



Code of Conduct Policy

Player Responsibility

- Play by the rules, act with integrity and show good sportsmanship
- Respect fellow competitors, opponents and officials
- Demonstrate a high standard of personal behaviour at all times
- Never physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone
- Respect the golf course and host venue
- Follow all Health & Safety Protocols and Stay Safe

Code of Conduct (Rule 1.2b)

In accordance with the Scottish Golf Disciplinary Procedure the following outlines the code of conduct expected by all players competing in Scottish Golf (SG) events.

Examples of behaviour deemed to breach the code of conduct policy include, but are not limited to, the following:

Etiquette

- 1) Dropping litter
- 2) Spitting
- 3) Any unsporting conduct or deliberate distracting of fellow competitors
- 4) Failure to shout 'FORE' when hitting into the vicinity of people
- 5) Failure to report a known policy breach by a fellow participant
- 6) Failure to follow any Health & Safety / Covid Protocols in force at the time
- 7) Any unauthorised or distracting phone usage during round

Care of the Course

- 1) Not replacing divots
- 2) Not repairing pitch marks
- 3) Not raking bunkers
- 4) Not respecting the course, event furniture including tee markers or signage

General Misbehaviour

- 1) Use of audible obscenities or gestures
- 2) Abuse of equipment
- 3) Breach of publicised dress code
- 4) Disrespectful actions directed towards SG, host venue, officials, volunteers, spectators or fellow competitors

Penalty for Breach During Round

1st Breach Verbal warning and informed further breach be penalised

	Stroke Play	Match Play
2nd Breach	One Stroke Penalty	One Stroke Penalty
3rd Breach	Two Penalty Strokes	Loss of Hole
4th Breach	Disqualification	Disqualification

In addition to the above penalties, Scottish Golf reserve the right to **disqualify** a player (Rule 1.2) it deems to have committed a serious act of misconduct. A player will not be penalised for a second breach before first being advised of an initial breach.

Scottish Golf will act on any breaches of code of conduct it observes or becomes aware of and will impose penalties on a case-by-case basis taking all relevant facts and evidence into account. In all cases, Scottish Golf's decision will be final.