



Rothley Park Golf Club

Code of Conduct

This code of conduct applies to all golf played at Rothley Park Golf Club unless part is replaced with a more specific code, for instance the England Golf hard card / local rules.

Standards of Player Conduct

Players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by:

- Acting with integrity
 - following the rules
 - applying all penalties
 - being honest in all aspects of play
- Showing consideration to others
 - Playing at a prompt pace in line with any pace of play policy in operation
 - Promptly:
 - moving one place to another between strokes
 - moving to the next teeing area after completing a hole
 - preparing for and making each stroke with a time limit of 40 seconds with an additional 10 seconds for the first player in a group to play from the same specific area
 - being ready to play as soon as it is their turn to play
 - positioning equipment in the most time efficient place
- Always prioritising safety
 - never playing until it is safe to do so
 - not walking onto a putting green when others are playing to it
- Not causing a disturbance or distracting the play of others
 - with movement, talking, noise
 - undisciplined use of electronic devices, (it is strongly recommended that mobile phones are switched off during play)
 - casting of shadows
 - standing on anyone's line of play / potential line
- Care of the Course – repair as allowed under the rules:

- repair holes and footprints in bunkers
- repair of divots
- damage to putting greens
- damage to green surrounds / teeing areas
- replace removed penalty area stakes
- Traffic direction
 - observe all directional instruction
 - not take trolleys / buggies between any putting green and greenside bunker

Application of penalties

Behaviour or actions contrary to the spirit of the game may be subject to penalty under this code or otherwise. Such behaviour includes but is not limited to:

- Failure to care for the course
- Dangerous play
- Abuse of the course
- Abuse of equipment
- Disrespect to other players, referees or spectators
- Pace of play

Consideration will be given to a particular situation considering, intention, accidental / deliberate, one off or repetitive.

Penalty structure

First breach code of conduct	warning
Second breach	one stroke penalty
Third breach	general penalty / match adjustment
Fourth breach	disqualification

When escalating breaches of code, the separate incidents may be unrelated and relate to different elements of the code.

Significant or repetitive breaches of code of conduct may warrant by passing the penalty structure as would instances of serious misconduct. Such decisions will be made by the tournament director and committee. This would certainly be the case when there are no referees assigned to an event. Players are reminded that they should recognise when they have breached a rule. Players are also reminded of their responsibility to protect other players in a field. Any player who believes another player has breached a rule and suspects that the player is not aware of this is duty bound to act on this information. The other

player will be grateful because the spirit of the game means that an erroneous score is abhorrent to any player.

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