

Collingtree Park is an inclusive Golf Club committed to providing an environment that is free of discrimination, harassment and intimidation for all members, employees, guests, and visitors. Members, guests and visitors are reminded that an acceptable standard of behaviour is expected in all areas of the Club and course, at all times and that upon payment of membership or green fees, all members, guests and visitors have given their consent to be bound by both the restrictions and penalties which may be imposed for any breach of the club's standards or serious misconduct in failing to meet the standards set in this Code of Conduct.

Members will be liable for any breach committed whether by themselves or their guests.

R&A Rule 1.2 – Standards of Player Conduct: All players are expected to play in The Spirit of the Game

R&A Rule 1.2b – Code of Conduct Collingtree Park Golf Club has adopted the following Code of Conduct as a Local Rule

1. Statement of Principles

Golf is a game built on integrity, consideration for others, and care for the course. In line with England Golf guidance and the Rules of Golf, all players are expected to:

- Act with honesty and sportsmanship
- Show consideration to other players
- Play at an acceptable pace
- Take care of the course

These principles apply to members, guests, and visitors at all times.

2. Pace of Play & Ready Golf Policy

Player Responsibility

In accordance with **Rule 5.6** (Unreasonable Delay; Prompt Pace of Play), players must play without delay and keep pace with the group in front. Maintaining pace is the responsibility of every group, not just the players at the back of the field.

Target Round Times

Target times are provided as a guideline:

- 2- ball: Approx. 3 hours 15 minutes
- 3- ball: Approx. 3 hours 45 minutes
- 4- ball: Approx. 4 hours 15 minutes

Failure to keep up with the group in front, rather than finishing within a target time, is the primary indicator of slow play.

Ready Golf (Strongly Encouraged)

In line with England Golf participation guidance, the club actively encourages Ready Golf where it is safe and practical:

- Play when ready, rather than strictly by honour
- Shorter hitters may play first
- Players may putt even if others are still lining up
- Tee off if safe when others are delayed

Ready Golf should never compromise safety or etiquette.

Practical Pace Guidelines

Players should:

- Be prepared to play when it is their turn
- Limit ball searches to 3 minutes
- Walk promptly between shots
- Mark scorecards on the next tee
- Leave the green immediately once all players have holed out

If a group loses a clear hole and cannot regain position, they must allow faster groups to play through when invited to do so.

Monitoring & Action

Club staff, starters, or marshals may:

- Issue a verbal pace reminder
- Ask players to close the gap
- Request a group to allow play- through
- Take further action if pace does not improve

In competitions, persistent slow play may result in penalties or disqualification, in line with the Terms of Competition.

3. Etiquette & Consideration for Others

In line with “The Etiquette” section of the Rules of Golf:

Safety

- Do not play until players in front are out of range
- Shout “FORE” immediately if a ball may endanger others

Courtesy

- Remain still and quiet while others play
- Avoid disturbing players with movement or noise
- Do not stand on another player’s line of putt
- Mobile phones should be used discreetly and kept on silent

4. Care of the Course

Players must help protect the course for all, as outlined in the Rules of Golf:

- Repair pitch marks properly
- Replace or fill divots
- Rake bunkers and smooth footprints and shot marks
- Avoid damage to tees, greens, and surrounds
- Follow all roped, staked, or signposted areas

Failure to care for the course is considered a breach of etiquette.

5. Buggy & Trolley Use

Buggy and trolley use must comply with club policies and course protection requirements:

- Observe all directional signage
- Keep away from greens, tees, and sensitive areas
- Restrictions may be applied due to weather or course conditions

All restrictions apply equally and are not overridden by handicap or competition status.

6. Dress Code (Standards of Presentation)

In keeping with England Golf’s emphasis on respect for the club environment, players must wear recognised golf attire on the course and practice areas. Specific guidelines may be displayed locally and should be followed at all times.

7. Behaviour, Conduct & Respect

The club operates in line with England Golf’s Respect in Sport and disciplinary guidance.

Expected standards include:

- Polite and respectful behaviour toward players, visitors, and staff
- Acceptance of rulings and staff instructions
- Refraining from aggressive, abusive, or discriminatory behaviour

The club maintains a zero- tolerance approach to serious misconduct.

8. Handicapping & WHS Integrity

Under the World Handicap System, players are expected to:

- Submit scores honestly and accurately
- Play by the Rules of Golf where required
- Protect the integrity of their handicap

Any deliberate misuse or manipulation of handicaps may result in review, adjustment, or suspension, in line with WHS procedures.

9. Breaches & Disciplinary Process

Failure to comply with these policies may result in:

- Informal guidance or warning
- Formal warning
- Loss of playing or booking privileges
- Suspension or termination of membership

All matters will be handled fairly and consistently.

10. Summary

These policies reflect the core values promoted by England Golf, The R&A, and WHS:

- Play the game with integrity
- Respect other players
- Care for the course
- Keep the game enjoyable for everyone