

Huyton & Prescot Golf Club – Statement of Values and Member Standards Code of Conduct

The purpose of the principles contained in this document is to provide guidelines which, beyond the necessary respect for the Club's Articles of Association and the Club's Rules and Bye-Laws, lead to the achievement of our Vision:

"To be a premier Members' Golf Club, ensuring an exceptional golfing and social experience for our Members, their families and guests."

Huyton & Prescot Golf Club is committed to maintaining a welcoming, respectful, and inclusive environment for all members, guests, and employees.

Our Code of Conduct ensures that golf is enjoyed in the true spirit of the game, upholding the highest standards of sportsmanship, integrity, and mutual respect.

1. Behaviour and Etiquette

All individuals on club premises or representing the club must:

- Treat fellow members, guests, staff, and visitors with courtesy and respect at all times.
- Refrain from discriminatory, harassing, or intimidating behaviour.
- Avoid excessive alcohol consumption and any use of illegal substances.
- Use appropriate language, with no swearing or offensive remarks.
- Avoid conduct that may be detrimental to the club.

Failure to adhere to these principles may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or termination of membership.

2. On the Course

To ensure an enjoyable experience for all, players must:

- Play in the spirit of the game, demonstrating fairness and integrity.
- Follow the R&A Rules of Golf and local course rules.
- Maintain an acceptable pace of play, allowing faster groups to play through when appropriate.
- Respect the course by repairing pitch marks, replacing divots, and raking bunkers.
- Adhere to the club's dress code.

- Keep mobile phones on silent mode and use them discreetly.
- Respect greens staff, who always have priority on the course.
- A member may bring a maximum of three guests per booking and must accompany them at all times.

3. Clubhouse Conduct

While in the clubhouse, members and their guests must:

- Maintain a standard of behaviour that fosters a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.
- Dress appropriately, in line with the club's dress code.
- Show consideration when using mobile phones.
- Comply with licensing laws and respect decisions regarding alcohol service.
- Understand that while light-hearted banter is part of the club culture, it should never make others feel uncomfortable.
- Members are responsible for ensuring their guests adhere to the club's Code of Conduct.
- Any breaches by a guest will result in the member being held accountable.

Any inappropriate behaviour will be addressed by club management.

4. Social Media and Club Representation

Members, employees, and representatives of Huyton & Prescot Golf Club must:

- Conduct themselves responsibly on social media and avoid any content that could bring the club into disrepute.
- Refrain from posting offensive, discriminatory, defamatory, or inappropriate material related to the club or its members.
- Remove any offending content if requested by the club.
- Understand that breaches of this policy may result in disciplinary action.

5. Complaints and Disciplinary Procedure

- Any complaints should be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary/Manager within seven days of an incident.
- The Disciplinary Committee, following guidelines set by England Golf, will review complaints.
- Members found in breach of this Code of Conduct may face sanctions, including warnings, suspension, or termination of membership.

By adhering to this Code of Conduct, we ensure that Huyton & Prescot Golf Club remains a premier golfing destination, offering an exceptional experience for all.

I confirm that I have read and understand the Huyton & Prescot Golf Club Code of Conduct.

Related Policies:

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy

Disciplinary Policy

R&A Rule 1.2 - Standards of Player Conduct