



MIDLAND GOLF UNION LIMITED

JUNIOR CODE OF PRACTICE (For all events under the auspices of the MGU)

In entering or accepting selection into any Midland Golf Union Ltd. event you are expected to conform to the following code of practice. Failure to do so may jeopardise your chances of selection to play for the MGU or risk having your entry to competitions rejected.

1. General Behaviour

- a. Ensure the appropriate authority is told as soon as possible if you are unable to attend any event you have previously entered or to which you have been invited.
- b. Do not swear audibly or abuse clubs, ball, equipment, course or course furniture in temper.
- c. Smoking is forbidden on the course, in the hotel, travelling to the event or in the Clubhouse at all events.
- d. Playing of fruit machines and the consumption of alcoholic beverages is forbidden at all events, irrespective of the age of the competitor.
- e. In a representative match win or lose, after your round is over, come out on the course to support your fellow team members still playing.
- f. Do not drop litter.
- g. Inappropriate behaviour in hotels at away matches may jeopardise your future selection.
- h. Under no circumstances is a competitor allowed to leave the hotel without the permission of the organisers.

2. Dress

- a. At each event find out and obey the dress rules of the Club, both on the course and in the Clubhouse.
- b. Boys are requested bring a jacket and tie to events unless you are told they are not needed. Girls are requested to change into the appropriate attire (ie no bare shoulders, bare midriffs, mini-skirts or shorts. A short or long-sleeved blouse, a skirt just above the knee, a dress or trousers would be acceptable) for the presentation unless told otherwise.
- c. Particularly in hot weather you should change out of your playing clothes before entering the lounge or dining areas of the Club. In 36 hole competitions played under normal weather conditions arrangements will be made by the organisers to allow players to eat and relax without changing between rounds.

3. Courtesy on the Course

- a. Before making a stroke or practice swing ensure that nobody is in a position to be hit by club, ball or any stones, twigs or the like which may be moved in making the stroke or practice swing.
- b. Watch where your playing partner's ball lands and help find it if necessary.
- c. If a putt is conceded hand the ball to your opponent, do not knock it away with your putter or throw it to them.
- d. Always thank the starter before leaving the first tee and your fellow competitors or opponents after your game is over and take off your hat where appropriate.

4. Care of the Course

- a. Look for and obey any notices governing conduct on the golf course.
- b. In taking practice swings avoid causing damage to the course, particularly the tees, by removing divots.
- c. Do not take trolleys onto greens or tees or between greens and greenside bunkers.
- d. Replace any divots taken immediately and press them down.
- e. Rake over holes and footprints made in bunkers and replace the rake in accordance with the procedure laid down by the Club.
- f. Repair pitch marks by levelling with a pitch mark repairer or tee peg and tapping down with a putter.
- g. After completion of the hole repair any spike mark damage as a courtesy to those coming behind.

5. Speed of Play

- a. Play without delay. Slow play is one of the game's most undesirable aspects and you may be penalised if you do not keep pace with the game in front of you.
- b. Walk quickly between shots and be ready to play when it is your turn.
- c. Play a provisional ball if there is any chance that your ball may be lost or out of bounds.
- d. Be ready to call the following game through as soon as it is apparent that your ball is not going to be found easily.
- e. Do not walk across the green carrying your bag but leave this on the side of the green in the direction of the next tee.
- f. Do not mark your card on the green after the hole is finished or when it is your turn to drive.
- g. In stroke play try to hole out after short putts, unless you will be standing on another player's line.

The purpose of the Code of Practice is to bring the Midland Golf Union Limited in line with the other organisation we play against and EGU/EWGA guidelines and your co-operation is most appreciated.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Terry Arnold on 01536 743829 or 07733 408560.

Please sign below to say that you have read and understood the Code of Practice and return one copy to the MGU Secretary, Terry Arnold, 11 Duckworth Road, Corby, Northamptonshire, NN17 2 RZ.

Signature of Junior:

Name (please print)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Name (please print)

Date: