

Wortley Golf Club Code of Conduct

Wortley Golf Club takes pride in the quality of its members, course, facilities and community involvement. To continue making the playing of golf at Wortley an enjoyable experience for everyone, the Management Committee requires all players, members and visitors alike, to adhere to a set of guidelines known as the Code of Conduct.

Dress Code

Course

- Dress should be smart casual. Smart casual wear does not include track suits or jeans.
- Shirts should have a collar or roll neck (tailored shirts with a crew neck meet this requirement) and must be worn inside the trousers or shorts
- Shorts should be knee length and tailored
- Socks should either be knee length or short white sports type
- Only proper golf shoes may be worn, trainers are not allowed
- Any member or visitor not adhering to the dress rules will be refused permission to play and should they have commenced play will be asked to leave the course.

Clubhouse

- Smart casual wear may be worn throughout the clubhouse and surrounding area at all times.
- Smart Jeans are allowed in the clubhouse
- The ladies dress code requires a reasonable standard of dress at all times, tracksuits, leggings, sweatshirts with large slogans and logos and short tight shorts are not acceptable.
- Smart casual wear does **not** include: track suits or shirts without collars, hats or baseball caps (unless worn for medical reasons). Socks must always be worn.
- Any member or visitor not adhering to the dress rules will be asked to leave the clubhouse.

On the Course

- Courtesy must always be offered to the Club Captain and Lady Captain.
- A formal competitive match must be given precedence over non-competition games, but no one competition has precedence over any other.
- When general play conditions prevail, access to the course shall allow for equal access to all categories of members except where this is superseded by the limitations of any restricted access membership.
- Members playing with their guests (not more than three at any one time) may play from white markers.
- No visitor may be introduced at a concessionary rate more than six times in any one calendar year. Members introducing a visitor must establish that their guest has not already enjoyed their full entitlement of golf at a preferential rate whilst playing as the guest of one or more other members.
- There are no restrictions on the times at which members' guests can play, except on those Saturdays and Sundays when club competitions are being played, on these days members and their guests may not tee off before 1.00 pm.
- Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests.
- Play must not commence from the first and fourteenth tee whilst players are on or close to the thirteenth and eighteenth greens.

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- Players playing the thirteenth and eighteenth must be given priority to continue their round on arrival at the fourteenth and first tees respectively.
- Do not move, talk or stand close to, or directly behind, the ball, or the hole, when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke.
- The player who has the honor, should be allowed to play before his opponent or fellow competitor tees up his ball.
- No player should play until the players in front are out of range, but players should be ready to play as soon as it is their turn to play.
- Golf course management is important, it is incumbent upon all golfers to manage themselves and the course as expeditiously as possible and to complete their rounds in the shortest possible time. It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If it loses a clear hole and it is delaying the group behind it, it must invite the group behind to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that group.
- When on or near the putting green, players should leave their bags, trolleys or buggies in such a position as will enable quick movement off the green and towards the next tee.
- If a player believes his ball may be lost outside a water hazard or is out of bounds, to save time, he/she should play a provisional ball.
- Players searching for a ball should signal the players in the group behind them to play through as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not easily be found. They should not search for three minutes before so doing.
- Before leaving a bunker, a player should carefully fill up all holes and rake level. Sand should always be raked from the sides of the bunker to its centre.
- Practicing on the fairways and greens is forbidden.
- Mobile phones must either be "on silent" or switched off and should only be used in emergency.
- Paper, cans, bottles and other litter must be placed in the bins provided.
- In no instance shall an employee of the Club be reprimanded directly by a member. Any complaints must be directed through the appropriate sub-committee chairperson.

In the Clubhouse

- Members of either gender have equal rights of access to all public areas of the clubhouse at all times.
- Golf shoes or any other footwear worn on the course must not be worn in the dining room or the bar lounge.
- Golf clubs, bags and other equipment is not allowed in the dining room or the bar lounge.
- Clothing, with the exception of shoes and socks, must be changed in the locker room not in the car park.

Golf Buggies

- The Club allows individuals to use their own golf buggies but must show that they hold third party insurance. The club provides a limited number of buggies for hire.
- Throughout the period 1st April to 30th November buggies for hire are available to both members and visitors, but preference will be given to people with a disability that would otherwise make it impossible for them to play. To be certain of obtaining a buggy, visitors must pre-book with the Professional seven days in advance.

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- Throughout the period 1st December to 31st March the use of buggies is restricted to members and visitors with a disability and may be limited by considerations of safety and/or damage to the course.
- Throughout the period 1st December to 31st March and at any other times when the course is very wet, the 90 degree rule will apply and the path to the left of the 3rd green must be used.
- The Club does not provide facilities for buggy storage. Members and visitors are responsible for making arrangements for the storage of their buggies and for their transport to and from the course. The Club does not accept responsibility for the buggies of members and visitors whilst they are on club premises.
- Only members and visitors with a disability that would otherwise make it impossible for them to play may use buggies in Club competitions.

Violations of the Code of Conduct

For the majority of members and visitors observance of the Code of Conduct should cause no problems, it simply reflects the normal standard of etiquette and good manners expected in a golf club. However, violations may lead to disciplinary action being taken against offenders. This would be appropriate in the following circumstances:

- Repeated instances of failure to observe the dress code.
- Littering.
- Unsporting or ungentlemanly conduct, which includes threatening, foul or abusive language, club throwing, abuse of the course, disrespect to officers of the Club, other players and Club employees and cheating
- Threatening and/or abusive behavior.
- Any breaches of etiquette resulting from the adverse effect of drugs or alcohol,
- Any other conduct not considered by the Management Committee to be appropriate to a golf club.

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