



CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

Championships & Matches

This Code of Conduct sets out the minimum standards expected when participating in England Golf Championships and Matches. You must ensure you are familiar with and understand the Code and meet these minimal standards at all times.

1. 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
- 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) Being disrespectful of other players, referees or spectators
- e) Misuse of Social Media
 - i. publicly use critical or disrespectful descriptions of others or England Golf via any social media platforms
 - ii. excessive use of social media during the round
- f) Acting in a manner contrary to the spirit of the game

2. Breaches of the Code of Conduct specifically relating to COVID 19 include the following:

- a) Social Distancing:

All players must abide by social distancing guidelines at all times and must abide by any instructions issued by either the host club and/or England Golf



b) The Flagstick:

- i. touching or removing the flagstick from the hole. Players must leave the flagstick in the hole at all times
- ii. failing to center the flagstick in the hole, in a safe manner, when requested by another player. Players may have the flagstick centered in the hole, in a safe manner that does not involve using the hand, even when wearing a glove or using a towel (for example, by using a club). The centering of the flagstick is allowed while another player putts

3. Enforcement

The Committee may impose the following penalties for situations identified in 1 and 2 above:

First Breach of Code of Conduct	Warning or Committee Sanction
Second Breach	General Penalty
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

4. Committee Decision is Final

The Committee in charge of the competition will impose any penalty, where applicable. Their decision is final