

Wyong Golf Club – Players Code of Conduct

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The WGC Players' Code of Conduct, together with other requirements of players as specified by tournament conditions, local rules and regulations of the Club, shall apply in all golf competitions and representative matches conducted or promoted by Wyong Golf Club.

This code of conduct is aimed at golf players and is to be read in conjunction with existing codes for all members, staff and guests along with associated policies that may be published from time to time. Club staff are authorised to approach any player or person who behaves in a manner that does not adhere to either Club or Player Codes.

The Code shall apply to all players on the golf course.

Wyong Golf Club will not tolerate:

- any conduct considered threatening or harassing or that could threaten the physical or emotional safety of another individual;
- harassment of any kind, including any conduct, comment, gesture or contact of a nature that is likely to cause offence or humiliation, regardless of whether or not the offender perceived their actions to be unwelcome;
- inappropriate expressions of anger and vulgar or abusive language;
- abuse of clubs or throwing clubs toward another player;
- being disrespectful of or deliberately distracting other players;
- any conduct that could result in damage to the property of Wyong Golf Club;
- violation of the club's dress code;
- intoxication;
- other such behaviour that falls short of the standards of etiquette and behaviour outlined in Rule 1.2 of the Rules of Golf.

Note: Any player believed to be in the possession of alcohol within the club or on the golf course not purchased from Wyong Golf Club will be required to return the alcohol to their vehicle in the car park & Or leave the club or course immediately.

All players are expected to read, understand and follow *Standards of Player Conduct* (see Rule 1-2 in the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019).

Reports of alleged unacceptable conduct must be reported to the Club Captain or the General Manager on the day of the offence or as soon as practical.

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The Board / Golf Committee / General Manager shall determine the appropriate action for each individual offence.

- Verbal warning;
- Written warning;
- Disciplinary hearing

Serious infractions could result in cancellation of membership privileges, suspension of golf privileges at any time without refund or other disciplinary action as may be considered necessary.

The Golf Committee and Board when initiating proceedings following reports of unacceptable conduct will use the following guidelines.

Within 3 Years	1st Breach	2nd Breach	3rd Breach
Minor Breach	Verbal Warning	Written Warning	Disciplinary Hearing
Serious Breach	Written Warning	Disciplinary Hearing	
Major Breach	Disciplinary Hearing		

Whilst each case will be dealt with on its merits, examples of minor, serious and major breaches are:

- Minor: throwing clubs
- Serious: loud swearing
- Major: violence towards another player

When the Board deems a disciplinary hearing necessary, proceedings shall be carried out in accordance with section 46 of the WGC Constitution as well as Clubs NSW Guidelines.

Extract from the Rules of Golf: Rule 1.2 - Standards of Player Conduct

All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by:

- Acting with integrity - for example, by following the Rules, applying all penalties, and being honest in all aspects of play.
 - Showing consideration to others - for example, by playing at a prompt pace, looking out for the safety of others, and not distracting the play of another player.
 - Taking good care of the course - for example, by replacing divots, smoothing bunkers, repairing ball-marks, and not causing unnecessary damage to the course.
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