



CODE OF CONDUCT OF THE METROPOLITAN GOLF CLUB (MGC) FOR MEMBERS

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

This Code of Conduct (COC) has been drafted by the Management Board (MB) of the MGC to ensure that all members and guests understand the basic standards of behaviour expected at the MGC.

This COC is not prescriptive, but the MGC is committed to providing an environment free of discrimination, harassment, and intimidation for members, employees, and guests.

Members and guests should adhere to the standards set by the MGC on the course and by the use of the MGC's facilities.

GENERAL ETIQUETTE

- **RESPECT**

Treat all fellow members, guests, club employees, and visitors with courtesy, dignity, and respect. No form of discrimination or harassment will be permitted.

- **PROFESSIONALISM**

Maintain a high standard of personal and professional conduct that reflects positively on both the MGC and guests.

- **LANGUAGE**

Refrain from using foul, abusive, or offensive language.

- **SAFETY**

Do not engage in conduct likely to cause injury or impair safety on the premises of the MGC.

- **COMPLIANCE**

Abide by all local laws and regulations, as well as the MGC's constitution, policies, and rules.

ON THE COURSE AND IN THE FACILITIES OF THE MGC

- **RULES OF GOLF**

Adhere to the official Rules of Golf as determined by the R&A and the USGA, along with any local course rules.

- **PACE OF PLAY**

Maintain a good pace of play and keep up with the group in front of you.

- **STARTERS & MARSHALS**

All players are obliged to follow the instructions of the starter and course marshals at all times. This is to ensure a safe, fair, and enjoyable pace of play for all participants.

- **COURSE CARE**

Please show respect for the course and our facilities. This includes repairing divots, fixing ball marks on greens, and raking bunkers after use.

- **GOLF CARTS**

Follow all rules regarding the use of golf carts and their designated pathways.

- **DRESS CODE**

The MGC is a traditional members' club and has a dress code. This dictates a common-sense approach. The basic principle is that conventional golfing attire is worn on the course. Please ensure that the dress code is followed to avoid any embarrassment.

On the course, practice area and putting greens, all golfers must wear appropriate golf attire. This means golf attire designed for golf.

Proper golf shoes must be worn, and socks are to be worn.

The minimum dress standard required in the golfing facilities is smart casual.

Normal golf wear and casual wear are acceptable.

Ladies are asked to dress appropriately on the course in golf attire designed for golf.

Headwear is not to be worn in the Club House.

- **ALCOHOL AND DEPENDENCE PRODUCING SUBSTANCES**

Consume alcohol responsibly and in accordance with the law. The use of illegal dependence-producing substances is strictly prohibited.

- **GUEST RESPONSIBILITY**

Members are responsible for the conduct of all their guests by ensuring they are aware of and comply with these rules and guidelines.

BREACHES OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

Breaches include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **ON THE COURSE**

Failure to repair pitch marks.

Failure to rake or smooth bunkers.

Failure to replace divots.

Failure to adhere to the dress code.

Failure to abide by the local rules and R&A rules.

Foul and abusive language.

Throwing and/or breaking clubs.

Defacing or damaging signage.

Damaging course equipment, tee markers, flagsticks, rakes, and ball washers.

Being disrespectful to other players, marshals or staff.

Acting in a manner contrary to the spirit of the game.

Absence of fair play.

The purchase of golf balls from the staff of service suppliers to the MGC.

- **IN THE CLUB HOUSE AND THE USE OF THE MGC's FACILITIES**

Members and their guests are expected to act responsibly and with common decency towards each other.

Members and their guests may not act in a manner that, in the opinion of the MB, is prejudicial to the welfare of the MGC and/or brings the reputation of the MGC into disrepute.

VIOLATIONS

Violations of this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action and/or suspension of all privileges depending on the severity and frequency of the breach. In addition, offenders may be summarily removed from the course and/or the MGC's premises. Any decisions made by the MB will be in accordance with the MGC Constitution and the MGC Rules.

Please be guided by the principle that: "LADIES AND GENTLEMEN SHOULD NOT NEED RULES"

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD