



## **Dyfed Golfing Union Junior Guidance Player & Parental Code of Conduct 2026**

Dyfed Golfing Union wishes to provide the best possible environment for all its junior members and visitors. All members and players alike deserve to be given enjoyable, safe sporting opportunities, free of abuse of any kind in a safe environment.

All players and participants, have rights which must be respected, and responsibilities that they must accept and adhere to as a competitor where fairness and individual Integrity should be always upheld:

### **In the spirit of golf and as a young golfer taking part in a Dyfed Golfing Union event all players should:**

- Always play fairly under the rules of golf and abide by the rules and procedures set out by the Dyfed Golfing Union. Remember to enjoy your golf, compete and have fun.
- Identify golf balls at the beginning of your round or competition and exchange scorecards with your opponent.
- Agree scores at the end of every hole and enter your scores on the scorecard.
- Respect fellow players and team members and give them support both when they do well and when things go wrong.
- Respect all fellow opponents at all times and play under the Wales Golf Guidance the R&A official rules and the spirit of golf at all times.
- Challenge players or parents alike if you think they are breaking the code of conduct, breaking the rules of golf or acting inappropriately in any way.
- Be gracious during the round, playing fairly and helping opponents when needed, such as searching for a lost ball.
- Winning and losing are part of the sporting experience; Win with humility and lose with dignity in a sportsmanlike manner.
- Where possible use stewards or marshals for support or when needed for advice or rulings.
- Shake hands and show respect to other players at the end of the round.
- Always show respect, manners and treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself.
- Check your scores with your opponent and when agreed sign your cards
- Only enter or input your score once the cards have been signed or handed in to the appropriate official.
- Always behave responsibly and avoid abusive or inappropriate behaviour and do not use foul, critical or disrespectful language.
- Do not physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone involved with the event.

- Abide by the rules set down by team managers when travelling to away events.
- Be organised and on time.
- Inform a steward, marshal or organiser if you or someone else is leaving a venue or competition.
- Do not speak about, post messages or write comments on any social media platform or public website which may be considered in any way detrimental to any other players, coaches or support personnel.

### **Breaches to the Parental / Carer Code of Conduct**

Where there is an instance that the parental code of conduct has been breached or a complaint has been made Dyfed Golfing Union and Dyfed Safeguarding staff and or Competition Staff will adhere to the Parental Code Of Conduct policy and its process to address such breaches.

Where there is an instance that the Parent Code of Conduct has been breached, Dyfed Golf and/or Competition Staff will adhere to the following process:

- 1st Breach – First Warning
- 2nd Breach – Second Warning
- 3rd Breach - Sanction (including but not limited to, denying access to the golf course; disciplinary action; future bans from Competition activities)

### **Behaviours to be avoided / or reported.**

- Cheating by any player or associate.
- Guidance, help or advise from a third party, associate or supporter whilst playing.
- Poor play or breach of the R & A Rules of Golf or breaches of this guidance document or DGU official policies.
- Using violence or engaging in irresponsible, abusive, or inappropriate behaviour.
- Shouting or arguing with officials, teammates, or opponents
- Discriminating or abusing any other players, parents or staff based on age, gender, appearance, or ability at any time whilst on or off the golf course
- Any inappropriate physical, verbal or emotional behaviour towards golfers, staff or volunteers which causes upset or distress.
- Inappropriate or hurtful talk about other competitors, staff or associates.
- Inappropriate social media conduct by players, staff and associates

### **Actions:**

Any of the above instances should be dealt with by the Club Committee / Event Organiser or DGU Official **on the day**, by means of a discussion or investigation into the matter in question, with the players or individuals before they leave the premises. Under the DGU guidance, a right to reply is afforded to the individuals in question.

### **Penalties Applied:**

**The DGU Committee may impose the following penalties for situations identified in 1 above:**

- **First breach** – Warning or Committee Sanction / Disqualification
- **Second Breach** – Subsequent Breach or any serious misconduct – Disqualification

**Note 1:** Any warnings or penalties applied under the Code of Conduct will be carried forward for the remainder of the Championship.

**Note 2 :** DGU, at its discretion, have the right to prohibit any player from entering future championships in the event of breach of the Code of Conduct

**Note 3. The DGU Committee decision is final**

The committee in charge of the Championship will impose any penalty, where applicable. Their decision is final. At any Dyfed Junior Events parents / carers will be asked to stay away from the players during competitions and adhere to event protocol at all times maintaining the 25 yard no contact rule. Course Marshals where possible, will be available to ball spot on the golf course. The DGU staff, Junior Organiser or Safeguarding Officer will be available throughout the event to support advise or impose any of the above.

Any complaints, concerns or welfare issues before during or after an event should be directed to the staff below and should be dealt with **on the day**.

Thank you

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