



Members and Visitors Code of conduct

Mardyke Valley Golf Club

Code of Conduct for Members and Visitors

Mardyke Valley GC believes that it is the responsibility of everybody involved in our club to ensure it remains a safe place, free from discrimination, fear and where possible, risk.

In doing so we ask that you:

- Treat everyone fairly and do not discriminate on the grounds of characteristics such as race, gender, age, sexual orientation or disability etc.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person and treat everyone with mutual trust and respect.
- If you see any form of discrimination, do not condone it or allow it to go unchallenged, and report to the club manager as soon as possible.
- Maintain the well-being and safety of all individuals.
- Promote the positive aspects of golf (e.g. fair play), at the club and when representing in the community

We will not tolerate any form of:

- Physical or verbal abuse
- Bullying & harassment
- Use of foul, abusive or discriminatory language
- Inappropriate physical contact



Responsibilities for players

The game of golf is based on honesty and integrity. Your responsibilities as a player are to:

- Play to the Rules of Golf (following any local rules), act with integrity, and refrain from using or overcoming any rule to any gain or unfair advantage.
- Play to the best of their ability
- Certify scores accurately for fellow players after witnessing a round.
- Have only one handicap record, administered by a home club.
- Return all acceptable scores, making the best possible score on each hole – submitting competition scores promptly after play and general play scores before midnight on the day of play.
- Pre-register any intent before starting to play.

Any breaches of this code of conduct will be subject to our disciplinary procedures and dealt with by the Management team or Directors

NB: Supplementary codes of conduct are available from England Golf for Workforce and Board Members.



Etiquette – Behaviour on the Course & Dress Code Policy

All golfers are requested to read and abide with section 1 of the Rules of Golf, as approved by the R&A, dealing with Etiquette – Behaviour on the course.

Particular emphasis is placed on Safety, Pace of Play and Care of the Course.

All golfers should be aware of Mardyke Valley GC policy on the following:

Tee Usage: The White teeing position is for MEMBERS & CLUB COMPETITION PLAY ONLY!

Visitors, Guests and Societies must play from the Yellow or Red Tees during the Summer and from the Blue or Red Tees during the Winter.

Mobile Telephones: Should not be used on the course at any time. In the clubhouse they must be switched to silent, and only used in the changing room or outside.

Pace of Play: It is the group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If a group lose a clear hole and is delaying the group behind, they should invite the group behind to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that group. The Course Marshal will monitor each group's position on the course and warn of slow play (when one is on duty) Any match that has lost a hole to the group in front will be compelled to call the group behind through.

Trolley and Buggy Usage:

Trolleys and Buggies are to be kept at least 30 feet away from greens, green surrounds and tees.

Trolleys and Buggies should not be taken between bunkers or penalty areas and the greens. Trolleys and Buggies must not enter fenced off areas.

Buggies must adhere to the GPS guided routes.

We may from time to time limit the use of Trolleys due to course conditions.

In frosty conditions both push and electric trolleys must be fitted with winter wheels.

During the winter months electric trolleys must be fitted with winter wheels.

We prefer HEDGEHOG winter wheels however other certified wheels may be allowed.

(please check with the pro-shop if your wheels are compliant)



Care of the Course: All golfers wish to avoid playing from divot holes on fairways, foot pints in bunkers and putting over pitch marks on greens. The green staff has limited time to repair the damage caused by golfers.

All golfers should:

- Replace divots.
- Rake bunkers.
- Repair pitch marks on greens, even if they aren't yours.

Dress Code: Mardyke Valley GC believes that standards in dress code help to maintain standards in behaviour on the course, leading to enjoyment for all. As this is a sport without a referee, the fundamentals of golf require correct behaviour, respect for other golfers and the course, honesty and sportsmanship. Poor dress code soon leads to poor manners. Our dress code is in line with the standards at MOST golf clubs and will be strictly adhered to.

The reception desk has strict instructions to refuse admission to The Course for non-compliance. The Course Starter has strict instructions to demand any golfer not complying to leave the course.

Acceptable:

- Men's shirt must have collar & sleeves and worn inside trousers or shorts.
- Ladies' shirts must have collar.
- Long trousers or Tailored shorts
- Short Sport/Golf socks
- Golf Shoes – Soft Spikes preferred.
- Metal Spikes are not permitted in the clubhouse or the outside decked area.

Not Acceptable:

- Football or Rugby Shirts.
- Jeans or Tracksuits bottoms or tops.
- Trainers, work boots
- Sport/Gym/Training or Beach/Swim shorts