

Code of Conduct for Golf

On the Course and in the Clubhouse Members, their Guests and Visitors are requested to comply with this and with the other Policies of the Club.

Tee Times

- All tee times must be pre-booked
- Members may book a tee time no more than 14 days in advance. Visitors may book a tee time no more than 10 days in advance. No more than 4 players to 1 tee time.
- To ensure that there is a consistent speed of play, Bowood reserves the right to pair golfers together and a 4 ball pair up policy may also be adopted at busy times.
- All golfers should check in at the pro-shop no less than 20 minutes prior to their tee time.
- Tee times are every 10 minutes and every golfer is expected to check in at the Starters Hut on the 1st Tee 10 minutes prior to their tee time.
- Golfers must not start before their allocated tee times without authorisation from the Starter.

On the course

Golfers are requested to behave appropriately and to:

- Avoid slow play, apply Ready Golf principles (save when playing Match Play Competitions) and to allow other golfers to play through as appropriate, waving the following group through when searching for lost balls and maintaining the speed of play by keeping up with the group in front.
- Make themselves aware of and adhere to the playing format of the day, where this is applicable (for example on competition days).
- Demonstrate fair play both on and off the course.
- Always follow established golf etiquette respecting the course, such as:
 - Repairing pitch marks, replacing divots and raking bunkers.
 - Showing appropriate respect to fellow golfers at all times, which incorporates; no shouting on the course, no misuse of equipment (i.e. throwing clubs in frustration etc.), no aggressive behaviour, and no taking of performance enhancing medication.
 - Conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner and not knowingly cheat or disrespect employees, officials or fellow players.
- Mobile phones must be switched to silent on the golf course
- The use of speakers on the golf course is strictly prohibited.
- Members are required to always carry their membership cards, whilst on the club premises. Members of staff are now instructed to request members produce their membership cards on a regular basis. Failure to produce a valid membership card may result in access being denied, to the member, to the club premises.



In the clubhouse:

Members, guests and visitors are reminded that:

- Any form of discrimination, harassment or intimidation is regarded as unacceptable behaviour.
- Consumption of excessive quantities of alcohol is not permitted by law.
- The use of foul or abusive language such as swearing has no place in the clubhouse or on the course and any member heard using unacceptable or offensive language will be asked to either stop using such language or to leave the premises. Where someone is noticed to be consistently using bad language after being warned their continued membership of the Club will be reviewed accordingly.
- Smoking or the use of e-cigarettes is not permitted within any of the Club buildings.
- The taking of illegal substances will almost certainly incur immediate suspension and loss of membership.
- Please be considerate towards others when using your mobile phone in the clubhouse.
- Whilst fully acknowledging that adult "banter" contributes to creating a healthy atmosphere among members, these rules are designed to safeguard others who find such banter offensive or intimidating.

Outside the club environment:

 All members are reminded that the use of foul, abusive or otherwise inappropriate language on any of the club's social media channels is unacceptable, and any language or statements that brings, or may bring the club into disrepute, is not permitted

Dress Code:

- Polo Shirts with collars (mock necks allowed).
- Long trousers
- Cargo shorts or Tailored Shorts
- Women may also wear golf skirts or skorts, mid length trousers and sleeveless shirts
- Golf shoes or Sport shoes (with sports socks)
- No tracksuits
- No football or board shorts
- No T-shirt's or non golf related sport shirts (football/other team)
- No football boots/ running spikes

Buggies:

- Buggies hired may be only driven by those over the age of 17 in possession of a full driving licence.
- See Bowood Buggy Hire Disclaimer for full details