Code of Conduct

This code of conduct sets out the minimum standards expected when participating in Wales Golf Championships. Please ensure you are familiar with and understand the Code and meet these minimum standards at all times.

**Note:** Any breach of the code of conduct during the official practice day will be treated the same as during the Championship itself.

1. **Code of Conduct**

   Breaches of the Code of Conduct include the following:
   a) Care for the course
      i. Failure to repair pitch marks
      ii. Not raking bunkers
      iii. Not replacing divots
   b) Foul and abusive language or behaviour
   c) Abuse of equipment and the course
      i. Throwing and breaking clubs
      ii. De-facing and/or damaging on-course signage
      iii. De-facing and/or damaging course equipment and furniture
   d) Acting disrespectfully towards other players, referees, volunteers and spectators
   e) Mis-use of Social Media & using social media in a critical or disrespectful manner towards any other party involved in the Championship
   f) Disobeying direct instructions in place during the Championship
   g) Acting in a manner contrary to the spirit of the game

   Please note this list is not exhaustive and other actions may be deemed a breach of section 1

2. **Penalties Applied**

   The Championship Committee may impose the following penalties for situations identified in 1 above:
   - First breach – Warning or Committee Sanction
   - Second Breach – General Penalty
   - Subsequent Breach or any serious misconduct – Disqualification

   Note 1: Any warnings or penalties applied under the Code of Conduct will be carried forward for the remainder of the Championship

   Note 2: Any breach of the Code of Conduct by a player’s caddie will result in sanctions being imposed against the player

   Note 3: Wales Golf, at its discretion, have the right to prohibit any player from entering future Championships in the event of breach of the Code of Conduct

3. **Committee Decision is Final**

   The committee in charge of the Championship will impose any penalty, where applicable. Their decision is final.