



CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY 2026

Championships & Matches

This Code of Conduct sets out the minimum standards expected when participating in England Golf Championships and Matches. This is used alongside the England Golf Disciplinary Procedure. You must ensure you are familiar with and understand the Code and meet these minimum standards at all times.

1. Breaches of the Code of Conduct include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Care for the course, for example
 - i. failure to repair pitch marks
 - ii. failure to rake or smooth bunkers
 - iii. failure to replace divots
- b. Foul and abusive language
- c. Abuse of clubs or the course
 - i. throwing and/or breaking clubs
 - ii. de-facing or damaging on-course signage
 - iii. damaging course equipment, tee markers, flagsticks, rakes etc.
 - iv. public derogatory comments related to the club or course
- d. Being disrespectful of other players, referees, volunteers and/or spectators
- e. Misuse of Social Media



- i. publicly use critical or disrespectful descriptions of others or England Golf via any social media platforms
- ii. excessive use of social media during the round
- f. Non-compliance of practice regulations
- g. Failure to record scores on a scorecard as described in Rule 3.3b(1)
- h. Acting in a manner contrary to the spirit of the game

2. Enforcement

a. Match Play:

The Committee may impose the following penalties for breaching the Code of Conduct in the ways identified in 1 above:

First Breach	Warning or Match Adjustment Penalty
Second Breach	Match Adjustment Penalty
Subsequent Breach or any serious misconduct	Disqualification

b. Stroke Play:

The Committee may impose the following penalties for breaching the Code of Conduct in the ways identified in 1 above:

First Breach	Warning or General Penalty
Second Breach	General Penalty
Subsequent Breach or any serious misconduct	Disqualification

c. Breach during practice round(s) or between rounds:

In the event of a breach outlined in 1 above the player may be



withdrawn from the Championship.

- Note 1: Any warnings or penalties applied under the Code of Conduct during a round will be carried forward for the remainder of the Championship or Match. In the case of a disqualification penalty in the County Finals this results in the player not being eligible for selection in the next series of matches.
- Note 2: Any breach of the Code of Conduct by the player's caddie will result in sanctions being imposed against the player.
- Note 3: If a breach happens between two holes, the penalty will apply to the next hole.
- Note 4: If a match adjustment penalty is applied, the match score is revised by deducting one hole from the player or side.
- Note 5: In foursomes, if one player is warned for their first breach of the Code of Conduct, both players are deemed to have been warned.

3. Committee Decision is Final

The Tournament Director or Chief Referee will impose any penalty where applicable. Their decision is final.