

## Golfing Union of Ireland – Leinster Branch

# CODE OF CONDUCT

Through your selection to a Leinster Coaching Panel and/or to represent your Province you will be bound to abide by the Golfing Union of Ireland's Code of Conduct. You will be required to observe the highest standard of behaviour. As an ambassador for your Province, and for the game of golf in general, it is important that you understand fully what is required of you throughout the entire time you are at a Coaching Session or on team duty and whilst in the care of the Golfing Union of Ireland. The Leinster Branch undertakes to provide for your wellbeing while you are in the care of the Provincial PGA Coach/Team Captain/Team Manager.

In accepting a place on a Provincial Coaching Panel and/or team you are required to agree to accept and undertake the following requirements:

1. Observe any instructions, restrictions or curfews requested by the Provincial PGA Coach/Team Captain/Team Manager without dissent.
2. Demonstrate the highest standard of behaviour and conduct at all times, both on and off the course, to Branch Officials, club members and staff, other players, and members of the public.
3. Behave in a sportsmanlike manner as befits the conduct associated with an Ireland international player and display a professional attitude to personal organisation, training and dress.
4. Not to be absent from the practice area, golf course, golf club or accommodation without the express permission of the Provincial PGA Coach/Team Captain/Team Manager.
6. Arrive promptly for all sessions/meetings as directed by the Coach/TC/TM
7. To report all accidents, no matter how trivial, to the Coach/Team Captain/ Team Manager.
8. To accept and abide by any travel arrangements or accommodation arrangements made on your behalf by the Leinster Branch.
9. Not to use bad language either on or off the golf course
10. As part of the Leinster Branch fitness routine procedure, smoking and the drinking of alcohol by players under 18 is strictly forbidden.
11. The use of any drug or performance enhancing or recreational substance is strictly forbidden

I understand and agree that in the event of my being in breach of the above standards of conduct, or by acting in a manner deemed by the Provincial PGA Coach/Team Captain/ Team Manager to be prejudicial to the reputation of the Golfing Union of Ireland, I shall render myself liable to be withdrawn from the panel or event and may be sent home.

I agree to accept unequivocally the terms and conditions detailed above, together with all reasonable instructions and requests made of me by the Provincial PGA Coach/Team Captain/ Team Manager at all times.

I also agree to abide by the Code of Conduct below, which forms part of the Code of Ethics for Golf for Young People drawn up by Junior Golf Ireland and endorsed by GUI-Leinster Branch.

SIGNATURE OF PLAYER:

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**PARENT’S / GUARDIAN’S ASSENT FOR A PLAYER UNDER 18:**

I understand and agree that my son/ boy in my care be bound by the above code of good conduct whilst in the care of the Leinster Branch and I absolve all its representatives from all liability and/or claims for illness, injuries and damage that may arise directly as a result of my son breaching conditions detailed above.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/ GUARDIAN: ..... DATE:  
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**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN GOLF**

Golf wishes to provide the best possible environment for all young people involved in the sport. Young people deserve to be given enjoyable, safe sporting opportunities, free of abuse of any kind. These participants have rights, which must be respected, and responsibilities that they must accept. Young people should be encouraged to realise that they have responsibilities to treat other participants and sports leaders with fairness and respect.

**Young players are entitled to:**

- Be safe and to feel safe
- Be listened to
- Be believed
- Have fun and enjoy golf
- Have a voice in relation to their activities within golf
- Be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect
- Participate on an equitable and fair manner, irrespective of ability, disability, gender, religion, social class, etc.
- Experience competition at a level at which they feel comfortable
- Make complaints and have them dealt with
- Get help against bullies
- Say No
- Protect their own bodies
- Confidentiality

**Young players should always:**

- Treat Sports Leaders with respect, (including professionals, coaches, convenors, club officials, etc.)
- Look out for themselves and the welfare of others
- Play fairly at all times, do their best
- Be organised and on time, tell someone if you are leaving a venue or competition
- Respect team members, even when things go wrong
- Respect opponents, be gracious in defeat
- Abide by the rules set down by team managers when travelling to away events, representing the club, school, province or country, etc.
- Behave in a manner that avoids bringing golf into disrepute
- Talk to the Lead Officer within the club if they have any problems

**Young players should never:**

- Cheat
- Use violence or engage in irresponsible, abusive, inappropriate or illegal behaviour

- Shout or argue with officials, team mates or opponents
- Harm team members, opponents or their property
- Bully or use bullying tactics to isolate another player or gain advantage
- Take banned substances, drink alcohol, smoke or engage in sexual behaviour
- Keep secrets, especially if they have been caused harm
- Tell lies about adults / young people
- Spread rumours
- Discriminate against other players on the basis of gender, age, disability, social class, religion, race, etc