## FootGolf Association of England



## FGAoE, Player Code of Conduct

The fundamental rule is that during the game, respect should be always shown to every player without exceptions. Continual disregard of these guidelines will result in the player responsible being disqualified.

FootGolf Association of England adopts a strict policy of appropriate behaviour throughout the National and Regional Tour, as well as appropriate comments to the media and through social media. Any conduct deemed to be unprofessional is subject to disciplinary action as highlighted below.

Any conduct deemed to be unprofessional and/or damaging for FGAoE itself or an FIFG member country organization is subject to disciplinary action.

Actions that are in violation of this conduct include but are not limited to:

- Abusive or threatening behaviour or language
- Throwing or kicking the ball away in anger
- Overt rudeness to anyone present
- Wilful and overt destruction, abuse, or vandalism of property, including animal and plant life.
- Cheating; refer to FIFG rule book.
- Continual ignorance of etiquette on the course
- Smoking, including electronic cigarettes, during tournament play on the course.
- Failure to smooth the bunker after play.
- Listening to music during the game (earphones including)

Penalty: Offence One +1 kick, Offence Two DQ

Activities which are in violation of any laws, course regulations or FootGolf course rules may result in disciplinary action. Tournament Director and/or Committee are granted the discretion to disqualify a player based on the severity of the offending conduct.

Additionally, the following conduct is not acceptable.

- Possession of illegal substances\*
- Possession and consumption of alcohol from the start of play until scorecard is submitted.
- Excessive use of alcohol on tournament site
- Threatening and abusive social media behaviour
- Failure or refusal to enforce rules of FootGolf, course or local rules.
- Failure to cooperate with tournament officials, host staff or competitors.

Penalty: Offence One DQ

Please note: FGAoE operates a zero-tolerance policy on illegal drug or substance misuse. Any player found contravening this policy during a FIFG event will be immediately disqualified.



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## Social Media:

It is against FGAoE rules to post comments that are or maybe perceived as:

- Offensive
- Insulting
- Abusive
- Threatening
- Racist
- Discriminatory
- Any other reference that may cause offensive or harm to others.

Any such comment made on social networking sites regarding event officials may result in disciplinary action being taken in line with the FGAoE disciplinary policies and procedures.

Comments made on websites that are threatening, abusive or racist could lead to legal action being taken against those responsible for posting or hosting them.

Comments made may attract libel claims and legal action through the civil courts if they are untrue or defamatory.

Disciplinary procedure following official complaint:

Any investigation may result in disciplinary action which may result in tournament disqualification or a possible ban from competing. Disciplinary action may result in loss of entry fee, tournament winnings or prize fund. Actions could include one or more of the following:

- · Verbal warning by tournament director and or committee
- · Official written warning by committee
- · Termination of playing rights by committee

Please note that by entering any FGAoE managed event you grant us permission to use your image, name and/or both for promotional/marketing purposes and through social media which may also include live feed.

