



Wareham Golf Club Members' Code of Conduct



Wareham Golf Club wants a reputation as Dorset's friendliest Club and a great Club to join, work at and visit. This will be achieved if Members commit to this Code of Conduct through their words and actions. Subscribing to this Code is a condition of membership and a zero tolerance approach will be taken to breaches of it.

The **Overriding Principle** is that Members will observe the highest standard of behaviour on the course, in the Clubhouse and when representing the Club at other Golf Clubs.

At all times, members will show the utmost respect and courtesy towards each other and towards everyone working at or using the Club's facilities, including when using social media and messaging platforms such as Whatsapp. This means:

- Only behaving or using language towards other members, visitors and Club/Partner staff in ways which a reasonable person would find acceptable.
- Never reprimanding, berating, publicly criticising, or in any way treating unfavourably the staff of the Club, its key Partners (Evolution Golf & Allstars) and external contractors
- Recognising that the Club simply cannot survive on member subscriptions alone; visiting golfers and visitors to our bar & restaurant will be welcomed
- Never using illegal substances or having excess alcohol when on Club premises
- Never using foul or offensive language
- Never engaging in sexist, misogynistic, homophobic or racial abuse or 'banter', or behaviour that is illegal under the Equality Act i.e. discrimination or harassment on the grounds of a protected characteristic
- Not tolerating unacceptable conduct by fellow members

On the Course

When playing golf at Wareham GC, all golfers will abide by the Rules of and the Etiquette of Golf. In particular:

- Follow the guiding Spirit of the Game: honesty, integrity and respect
- Ensure the safety of other players, greenkeepers and the general public – greenkeepers have absolute priority on the course
- Take care of and have respect for the course e.g. repair divots/pitch-marks; rake bunkers; keep trollies/buggies off green and surrounds
- Keep pace: be 'ready to play'; play at a good pace and keep up; play a provisional ball when a ball may be lost
- Have consideration and respect for other golfers and greenkeepers – no distractions, ring and wait for bells
- Follow the dress code i.e. smart golf wear
- Don't use performance-enhancing or illegal drugs
- Encourage fellow golfers to follow this Code, politely 'call out' any breaches and report any serious breaches of rules breaking and breaches of etiquette