



# TEIGNMOUTH GOLF CLUB

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## **H&S Course Policy, Dress Code & Course Etiquette – A Guide for Members & Visitors**

### **Background & Introduction**

These codes and guidelines apply to all golfers enjoying the fantastic golf course we are very lucky and privileged to have the opportunity to use for our enjoyment here at Teignmouth Golf Club.

It is expected that all golfers will have a good knowledge of, and adhere to, the rules of golf whilst playing at TGC. The recently updated rules include a number of enhancements designed to increase the speed of play and it is expected that all golfers will embrace both the literal meaning and the spirit of these new rules. A social round of golf at TGC should not take any longer than 4 hours when playing in a 4 ball.

### **H&S Course Policy**

The team will inform you of the following safety procedure when playing the course.

On the following holes- 4th Green, 5th tee, 6th tee, 11th green, 12th tee, 16th tee, and 16th green. Before hitting your shot, invite the players to play if you feel you are safe for them to do so. Do not play unless you have received acknowledgment from the players in front.

The 12<sup>th</sup> tee has priority of play when congested.

If our greens staff are anywhere on the hole that you are playing, a shot cannot be taken until the greenstaff acknowledges you to do so. Our greens staff are trained, and have policies in place not to be around near play unless it is necessary. Please adhere to this policy at all times, with no exceptions.

### **Course Dress Code**

#### *Guidance*

- All players must look like golfers when on the course.
- Professional golfers are starting to wear collarless shirts, so it is becoming more difficult to be too specific, but golf players are always smart.
- Shirts are to be clean and ideally tucked into golf trousers or shorts.
- Socks can be of any length.
- Golf footwear must be worn on the course.

#### *Enforcement*

- The Golf Professionals in the Pro Shop will help with advice if you are in any doubt about any aspect of our on-course dress code. If your attire isn't suitable, the Pro Shop carries a wide range of clothing and new items can be purchased if necessary.
- A Marshall will be making regular buggy trips around the course
- Members bringing guests will be asked to ensure their guests comply with the code.



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## **Practice Areas Dress Code**

### *Guidance*

- All players above the age of 12 must look like golfers when using the driving range, practice hole, chipping and putting greens
- The course dress code is required for all players above the age of 12, subject to the discretion of our team of Golf Professionals
- The practice area dress code for players below 12 is more relaxed to the extent that recognised golf wear is not required

### *Enforcement*

- The Golf Professionals coaching on our practice areas will enforce the code.

## **Clubhouse Dress Code**

### *Guidance*

We want players coming off the course to feel comfortable after their round of golf.

- After wet weather we ask all players to change any wet or muddy clothing before entering the bar and restaurant areas within the clubhouse.
- In sunny and hot weather we ask that a smart casual standard of dress is maintained. Flip flops and sandals are allowed.
- Some form of footwear must be worn at all times.
- Golf shoes may be worn in the spike bars.
- Smart jeans may be worn.
- T shirts may be worn as long as they comply with the smart casual standard of dress.

### *Enforcement*

- Bar staff and waiters will ask people not complying with the code to change.

## **On Course Etiquette**

### *Guidance*

By its very nature the sport of golf requires participants to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty at all times. This also applies to players behaviour whilst on the course.

- No trolleys or buggy's are to be driven into the heather.
- Do not leave bags or trolleys in front of greens, this will assist in speed of play.



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- Mark your card once on the next tee.
- Buggies and trolleys must be kept off tees and greens at all times.
- Shouting or making loud noises of any kind is liable to break the concentration of fellow golfers and is not allowed on the course.
- Golfers using buggies must drive them safely at all times and ensure no undue noise or disturbance is created whilst a fellow golfer is preparing to take, or is in the process of taking, a shot.
- Golf can be a hugely challenging and frustrating sport. Players must not allow their frustrations to have an impact on their fellow golfers in any way. Damage caused to any part of the course through the venting of any frustration, demonstrates a lack of respect that is simply not tolerated and will be reported to the General Manager.

*It is deemed disrespectful to our Course Manager, his team and fellow golfers not to do the following:*

- Repair your pitch marks on greens.
- Repair pitch marks left unrepaired by players in front of you.
- Rake bunkers after you have used them. Leave them in a state you expect to find them in. After use, leave rakes in the bunkers with about one or two feet of the handle resting outside the bunker.
- Avoid creating any damage to the surface of greens.
- Replace divots on the fairways.

### *Speed of play*

- Each player must be ready to play their next shot before it is their turn to play. The principle of ready-golf must be employed at all times (except in matchplay). It is each player's responsibility to ensure their group keeps up with the group in front.
- If all groups comply with the new time saving rules, gaps between groups shouldn't occur. However, if your group does lose a hole or more you should allow the group behind to play through. It makes sense to do so and is part of the good etiquette which you should follow on the course.
- Larger groups should allow smaller groups through.
- Golfers playing social golf should allow golfers playing in competitions to play through as soon as it makes sense to do so.

### *Enforcement*

- A marshall will make regular buggy trips round the course
- Golfers not obeying these guidelines will not be allowed to play at TGC again.

**Martin Hucklesby**  
**General Manager**