are not under pressure to hurry shots and it will enable others to fully enjoy their game. As a guide, a fourball should take no longer than 4 hours to complete the course.

Bunkers - Our bunkers are challenging to play even when properly raked, if left unraked our bunkers can become virtually impossible. So please do not leave a bunker without raking it.

Course care – Please help us to keep the course in the superb condition that you expect to find it by replacing divots and repairing pitch marks.

3 Mobile Phone Policy

3.1 On the Course

The use of mobile phones on the course for both making and receiving calls is not permitted unless in an emergency. Mobile phones taken on the course must either be switched off or set on silent with vibration facility engaged.

3.2 Club House and Surrounds

Mobile phones may be used in the Clubhouse (on silent if possible) for internet/text purposes. The use of mobile phones for both making and receiving calls is restricted to the following areas:

- The entrance foyer
- The carpark
- The balcony's
- Outside the clubhouse

When telephone calls are made outside of the club house or on the balcony's, members and guests should be conscious that these areas are in **close proximity to playing areas** of the course and respect needs to be given to players on the course.