

Bellville Golf Club Code of Conduct

The Rules of Golf as implemented on 01 January 2019 recommends that the committee implement a Code of Conduct. Players may now be penalised and even disqualified when not adhering to these rules.

1. Dress Code

The committee reserves the right to decide upon the appropriateness of dress and will not hesitate to exercise this right; extremes of dress will not be accepted. Please do not dress inappropriately.

1.1. Dress Code on the Course

- With the emphasis on neatness as befits the game: Appropriate, recognised golf apparel shall be worn.
- This is a soft spike course

1.2. Dress Code at Practice Facilities

- A more relaxed approach may be taken, providing the overall effect is neat and tidy.
- Closed shoes must be worn.

2. Cell Phones

Players are requested to ensure that their use of cell phones does not cause a disturbance to other players and that they do not allow their phone calls to interrupt the flow of play.

3. Unacceptable language, abuse of golf clubs and disrespect for the course and people

- Players will be penalised if they behave in the following ways:
 - Using excessive unacceptable language.
 - Abuse of golf clubs or damaging the course by slamming and/or throwing clubs or equipment.
 - Being disrespectful of other players, referees, spectators or marshals.
- *Examples of appropriate behaviour:* Replace divots; repair ball marks; rake bunkers and use proper containers for garbage.
- *Examples of inappropriate behaviour:* Damaging greens; defacing or destroying club property; littering, leaving divots or ball marks unrepaired; failure to rake bunkers; etc.
- *Examples of unsportsmanlike behaviour:* Deliberate unreported rules of golf violations; swearing; obscene & vulgar language or gestures towards players, staff or contractors; throwing clubs; displaying poor attitude.

4. Commitment to Play

- Should a player be unable to honour his/her commitment to play at the appointed tee time, no-show rounds will be charged to compensate the club for any loss of income, unless, the member has contacted the pro-shop to notify them that he/she is unable to play on the day.
- Discontinuance of play for any reason not covered by rule 5.7a ('Picking up, quitting') will result in the disqualification penalty under that rule and additionally the player will be ineligible for the next event in which he/she is entered.

5. Golf Carts

Players will follow the rules on driving golf carts on the course as stipulated by the committee. These rules may change dependent on the season.

Golf Cart Rules

1. Players must obey all cart rules and signs.
2. Golf carts are not permitted on any tee area. Parking of golf carts is allowed in designated areas only.
3. Always use golf cart paths where provided, especially near tees and greens. Players are required to drive golf carts on golf cart paths only on all Par 3 holes.
4. **Do not** drive golf carts within 15m of a green or a tee except upon cart paths.
5. Never drive a golf cart through a hazard.
6. Be careful to avoid soft areas on fairways, especially after rain. Drive in the rough whenever possible.
7. When a 'carts on paths only' sign is posted, keep carts on the cart paths.
8. If the hole is roped off, the signs and ropes are to be adhered to without exception.
9. Golf carts shall be driven on the golf course only when the course is open for play.
10. Cart operation that is injurious to the course will be dealt with in according with the Bellville GC Code of Conduct.

Club provided Golf Cart Rules

1. Club provided golf carts shall not be used by a member or guest on the property of the Club without proper assignment and registration in the Pro Shop.
2. Each operator of a club provided golf cart must be at least 18 (eighteen) years of age and have a valid automobile driver's license.
3. Club provided golf carts are not to be used off the golf course.
4. Only two persons and two sets of golf clubs are permitted per golf cart.
5. Operation of a club provided golf cart is at the risk of the operator. Cost of repair to a club provided golf cart, which is damaged by a member, will be charged to the member or in the case of damage by a guest, to the sponsoring member. Members using a Club provided golf cart will be held responsible for any and all damages, including damages to the Club provided golf cart that are caused by the misuse of the Club provided golf cart by the member or their guests, and the member shall reimburse the Club, and/or the Company for any and all damages the Club may sustain for reason of misuse.

Member Owned private Golf cart Rules

1. The right to use a privately-owned golf cart is a non-transferable and non-assignable personal right. This right is available solely to Golf Members.
2. Only two persons and two sets of golf clubs are permitted per golf cart.
3. Cart operation that is injurious to the course will be dealt with in according with the Bellville GC Code of Conduct.

6. Penalty for breach of Code

- First Breach: Warning or Committee sanction
- Second Breach: One Stroke Penalty
- Third Breach or any serious breach: Disqualification
- Any breach of Code of Conduct may also result in a formal disciplinary hearing.