

GOLF NORTHLAND – PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

Two of the major functions of Golf Northland are to provide development opportunities and competition for golfers within the Golf Northland district. These functions have as a natural extension the selection of teams to represent Northland and compete at inter district and national levels.

Player development and representative golf have the following objectives:

1. To promote the development of golfers who have the potential to represent Northland.
2. To pursue excellence in the playing of golf to enable golfers in Northland to perform at the highest level.
3. To promote the game of golf to attract new players to the game and secure the future of golf within Northland.

These objectives are achieved in the following ways:

- i) Funding received from Association levies on clubs in Northland. These levies contribute to the majority of the expenses incurred by Golf Northland. The funding of representative golf and player development accounts for the majority of the Association's expenses.
- ii) Grants from New Zealand Golf subsidise some of Golf Northland's expenses for player development and attendance at National events. The NZGA also directly assists players to attend National competitions, coaching schools and represent New Zealand. As with Golf Northland, the National Association obtains its funds from levies on club membership throughout the country and sponsorship.
- iii) Sponsorship has become an important source of support to supplement Golf Northland's income and enable it to hold down levies to clubs. Sponsors require quality sponsorship through excellent performance and conduct to justify their support of golf.
- iv) Through the voluntary services of Sub Committees of Golf Northland, managers of teams and development squads
- v) Through the voluntary commitment of the Golf Northland executive who give many hours throughout the year managing the administration and activities of the organisation.
- vi) Support from the professional coaches within the Province.
- vii) A positive commitment from the players selected to take part in development programmes and/or to represent Northland. This group represents less than 2% of golfers in the Golf Northland district.

TO REPRESENT GOLF NORTHLAND IS A PRIVILEGE NOT A RIGHT

Only players who are prepared to sign, abide by this Code of Conduct and become worthy ambassadors of the game of golf in general and Golf Northland in particular, will be granted this privilege.

The signing of this Code of Conduct becomes an Agreement between the Player and Golf Northland. In return for the positive commitment to Golf Northland's objectives and this code, Golf Northland agrees to provide reasonable resources within the guidelines laid down by the Management Committee of Golf Northland to assist the player to:

- Develop as a golfer
- Have the opportunity to represent Northland
- Have access to the equipment and reasonable expenses while representing Golf Northland

In the event that a player breaches this Code of Conduct Golf Northland reserves the right to withdraw some or all the privileges at the discretion of the Management Committee.

IN SIGNING THE GOLF NORTHLAND PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT YOU:

1. **AGREE TO** maintain a standard of conduct in any golf event or activity and comply with the etiquette of golf. (*Players must exercise self-control. Bad language, equipment abuse and poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated*).
2. **AGREE TO** maintain a high standard of conduct off the golf course and avoid any action that may discredit Golf Northland at the time (*Players must exercise moderation in the consumption of alcohol and maintain moderate hours when representing Golf Northland*).
3. **AGREE TO** maintain a continuing high standard of appearance. Dress codes for tournament play, after match functions, travel to and from tournaments as required by Golf Northland shall be advised by the team manager. (*When representing Golf Northland the correct team uniform must be worn at all times both on and off the golf course, with no variations*).
4. **AGREE TO** take care of all clothing and golfing equipment provided by Golf Northland and return the same at the conclusion of the event or activity at the direction of the managers. (*Loss of or damage to equipment beyond normal wear and tear shall be a charge against the player. Equipment and apparel must not be exchanged*).
5. **AGREE TO** be punctual and regularly attend all training sessions, team or squad meetings throughout the season unless dispensation has been given by the selectors or in special circumstances by the managers. (*Players must be prepared mentally, physically and technically for all events*).
6. **AGREE TO** be punctual for all tournaments and competitions under the control of Golf Northland and for travel to and from these events.
7. **AGREE TO** remain in the company of the team and the managers from the time of departure to the time of return for all events specified by Golf Northland unless dispensation has been given in special circumstances by the managers.
8. **AGREE TO** abide by the decisions of the managers at all times. (*The managers are required to abide by the terms of their job descriptions and exercise their authority fairly and discreetly*).
9. **ACKNOWLEDGE THAT** preference for selection will be given to players who are available for all fixtures in a season unless dispensation has been requested from and given by the selectors.
10. **ACKNOWLEDGE THAT** the managers will be required to report to the Management Committee at the conclusion of each team event or activity on all aspects of each individual's performance and observance of this code.
11. **AGREE TO** abide by the NZGA Drug Policy.
12. **AGREE TO** abide by the NZGA Code of Conduct.

Any dissatisfaction players may have regarding decisions of the managers should be referred to the Management Committee through Golf Northland Executive Officer, Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Convenor of Selectors, or as a last option through the observing Players' Representative.

PLAYER DECLARATION

- *I have read this Code of Conduct and have received a personal copy.*
- *I understand and accept the conditions of the Code of Conduct.*

Signed:

Name:

Date:

Witnessed by:

Signed:

Name:

Date: