

CODE OF CONDUCT

General statement:

Billingbear Park G.C. believes that all members, visitors and staff, regardless of gender, ethnicity or religion, have a right to enjoy the facilities of the course without fear or hinderance. Therefore, all persons who enter the site are considered to have agreed to abide by the principles contained in the Code of Conduct.

Personal responsibilities:

- At all times, patrons of Billingbear Park are required to show respect for others in speech and behaviour, on and off the course.
- The dress code of the club prohibits the wearing of singlets/vests or studded footwear not specifically designed for golf when on the course. Suitable attire and clean footwear must be worn at all times in the clubhouse. No smoking is allowed in the clubhouse or covered area.

Course etiquette:

- Observe the Rules of Golf and Local Rules.
- Mobile phones must be switched off or put on silent mode during play.
- While others are playing their strokes, remain stationery and do not talk.
- Show consideration for green staff working on the course and be prepared to wait for them to move aside or out of range.
- A provisional ball must be taken when it is suspected the original ball may be lost or out of bounds.
- Play safely – allow group ahead to clear before making your stroke, but be ready to play without delay. Warn other golfers when a wayward shot is played.
- Leave your trolley/bag between the green and the next tee, do not mark your card before moving clear of the green.
- Buggies must not be driven onto the collar of the green and must keep to the paths when so directed by the club staff.

Course care:

- Remember to replace your divots.
- Repair pitch marks on the green.
- Always smooth/rake the sand before you leave the bunker.
- Avoid damage to trees and bushes during the course of play wherever possible.

Complaints:

Complaints should be made to the management in writing. All complaints will be investigated and action taken to address the concern when considered necessary by the management.

Suspension of Play

It is up to golfers to take what they think is the appropriate action in the event of lightning. This may mean returning to the club house or going to the shelter by the sixth tee of the Old course.

Disciplinary procedures:

The management reserve the right to take disciplinary measures as appropriate, in upholding the principles outlined in this code of conduct, up to and including the suspension of membership or expulsion from the course in extreme circumstances. The management shall not be held liable for loss of green fees or other costs incurred by persons who, because of their failure to abide by the code of conduct, are suspended or excluded from the course.

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