



GIFFORD GOLF CLUB - CODE OF CONDUCT

Gifford Golf Club is committed to providing a welcoming and enjoyable environment that is fully inclusive and free from discrimination, harassment and intimidation for members, guests, visitors and employees alike.

Members, guests, visitors and employees are expected to behave with courtesy and respect for one another and are advised that an acceptable standard of behaviour is expected in all areas of the Clubhouse and Course at all times. By attending Gifford Golf Club, members, guests, visitors and employees have given their consent to be bound by the standards set in this Code of Conduct which is displayed at the Club and on the Club website.

All golfers must:

- Play safely, being mindful of the potential for balls to stray, particularly when playing adjacent fairways. Call out "Fore!" when a shot may endanger others. Apologise to the other party where possible and appropriate.
- The use of foul, abusive or offensive language has no place at Gifford Golf Club (on the course or in and around the Clubhouse) and any persons heard using such language will be asked to either stop or leave the premises.
- Avoid slow play, apply Ready Golf principles where appropriate, and allow other golfers to play through (for example, when searching for lost balls or when you have lost ground with the group in front).
- Whilst recognising the importance of maintaining speed of play, it is important to show courtesy by waiting until players in the group ahead are out of range before playing a shot.
- Follow established golf etiquette respecting the course, such as repairing pitch marks, replacing divots and raking bunkers. Gifford is renowned for the quality of the course and these simple behaviours contribute towards maintaining that standard and are supportive to green keeping staff.
- Conduct themselves in a sporting manner and demonstrate fair play both on and off the course.
- Follow the Club dress code which is smart casual both within the Clubhouse and on the course. Football shirts are not permitted. In terms of footwear, soft spikes are preferred on the course and no metal spikes are allowed in the clubhouse.
- The sharing of clubs is strongly discouraged at all times. The Starter does have discretion only if the course is quiet and strictly one set between two only.
- Switch mobile phones to silent on the golf course.
- All golfers should report to the Starter (when the Clubhouse is open) and ensure course fees for guests and visitors are settled prior to play.

Any person engaging in any behaviour within or around the Clubhouse, or on the course, considered unacceptable or detrimental to the game of golf and/or to the reputation of Gifford Golf Club should be reported to the Club Captain who will refer the incident to the Secretary for processing.

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Gifford Golf Club Committee