



DYFED GOLFING UNION JUNIOR GUIDANCE PROCEDURE

2025

Dyfed Golfing Union wishes to provide the best possible environment for all its junior members. All members and players alike deserve to be given enjoyable, safe sporting opportunities, free of abuse of any kind.

The participants have rights which must be respected, and responsibilities that they must accept as a competitor where fairness and individual Integrity should be always upheld:

In the spirit of Golf and as a young golfer taking part in a Dyfed Golfing Union event all players should :

- Respect fellow players and team members and give them support both when they do well and when things go wrong.
- Respect all fellow opponents, play under the R&A rules of golf at all times, in a sportsmanlike manner.
- Challenge players if you think they are breaking the code of conduct or breaking the rules of Golf.
- Be gracious during the round, play fairly and help opponents when needed such as searching for a lost ball.
- Winning and losing are part of the sporting experience; win with humility and lose with dignity.
- Always where possible use stewards or marshals for support when needed.
- Shake hands, touch putters or otherwise with your markers by way of closing out your game.
- Treat others as you would wish to be treated yourself.
- Always behave responsibly and avoid abusive or inappropriate behavior, and use of foul, critical or disrespectful language.
- Abide by the rules set down by team managers when travelling to away events,
- Be organized and on time.

- Inform a steward or marshal or someone else if you are leaving a venue or competition.

Behaviors to be avoided / or reported.

- Cheating by any player or associate.
- Guidance, help or advise from a third party , associate or supporter whilst playing.
- Poor play or breach of the R & A rules of Golf
- Using violence or engaging in irresponsible, abusive, or inappropriate behavior
- Shouting or arguing with officials, teammates, or opponents
- Discriminating against other players based on age, gender, appearance, or ability.

Actions:

Any of the above instances should be dealt with by the Club Committee / Event Organizers or DGU Official **on the day**, by means of a discussion or investigation into the matter in question, with the players or individuals before they leave the premises. Under the DGU guidance, a right to reply is afforded to the individuals in question.

Penalties Applied

- The DGU Committee may impose the following penalties for situations identified in 1 above:
- **First breach** – Warning or Committee Sanction / Disqualification
- **Second Breach** – Subsequent Breach or any serious misconduct – Disqualification
- **Note 1:** Any warnings or penalties applied under the Code of Conduct will be carried forward for the remainder of the Championship.
- **Note 2 :** DGU, at its discretion, have the right to prohibit any player from entering future championships in the event of breach of the Code of Conduct
- **Note 3. The DGU Committee Decision is Final**
The committee in charge of the Championship will impose any penalty, where applicable. Their decision is final.

At any Dyfed Junior Events parents will be asked to stay away from the players and adhere to event protocol at all times. Course Marshalls will be available to ball spot on the golf course, The DGU Junior Organiser and Safeguarding Officer will be available throughout the event to support advise or impose any of the above.



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