



## GLASGOW GOLF UNION PLAYER'S CODE OF PRACTICE

This document is intended to give players who are taking part in activities organised by the Glasgow Golf Union a clear understanding of the commitment that is sought from them and the standards which apply.

### **Representing Glasgow**

The opportunity to represent Glasgow is given to a few and should not be entered into lightly. In addition to any players actual performance on the Golf Course he should **at all times** remember that he has the responsibility that goes with this as a **representative** of Glasgow and that his actions, his behaviour and his attitudes convey an image to the outside world.

Each player and the Glasgow Golf Union should want this image to be of the highest standard. This can be conveyed in many ways, the following list is not exhaustive, but address a number of areas and sets out acceptable standards:

### **Attitude of Responsibility**

It is most important that a Glasgow Golf Union Player should understand his role within the team, treat his fellow team members with **respect** and adopt an attitude of responsibility in all matters involving his role as a Glasgow Golf Union Player.

### **Dress Code**

The Glasgow Golf Union Player will wear a jacket, collar and tie when travelling as part of the team unless otherwise specified. On the Golf Course, in practice, he may wear his own golf clothing. During competitions he will wear the specified clothing of the day. When casual attire is requested, this is intended as smart casual attire, excluding jeans, training shoes and sleeveless shirts. All clothing is expected to be in a neat, clean and tidy condition.

### **Behaviour**

On Course behaviour should be courteous to fellow players and opponents alike, and at all times would convey the highest standards of sportsmanship and conduct befitting the game of golf. Off Course behaviour will similarly reflect the highest possible standard. Applicable individual detail will be set by the Team Captain.

### **Punctuality**

Good punctuality shows responsibility and respect for fellow team members. Being ready at the appointed time allows the team to function properly.

### **Alcohol/Smoking**

In small quantities alcohol is acceptable. Boys Teams – No alcohol is permitted.

### **Role of Support Staff**

The Player should understand and respect the roles played by various members of the "support staff" in the team. These can be identified as follows:

**Team Captain** – The Team Captain has the responsibility of picking the most effective pairings and order of play for the team. He will provide general support to the team, on and off the Golf Course. He will seek the best arrangements for the team to practice and play for



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as many as possible of the above decisions which he must make. He may seek the input of the team, either individually or collectively. On occasions where a Player or Players are rested, if at all possible, advise this to the individual Players concerned in advance of the team. The team must realise the decisions which must be made and be supportive of these decisions once they are made.

**Glasgow Golf Union Officials** – The officials travelling with the team are part of the team and carry out necessary functions both on and off the Golf Course. They will be responsible for interaction with match organisers and for general team support.

### Coaching/Squad/Training/Other GGU Activities

The Player will be a part of and benefit from the ongoing programme of coaching for current and potential Players. This coaching programme will cover the following areas:

**Technical** – The attainment of a reliable and solid golf swing, specialist shot production and strong short game skills.

**Psychological** – Both off Course skills including preparation, goal setting, course planning, team building and practice schedules and on Course skills including pre-shot routines, emotional control, imagery and key word techniques.

**Fitness** – An understanding of the part that fitness plays in golf performance, measuring fitness levels and the creation of a fitness regime based on the needs of each individual.

**Rules of Golf** – A sound understanding of the rules of golf and their application.

**Scotland – Home of Golf** – An understanding of the game of Golf in Scotland, including its history and development, its main Courses, number of Clubs, main players of the past and their contribution to the game, momentous occasions of golfing achievement.

Players should be aware and appreciate the investment by the Glasgow Golf Union in their future.

### Discipline

Any Player who abuses the privilege position of being a Glasgow Golf Union Player may receive:

1. A verbal warning
2. A written warning from the appropriate selection committee
3. Subject to the seriousness of the matter may be called to appear before a Disciplinary Committee and may receive a period of probation or suspension from representation of Glasgow Amateur Golf

### Summary

The code of practice is intended to set clear, simple and fair guide line.

It outlines what is required in terms of commitment to performance itself and also highlights the principal that a Player seeking the honour on being asked to **represent** Glasgow must in addition to reaching a certain playing standard, achieve a standard in **personal organisation** and **discipline**.

It should create the right environment for Players to freely express themselves through their golfing skills, having pride in performance which the Glasgow Team can relate to.

Dignified in defeat

Gracious in victory