



Code of Conduct – Penrith Golf Club

The Board of Directors of Penrith Golf Club has prepared a “Code of Conduct” to be followed by all Competition and Social Players at Penrith Golf Club.

Dress

Always observe and follow the dress regulations of the club. This shows respect for the club and the game of golf. Playing and practicing in inappropriate clothing is prohibited.

Care of the Course

We all have a job to maintain the standards of our course and we would appreciate that the following be adhered to;

- Practice swinging on the teeing ground should be restricted as you may damage the surface.
- Always repair divots using sand carried in the buckets provided.
- Always repair pitch marks on the putting greens.
- Always rake bunkers SMOOTH as you leave them.
- Rakes should be left in the middle of the bunkers in the direction of the hole.
- Keep buggies and bags off tees and clear of putting surfaces as you may damage them.
- When using a motorised golf cart please stay 10 metres away from tees and greens.
- Always be careful removing and replacing the flagstick or removing the ball from the hole. This will avoid damage to the ground near the hole and make putting less difficult for others.

Slow Play

- All players must play ready golf (refer to the rules of ready golf below)
- Players have the right to register a complaint about slow play by completing a slow play complaint form and sending to the Golf Services committee.
- If you receive a letter, you have a right of reply and can send an email/letter to the Golf Services committee
- Offending players will be issued a letter from the Club Captain and should a second offence occur within 6 months the player/s will issued a warning. Any further offences will result in a suspension.

Sand Buckets

All players must carry a sand bucket while playing the course or practicing and fill in their own divots.

Players in carts must ensure they repair and sand-fill their divots before returning to their cart.

Behaviour on the course and premises

We expect that all players act appropriately on and off the golf course whilst on our premises. The following behaviours will not be accepted;

- The use of inappropriate language must not be used while on the course.
- Disrespect of equipment and the course is prohibited.
- **DO NOT** throw clubs even towards your bag or caddy.
- **DO NOT** throw a tantrum, become abusive even to yourself, be verbally crude, argumentative, sulk or walk off the course during a competition as this has a negative effect on the concentration and enjoyment of your playing partners.

Practice Areas

The Practice Areas are to be respected always.

- Practice should only be done from the roped areas provided by the course staff.
- Balls must be kept within the designated practice areas.
- Only Sand Wedge to 4 irons should be used on the practice area.
- Clubs 3 iron to Driver should be used in the nets provided.

Practice Rounds

All Members must report to the Pro Shop prior to playing a practice round

- Practice Rounds are to be played from yellow or white markers with a maximum of two balls.
- Competition Players and green staff have right of way on the course.
- All divots made must be repaired.

Harassment

The harassment by any Member to another person is prohibited – this includes members, social players, green staff and/or Pro Shop staff.

Disciplinary Procedure

Any written report made to the Board of Penrith Golf Club during a competition or practice round will be investigated by a panel from the Board. Upon receiving a written report, the panel will need to determine whether;

- No further action should be taken; or
- If in the course of such investigation it is evident that, in the opinion of the panel, a breach has occurred, an appropriate penalty may be imposed
- The panel may request that the player/s be cited to meet to discuss any breach with the board and present their version of what occurred.

Penalties

1 st Offence	Written Warning
2 nd Offence	Suspension or termination.

The panel may issue a notice to appear before the board if it deems an offence serious enough in nature. The outcome of this discussion may result in an automatic suspension or termination from the club.

Etiquette

Some points to remember

- Etiquette is the term given to courtesies (manners) extended to and from golfers.
- Always introduce yourself when playing with others you don't know
- Treat other player(s) as you would like them to treat you.
- Be quiet and don't move around while others are playing a shot.
- Do not stand close to or directly behind either the ball or the hole.
- Do not play before the players ahead are out of range or off the green ahead.
- Do not leave bags/buggies in front of the green while putting.
- The flagstick must always be attended or removed when a player is putting on the green.
- Leave the putting green immediately you have completed the hole.
- Mark your scorecard when you reach the next tee.
- If you think your ball is lost immediately call the following players through if they are ready.
- Play at all times without delay, walk at a brisk pace between shots and always be ready to play when it is your turn.
- Always arrive at the course ready to play will in advance of your tee time (at least 15 minutes).
- It is not compulsory to have a break after playing 9 holes. If the tee is free, you are required to continue your round.
- Always watch your playing partners' ball to save time when searching for balls.

Rules of Ready Golf

On the Tee

- The player who is ready should hit
- Shorter hitters should hit first
- Tee-off as soon as the group ahead is clear
- Carry an extra ball in your pocket for water carry holes or holes with OOB
- Mark your scorecard after you have hit off or whilst you wait to tee off

On the Green

- Place your clubs between the green and the next tee
- Study your putt while others are putting
- Continue putting until holed out, particularly if you are not going to be standing on your playing partners line
- Leave the green immediately after holing out and proceed to the next tee
- Complete your scorecard after you are off the green.

On the Fairway

- Hit when ready. Only one practice swing.
- Take appropriate clubs to your ball and hit without delay
- Have your playing partners watch where each shot goes
- Limit lost ball searches and/or call the group behind through
- Look for distance markers as you walk along the fairway.

Short Cuts

- In motorised carts, drop off passengers to their ball (with a sand bucket) and go to your golf ball. You can pick them back up on the way through.
- Walk directly to your ball without getting into deep conversation. You can talk to your partners at the 19th
- Be organised with your equipment. Know what pocket has which equipment rather than scrimmaging through your bag mid-round.
- Don't sit around the halfway house if the group in front of you has left the tee. Make your way to the tee and be ready to tee off.

Please think of your fellow golfers and most of all, enjoy yourself