



Boland Code of Conduct

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BOLAND GOLF UNION CODE OF CONDUCT & ETHICS

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1. Objective:

The Boland Golf Union (BGU) aims to ensure that all players representing the union demonstrate exemplary behaviour both on and off the golf course. Players are expected to uphold the values of respect, fair play, and sportsmanship, reflecting positively on themselves and the BGU.

2. Dress Code:

Players are required to adhere to the following dress code:

- Official BGU Dress: Mandatory when travelling on aircraft, attending official receptions, and during tournament arrivals and departures.
- Official BGU Sportswear: Must be worn during team tournaments for sportswear, leisure wear, and competition gear.
- Neat Appearance: Players are expected to maintain a tidy and presentable appearance at all times.

3. General Conduct:

Players must conduct themselves in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Language and Behaviour: Vulgar or offensive language and rowdy behaviour are strictly prohibited.
- Respect for Others: Players must show respect towards fellow travellers, public places, hotels, staff, hosts, and public/private property.
- Table Manners: Good table manners and respect for speakers at official receptions are expected.



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- Promotion of Golf: Players are required to promote the game of golf, adhere to fair play standards, display sportsmanlike conduct, and uphold golf etiquette at all times.

4. Cell Phone Policy:

Cell Phones should be put on silent at all times. Calls should be limited to emergencies only and should not interrupt the flow of play.

Player's Declaration:

Players representing the BGU must make the following declarations:

- Respect for the Game: Players will respect the rules and play in the spirit of the game.
- Behaviour Standards: Players will uphold high standards of behaviour that promote a positive image of the game.
- Respect for Opponents: Players will show respect towards their opponents.
- Respect for Officials: Players will respect the officials and their decisions.
- Graciousness: Players will display graciousness in both victory and defeat, understanding that winning is not everything.
- Positive Teamwork: Players will provide positive input and feedback to their teammates.
- Fair Competition: Players will compete fairly and abide by the principles of fair competition.
- Respectful Conduct: Players will refrain from using profane, insulting, harassing, or offensive language or behaviour on or off the field.
- Self-Control and Dignity: Players will maintain self-control and dignity in all situations.
- Appreciation: Players will express gratitude to officials and opposing teams after every game or match.
- Integrity: Players will uphold a sense of integrity in their actions.
- Respect for Facilities/Equipment: Players will respect the facilities and equipment provided.
- Prohibited Substances: Players will never advocate or condone the use of drugs or other banned performance-enhancing substances or methods.
- Rejection of Corruption: Players will reject corruption, drugs, racism, violence, and any other threats to the sport.
- Assisting Others: Players will help others resist corrupting pressures.
- Denouncement of Discrediting: Players will denounce those who attempt to discredit the sport.



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- Honouring Defenders: Players will honour those who defend the sport's good reputation.
- Abstinence from Tobacco and Alcohol: Players will abstain from using tobacco products and consuming alcoholic beverages in public when representing their province.
- Alcohol Prohibition: Players will not consume alcohol before or during competitive rounds of golf, including practice sessions and practice rounds.

5. Penalty for Breach of Conduct:

Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the Boland Golf Union's Constitution. The penalties for breaches are as follows:

- **First breach**: Warning.
- **Second breach**: One-stroke penalty.
- **Third breach**: General penalty.
- **Serious breach**: Disqualification.
- **The Code of Conduct breach may also result in a formal disciplinary hearing.**

NB. By entering and being selected to participate in Boland Golf Union tournaments and representing the Boland Golf Union at local, provincial and GolfRSA levels, all players acknowledge and agree to adhere to the Union's Code of Conduct.