

SECRET VALLEY GOLF RESORT

Conduct Guidelines and Disciplinary Procedures

Definitions

The Club committee; the club members committee of Secret Valley Golf Resort as appointed at the AGM.
The Competitions committee; the Competitions committee of the Secret Valley Golf Resort.

CONDUCT GUIDELINES

The Secret Valley Golf Resort (SVGR) takes great pride in the club membership, its facilities and broader community involvement. In order to continue making the Resort an enjoyable place for all members, players and guests the following principles offer guidance on good practice for everyone involved.

Members and guests must conduct themselves to standards of behaviour and ethical conduct at all times. They must act in the best interest of SVGR and the game of golf. The core principles are sportsmanship, honesty and courtesy whether on or off the golf course.

It is impossible to determine exactly the standard of behavior expected and it is also impossible to make a full list of all acts in violation of a standard of behaviour. In most cases common sense should tell the member, player or guest the standard of behaviour expected of them. Anyone in doubt about the behaviour that is expected of them should contact the Club committee for guidance.

In most circumstances the following examples of acts, omissions and negligence will be considered to be contrary to the Conduct Guidelines and may result in disciplinary action.

- Failure to comply with normally accepted standards of sporting behavior, dress code and spirit of the game at all times.
- Acting in a way that will hurt the resort, the staff, committee members, another club member, player or guest.
- Disrespectful criticism of the course, staff, sponsors, rules officials, volunteers or club committee. Any complaints shall be addressed to the Club Committee.
- Failure to comply or cooperate with Club Committee investigation into any offence.
- Improper behaviour on the course or at the Club.
- Failure to comply with instructions from the course starter, marshals and ground staff.
- Equipment abuse or smashing of tee markers.
- Not taking good care of the course – for example, by not replacing divots, not smoothing bunkers, not repairing ball-marks and causing unnecessary damage to the course.
- Audible obscenity.
- Any behaviour viewed as unethical in the opinion of the Club Committee.
- Failure to control temper anywhere within the Clubhouse, confines of club property and course.
- Players and members have the right to report any breach of conduct.
- Pro shop staff, grounds staff, food and beverage staff, marshals, rules and event organisers and officials have the right to report any breach of conduct.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE AND SANCTIONS

When a member, player or guest are believed to have violated the Conduct Guidelines or the Rules of Golf, and the violation can result in sanctions, the matter will be investigated by the Club Committee.

If the investigation indicates that a violation has occurred the Committee can come to the following actions:

- (a) Give a verbal reprimand or warning; or
- (b) Disqualify a player in accordance to rule 1.2a.

Serious breach of Conduct Guidelines or the Rules of Golf

According to Golf Rule 1.2a a player can be disqualified in an event where a serious misconduct has occurred.

A player has committed a serious misconduct if they:

- Physically attack or abuse in any way a player, an official or other person;
- Verbally threatens or abuses a player, an official or other person;
- Willfully damages the facilities, including the course and the clubhouse;

- Wrongfully removes or damages property;
- Deliberately breaks a Rule (as defined in the Rules of Golf and Local Rules);
- Deliberately returns a false score card;
- Repeatedly fails to return a scorecard;
- Fails to post their score card within a reasonable time after an event;
- Any other act which in the opinion of the club committee brings the club or its membership into disrepute.

In all cases of violation, the Club Director of Golf and the Club Committee shall be notified and the Director of Golf and Club Committee have the authority to;

- a) Take no further action;
- b) Refer the incident to the players national authority;
- c) Exclude the player from participation in one to several club events where the player was eligible to participate.
- d) Any action taken by the National authority shall be final and not subject to appeal.

SVGC DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

The Director of Golf

The Club Captain

The Club Vice Captain

The Competitions and Handicap Secretary