

# CODE OF CONDUCT

Our Code of Conduct has been developed because we want all of our Members and Visitors to enjoy golf in a safe and pleasant environment.

Playing golf is a privilege and our great game has rules and guidelines in place for all participants. We firmly believe that with privilege comes responsibility. All Members and Visitors to **Felixstowe Ferry Golf Club (FFGC)** are respectfully requested to adhere to our Code of Conduct, which is outlined as follows.

- 1. Care for our Course - Please;**
  - Repair pitch marks
  - Rake bunkers
  - Replace divots
  - Do not take trolleys or buggies onto or across tee boxes, putting greens and the fringes of putting greens
- 2. Always shout "FORE" if your ball or indeed you're playing partner(s) ball flies towards other people**
- 3. Refrain from using foul or abusive language**
- 4. Refrain from abusing clubs or the course in any way, this includes:-**
  - Throwing/breaking clubs
  - Defacing or damaging signage
  - Damaging the course or its equipment
- 5. At all times be respectful to other Members, Members of Staff, Officials or Visitors**
- 6. Act in the spirit of the game and the rules of golf**
- 7. Refrain from using social media platforms to publicly criticise or be disrespectful to FFGC, its Members, Members of Staff, Officials or Visitors**
- 8. Have absolute integrity when entering a score card into the computer at FFGC Clubhouse**

(No Return should never be entered for any holes on which a score was recorded)
- 9. Always return a scorecard when completing a competition – failure to do so is contrary to the rules of golf**
- 10. Adhere to dress code for the Martello Course and Clubhouse**
- 11. Members are to always display their Membership Bag Tags**
- 12. All players are required to have their own set of golf clubs and golf bag**
- 13. All tee-times must be advance booked via our online booking system**
- 14. All green fees, and members guests' fees must be paid before the round of golf commences**
- 15. Players must always ensure that they are keeping up with the pace of play and that they are maintaining a good position in relation to the group in front, for example, making sure they do not have an empty par 4 hole in between them and the next group.** If ground has been lost, then all players in the group should take responsibility for making up that ground as quickly as possible. If a group cannot keep its position on the course for whatever reason, and is delaying the group behind, then it should invite the group behind to play through so that group can play at the pace it is capable of.
- 16. Mobile phones are to be kept on silent at all times and only to be used in an emergency on the golf course**
- 17. Being a traditional links course FFGC has several holes that cross or run closely adjacent to each other (1st, 13th, and 18th).** Priority must be given to players coming up the 18th hole and all Members and Guests on the 1st or 13th hole are respectively asked to wait until it is safe to play their shots from anyone who is playing up the 18th. FFGC also have the 12th hole, which is played over a public highway, players should refrain from hitting their tee shots when there is vehicles, cyclists or pedestrians approaching/passing.



In the event that our Code of Conduct is not followed alleged breaches will be investigated by the Captain's Committee or Rules, Handicaps and Competitions Committee, as appropriate, and where breaches are proved the Club may impose the following penalties:

## FIRST BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT:

In respect of 1) to 7) above, verbal advice, written warning or sanction imposed by the Captain's Committee and in respect of 8) and 9) above, verbal advice, written warning or sanction imposed by the Rules, Handicaps and Competitions Committee

## SECOND, OR SERIOUS, BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT:

Disciplinary action taken as per the Club's disciplinary process.

Where the matter is dealt with by the Captain's Committee or the Rules, Handicaps and Competitions Committee any appeal should be made to the Executive Committee in writing within 14 days. The Executive Committee Decision is final.