

# CODE OF CONDUCT

This document has been presented for ratification by the Riverside Golf Club Committee of Management. It is to be reviewed and updated periodically.

## 1. Introduction

The Riverside Golf Club requires that persons participating in activities either socially or during competition adhere to a Code of Conduct. The Riverside Golf Club is committed to provide an environment that is free of harassment, abuse and bullying for its employees, members and visitors. The Code of Conduct will apply in addition to any other requirements of persons specified by tournament conditions, local rules and by laws of the Riverside Golf Club. Several of these requirements are outlined in the Riverside Golf Club Syllabus as published from year to year. They relate to On Course Etiquette, Care of the Course, Dress and Complaints (the relevant sections are re-produced below).

In this Code:

**'Event'** means any event conducted by the Riverside Golf Club or by another organisation that incorporates either sporting or social activities at the Riverside Golf Club.

**'The Committee'** means the Riverside Golf Club Committee of Management.

**'The Course'** means the entire area known as the Riverside Golf Club including the clubhouse and all sheds and compounds.

## 2. Code of Conduct

All players and their guests are under an obligation to avoid acts that are unsportsmanlike or detrimental to the game of golf. Members and their guests shall not;

- a) during any event engage in conduct which is detrimental to the game of Golf, the Riverside Golf Club or any other associated body;
- b) physically or verbally abuse any official, employee, opponent or other person;
- c) use profane or abusive language, throw or break clubs, wilfully damage the course or behave on the course in a manner which will bring discredit to the game of golf or the Riverside Golf Club;
- d) observe a breach of the code by any other player and fail to cooperate in any inquiry;
- e) deliberately break the rules of golf;
- f) repeatedly commit infringements of golf etiquette;
- g) refuse to comply with the dress regulations of the Riverside Golf Club;
- h) continually fail to play without undue delay.

## 3. Breaches of the Code of Conduct

Any suspected breach of this code of conduct and associated rules should be made in writing to The Committee of the club. The Committee will then address the issue as required.

## 4. Etiquette

### 4a. Courtesy on the course and consideration for other players

In the interest of all, players should play without delay. No player should play until the players in front are out of range. Players searching for a ball should signal for players behind them to pass as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not easily be found; they should not search for five (5) minutes before doing so. They should not continue to play until the players following them have passed and are out of range. A good rule to go by is:

***"Your position in the field is directly behind the group in front, not in front of the group behind"***

When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green.

### 4b. Behaviour during play

No one should move, talk or stand close to or directly behind the ball or the hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke. The player who has the honour should be allowed to play before his opponent or fellow competitor tees his ball.

### 4c. Priority on the course

In the absence of special rules, two-ball matches should have precedence over and be entitled to pass any three or four-ball match. A single player has no standing and should give way to a match of any kind. Any match playing a whole round is entitled to pass a match playing a shorter round. If this match fails to keep its place on the course and loses more than one clear hole on the players in front, it should allow the match following to pass.

## 5. Complaints

No member shall directly complain to or reprimand an employee of the club. Any complaints must be in writing to The Committee of the club.

## 6. Dress

The Club does not wish to lay down stringent dress rules regarding the dress of members and visitors playing golf and hopes that sensible taste will prevail. Either golf shoes or sports shoes are deemed to be acceptable footwear and socks must be worn. However, the following items of clothing are forbidden to be worn by any member of the Club or by any person playing golf in competition at Riverside:

- singlets
- tank tops without collars
- sandals
- thongs
- work boots
- soiled work clothing

All players who do not comply with a 'neat and tidy' standard will be denied access to the golf course.

It is acknowledged that at times golf club employees, members and visitors may be wearing non-permitted items of clothing when undertaking non golfing activities such as working bees, attending a social event, etc. Please note the Ladies Committee have established a dress code, details of which are provided by way of a notice (including illustrations) displayed on the club notice board.