

MPUMALANGA GOLF UNION

APPROVED CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Dress Code on the Golf Course:

1.1 The following are the dress regulations for all Mpumalanga approved Tournaments and Ranking Tournaments:

1.2 ON THE COURSE:

1.2.1 All shirts must have a collar – No T shirts or vest like tops will be allowed. Shirts must be tucked in. Branded polo collar shirts are permissible.

1.2.2 Golf long trousers with socks. Jeans or the like are not permitted.

1.2.3 Golf shorts with long hose or short tennis socks are permitted.

1.2.4 Golf shoes only – no running or tennis shoes permitted.

1.2.5 Any jersey, windbreaker, golf cap/hat worn must be neat, tidy and clean.

1.2.6 Golf bags/ carts must be in a presentable condition/state.

2. PRIZE GIVING FUNCTION:

2.1 Players playing tournaments should attend all tournament prize giving functions where possible to support MGU, Associations and Clubs. Requests to be excused must be done to the club General Manager or Club Captain of that particular club. Where a GolfRSA events please excuse yourself from the MGU official and or tournament director. Dress is smart casual.

2.2 if a player does not excuse himself with a valid reason from prize giving and he wins a prize, the player automatically forfeits the prize.

3. PUNISHABLE OFFENCES – ON THE COURSE OR ITS PREMISES – THREE TO SIX MONTHS SUSPENSION.

AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION – PLAYER SUSPENDED PENDING DISCIPLINARY HEARING.

3.1 **PLAYERS HANDICAP TO BE FROZEN IMMEDIATELY.**

3.1.1 Failure to arrive at tournament – no apology tendered prior – player liable for entry fee and player is liable to ensure he knows his tee time and the draw.

3.1.2 Throwing clubs/badly behaved – warning for first offence.

3.1.3 Directing foul, abusive, sexual or racist language at any person on the club's premises.

3.1.4 Walking off the course without a valid reason and not completing your round/match.

3.1.5 Engaging in violence of a physical nature on the clubs premises.

3.1.6 All GolfRSA events, Opens under MGU administration, or co-sanctioned by MGU - no alcohol allowed on the course. Opens under Club and Association administration - alcohol consumption at the discretion of tournament organizers, and with permission from Association Executive.

3.1.7 Abusing drugs on the clubs premises or being drunk on the course.

3.1.8 Conduct unbecoming that of a player/ Bringing the game and union into disrepute.

3.1.9 Purposely damaging the course, greens or club property.

3.1.10 The Rules of Golf 2019 Rule 1.1 to 1.3a is adopted and is effective as from 01.01,2019 in this Code

4. ONE YEAR SENTENCE - SUBJECT TO A DISCIPLINARY HEARING. PLAYER IMMEDIATELY SUSPENDED.

4.1 A second offence of clause 3.

4.2 A serious breach of the Rules of Golf and/or unbecoming conduct brining MGU into disrepute.

4.3 Blatant cheating on the golf course.

4.4 Player manipulating his handicap in any form.

5. CLUB GUILTY OF NEGLIGENCE – MUST BE SUBJECT TO A DISCIPLINARY HEARING.

5.1 Clubs have a responsibility to distribute all information relating to events and administration to all its affiliated members. If a club fails to distribute to its members starting times and any MGU, HGA and LGA administration information and AGM information - the club shall be liable to a minimum fine of R2000 and maximum fine of R4000. The club has the responsibility to keep members informed at all times.

6. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE – PANEL ELECTED AT AGM ANNUALLY.

6.1 A player summoned to appear at a Disciplinary Hearing must receive details of what he is charged with in writing – the charge must be in detail and must be **delivered by hand or e mail at least 72 hours** before the hearing.



6.2 The player has the right to appeal against the outcome and must do so within 7 days of the hearing.

6.3 The player has the right to be represented by a **competent person** and may produce witnesses on his behalf at the hearing. The Chairperson should limit representation to non lawyer representation of the player's choice.

6.4 Any player whose appeal fails then has the right to appeal to the MGU Executive Committee whose decision shall be final.

The same procedure is for golf clubs.

7. GENERAL.

7.1 Any offence or breach of the Rules not covered by the above shall be dealt with by the Executive Committee. This includes Mpumalanga players representing at other Unions at Provincial level.

7.2 If a player violates the condition of his suspension he will then serve out the original sentence and an additional **ONE YEAR,** this subject to a disciplinary hearing.

7.3 All players in Mpumalanga are expected to be familiar with the **MGU Code of Conduct.**

7.4 Any club official/MGU Executive Member breaching any of the above will be charged under 4.2.

7.5 The MGU Code of Conduct overrides any MGU club code of conduct.

7.6 Clubs must adopt the MGU Code and outcome of guilty players/officials must be consistent. Club to immediately freeze the handicap of a player found guilty.

7.7 During the timeframe of an appeal and the final outcome of the case the accused may **not play any golf at all.**

7.8 **The GolfRSA Disciplinary Hearing Guide** shall take precedence in the case of a dispute.

By order of the Executive Committee. UPDATED 26 October 2026.