

# CODE OF CONDUCT



## THE FUN STUFF!

1. **Have fun and enjoy yourself**
2. **Keep up with the group in front**
3. **Chat to your friends but try not to shout across the course**
4. **You will hit the odd bad shot, even the Pro's do!**
5. **Ask for help if you don't know a rule or are struggling.**
6. **Respect the course and each other**
7. **Repair your pitch marks and divots.**
8. **Tell us your stories of your best shots.**
9. **Smile and give your best pose for any photos.**
10. **Don't be too hard on yourself.**

## PARENTS:

- **Shires Junior Golf Tour expects good sportsmanship from all parents and players at all times; the applauding of players, the shaking of hands and, most of all, an enjoyable playing environment is expected.**
- **We understand parents can sometimes get over involved with their children, so we please ask that they take a step back and let their child play golf. The added pressure could spoil their day.**
- **No parents on the 18-hole course caddying unless agreed with the Shires Junior golf Tour on course Managers.**
- **Parents who want to walk the course can watch from a safe distance, and are encouraged to help with ball spotting. But there must be no 'unnecessary' interaction with the players.**
- **Code of Conduct Violations;**
- **Etiquette must always come first; Unsportsmanlike behaviour, deliberate miscounting of shots, breaking the rules, abusive language, bullying, the throwing of clubs, disrespect to fellow players, volunteers or officials will not be allowed.**
- **No mobile phones on the golf course.**
- **No taking photos or videoing other players.**
- **No alcohol.**

## **RULES-18 HOLE PLAYERS;**

- **All competitions have full handicap qualifying status – recognised by England Golf.**
- **The competition will be played under the Royal & Ancient Club of St Andrews Rules of Golf.**  
**Golf etiquette will be adhered to, good behaviour on the course and around the clubhouse at all times.**  
**Caddies are permitted in certain instances- talk to the Tour ambassadors.**
- **Dress codes must be observed. Players are not permitted to wear jeans, trainers, t-shirts or football shirts.**
- **All players must sign in at the registration desk no later than 30 minutes before their tee time and arrive at the tee no later than 10 minutes before their start time.**
- **Upon finishing the competition, all players should return to the registration desk to check, sign and hand in their cards. Failure to do so could hinder your chance of winning.**
- **In the event of a tie, a count back of the last nine holes completed and, if still tied, the last six, last four, last two or last one. If still tied, a sudden-death play-off from the first hole will decide the winner.**
- **Distance measuring devices are permitted.**
- **No caddies allowed**
- **In the event of any issues on the golf course, parents should speak, in private, to the Shires Junior Golf tour Director or Manager not in front of the players. Any decision made by the Shires Junior Golf tour Officials will be final.**
- **If you cannot score (stableford) on a certain hole, please pick up and move on. This will help pace of play.**

**RULES-9 HOLE PLAYERS;**

- **Competitors will play off the Shires Tour forward tees (most forward tees)**
- **Rule sheets will be handed out at events.**
- **Air shots will count as one stroke.**
- **Should a player fail to get out of a bunker after two strokes Bronze Division only, the player can then pick and place the ball to the side of the bunker no closer to the hole, without penalty, but their two strokes will be added to their score.**
- **The 10-shot rule means no more than 10 strokes can be taken on a hole. Once a 10 is reached, a player must pick up their ball and wait for the other players in the group to complete the hole. 10 will be added to the scorecard.**
- **Caddies allowed**

**Thank you  
The Shires Junior Golf Directors**