



Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers of Young Golfers in Hertfordshire

As Parents/Carers you are expected to:

On the Golf Course

Spectate your child and other players in a Hertfordshire Golf organised competition/event from a **minimum 50yards, refrain from any communication with the players.**

Only exceptions to this are indicating the location of a lost ball, helping call for a referee or assisting in any medical emergency.

Any other changes or exceptions to these rules will be indicated prior to the competition/event.

Showing **respect** to all players, **at all times**.

Off the Golf Course

- Behave responsibly at Hertfordshire Golf run events, show support and respect to coaches, referees, volunteers, players, officials and staff.
- Accept the decisions and judgements of the officials during events and competitions.
- Do **not** post pictures or images of any other players on any social media platforms from Hertfordshire competitions or events, without the prior permission of their parent or carer.

Any breaches of this code of conduct may be dealt with immediately by Hertfordshire Golf through the following processes:

1. A breach witnessed by a Hertfordshire Official, Referee, Volunteer, Coach, Manager or Host Staff will result in an initial recorded warning.
2. A further breach that day or at a future competition/event will result in you being required to leave the course/event/competition.
3. A third breach will result in a ban from Hertfordshire Golf organised events for the remainder of the year, except for dropping off or picking up.
4. A one-off extreme breach of this code may result in an immediate 1-year ban, except for dropping off and picking up, irrespective of no previous breaches.

- Be encouraging, supportive and positively reinforce your child, showing an interest in their chosen activity.
- Do not place your child under pressure or push them in to activities they do not want to do.
- Keep it fun, enjoyment will keep them wanting to come back.
- Report and update Hertfordshire Golf with any changes relevant to your child's health and wellbeing. e.g. change of address, emergency contact telephone number/s, medical information or dietary requirements.
- Deliver and collect your child punctually before and after coaching sessions and competitions.
- Ensure your child has clothing and kit appropriate to the weather conditions, including sunscreen.
- Ensure your child has appropriate equipment, plus adequate food and drink.
- Ensure that your child understands the basic rules of Golf and Etiquette.
- Ensure that your child understands their Player Code of Conduct and the consequences of breaking it.
- Ensure if an alternative parent/adult will be dropping off/collecting or spectating your child, they are aware of and understand this Code of Conduct.

As a Parents/Carer you have the right to:

- Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their participation in all Hertfordshire organised competitions and events.
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your child.
- Be informed if your child is injured.
- Have consent sought for issues such as trips and photography.
- Have any concerns about any aspect of your child's welfare listened to and responded to.

The 2025 Online Parent Consent, Player Code of Conduct, Parent Code of Conduct Form must be submitted before a young golfer participates in their first County run event and lasts for 3 years.

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