MILNATHORT GOLF CLUB LIMITED

CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

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Here at Milnathort Golf Club, we believe in providing a welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment for members, guests, visitors, and staff. In this friendly setting, there is no place for discrimination based on gender, age, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, or disability. Our club prides itself on being equitable and fair, and we welcome members and visitors who share and respect our values.

On payment of a membership or green fee, a golfer consents to be bound by both the restrictions and penalties imposed by this code of conduct. Members shall be liable for any breach committed, whether by themselves or their guests. Courtesy, sportsmanship, and the spirit of the game lie at the heart of our club's code of conduct.

Golf is Scotland's game for everyone, and this code of conduct is not intended to restrict rights. Instead, it is our sincere wish to ensure that all members, guests, and visitors enjoy their visit, staff feel secure in their workplace, and everyone is treated with respect at all times. Milnathort Golf Club has adopted the following code of conduct as a Local Rule.

GENERAL: All responsible patrons are encouraged to:

- Respect fellow golfers, golf club staff, and volunteers.
- Demonstrate a high standard of personal behaviour.
- Never physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone.
- Respect the golf course and host venue.
- Follow all Health & Safety protocols, byelaws, and on-course guidance/signage.
- Refrain from negative social media activity in relation to the club or individuals who choose to play or work at the club.

ON-COURSE: All golfers must take care to:

- Be aware of their immediate environment and pay attention to fellow golfers, greens staff, and members of the public using pathways, rights of way, and bridle paths who may be endangered by a practice swing or a stray shot.
- Show courtesy by waiting until players in the group ahead are out of range before playing a shot.
- Raise the traditional cry of 'Fore!' in the event of an errant shot straying towards another golfer/staff member/member of the public.
- Avoid slow play, keep up with the group ahead, and apply 'Ready Golf' principles to optimise enjoyment of the round.
- Wave through groups (including single players) if they play at a faster pace.
- Respect the club's dress code.
- Observe The R&A's Rules of Golf to enhance enjoyment of the game.
- Respect the golf course and staff by replacing divots, repairing pitch marks, raking bunkers, and using seed mix when supplied.
- Adopt a sportsmanlike manner and not knowingly cheat, throw clubs, or disrespect employees, officials, or fellow competitors.
- Place mobile phones on silent mode.
- Avoid resting bags on and pulling trolleys across putting greens and tees.
- Observe signage around greens and paths in relation to trolley/buggy/cart use.
- Refrain from alcohol consumption while on the golf course.

CLUBHOUSE/FACILITY USE: Members, guests, and visitors are reminded of the following:

- The use of foul, abusive, or threatening language, or adopting an aggressive manner, and harassment or intimidation of others are all forms of unacceptable behaviour.
- Any offender will be asked to stop and/or leave the premises and/or be dealt with through the club's disciplinary procedures.
- Consider your choice of language when in the clubhouse to avoid causing unnecessary offence to others.
- Smoking and the use of e-cigarettes are prohibited in indoor spaces.

Written Communications

All members, visitors, and representatives of the Club, when communicating in writing with the Club or about the Club, including, but not limited to, emails, letters, social media posts, surveys, complaints, and any other written or electronic correspondence, must ensure that:

- Club staff, office bearers, volunteers, and other members are treated with courtesy and respect.
- Language used is factual, measured, and constructive.
- Communications do not contain derogatory, defamatory, inflammatory, abusive, or threatening language.
- Criticism of Club decisions, policies, or actions is expressed reasonably and objectively, without personal attacks on individuals.

Written communications that contravene the above will either be returned to the sender requesting that they modify what they have written, or if deemed to be a more serious contravention, be dealt with under the Club's Disciplinary Procedure

Complaints Procedure

Any grievances or complaints arising from time spent at the club should be addressed directly to The Administrator, Milnathort Golf Club, South St, Milnathort, KY13 9XA, email office@milnathortgolfclub.co.uk, in writing within 7 days.