

FootGolf Association of England – Player Code of Conduct

Core Principle

All players must show **respect** to fellow competitors, officials, venue staff, and spectators always.

Any continual disregard for this principle or the guidelines below will result in disciplinary action, up to and including disqualification.

General Conduct

The FootGolf Association of England (FGAoE) enforces a strict standard of professional behaviour throughout all **National** and **Regional Tour** events, as well as across **all media and social media** platforms.

Any behaviour deemed **unprofessional, disrespectful, or damaging** to the reputation of the FGAoE, its members, or any affiliated FIFG nation, is subject to disciplinary action.

Venue Regulations

To maintain strong relationships with host venues and ensure the professional image of our sport, the following venue rules will be **strictly enforced**:

- **Zero tolerance** will be taken regarding **food or drink** being brought onto any premises hosting an FGAoE National Tour event.
Only food and drink purchased from the host venue may be consumed on site.
- **No bags, clothing, or personal items** are to be left in **public areas** of the host venue.
- **Changing facilities** are provided by all host venues. Players must use these areas and **must not change or appear dressed inappropriately** in any public area.
- All players are expected to treat venue staff, property, and facilities with the utmost **respect and professionalism**.

Failure to adhere to these venue regulations will be considered a **disciplinary offence** and may result in **immediate disqualification**.



Examples of Unacceptable Conduct

The following actions are violations of the FGAoE Code of Conduct and are subject to penalty:

- Abusive, threatening, or aggressive behaviour or language.
- Throwing or kicking the ball away in anger.
- Overt rudeness or disrespect to any person present.
- Wilful damage, abuse, or vandalism of property, including flora or fauna.
- Cheating (refer to FIFG Rule Book).
- Repeated disregard of course etiquette.
- Smoking or vaping (including electronic cigarettes) during tournament play.
- Failure to smooth bunkers after play.
- Listening to music or wearing earphones during play.
- Inappropriate or damaging social media posts or comments.

Penalty:

- **First Offence:** +1 Kick
- **Second Offence:** Disqualification

The Tournament Director and/or Committee reserve the right to impose **immediate disqualification** for severe breaches.

Serious Misconduct

The following actions will result in immediate disciplinary review and possible **disqualification**:

- Possession or use of **illegal substances**.
- Possession or consumption of **alcohol** from the start of play until the scorecard is submitted.
- **Excessive alcohol use** on tournament grounds.
- **Threatening, abusive, or defamatory behaviour** on social media.
- Failure or refusal to uphold **FIFG, course, or local rules**.
- Failure to cooperate with **tournament officials, venue staff, or fellow competitors**.

Penalty:

- **First Offence:** Disqualification



Zero Tolerance Policy:

The FGAoE operates a **zero-tolerance policy** on the possession or misuse of illegal drugs or substances. Any player found in breach during an event will be **immediately disqualified** and may face further sanctions.

Disciplinary Procedure

Following any official complaint, an investigation will be conducted by the FGAoE Committee.

Possible outcomes include:

- Verbal warning by the Tournament Director or Committee.
 - Official written warning from the Committee.
 - Termination of playing rights and/or suspension from future events.
 - Loss of entry fee, tournament winnings, or prize fund.
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Media and Image Use

By entering any FGAoE-managed event, players grant permission for the FGAoE to use their **name, image, and likeness** for promotional, marketing, and social media purposes. This may include **live streaming** or **broadcast coverage**.

The FGAoE expects every player to uphold the highest standards of respect, integrity, and professionalism always, both on and off the course.

