



Niddry Castle Golf Club

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Code of Conduct

On the Course

- Players are encouraged to familiarise themselves with an up to date version of **R & A RULES OF GOLF** prior to play.
- **ALL** players are reminded to keep noise levels to a minimum and consider fellow golfers at all times.
- Players should adhere to safety signs throughout the course and use signalling bells where required.
- Players are also reminded that should a ball be hit over the course boundary towards any property a call of (FORE) should be made so as to alert any residents that may be there.
- Play should be continuous and without delay but do not play until the match in front is out of range or hole is completed by the group in front and intended area of play is clear.
- Players may adhere to ready golf format of play when safe to do so as per R&A guidance.
- It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If it loses a clear hole and it is delaying the group behind, it should invite the group behind to play through, *irrespective of the number of players* in that group.
- Players searching for a ball should signal the game behind to play through as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not be easily found.
- Players are reminded to consider playing a provisional ball if the original ball may not be easily found to aid with the speed of play.
- **All divots** must be carefully replaced and **any damage to the putting green** made by a ball or the player should be carefully repaired. **ALL** Players are reminded of **THEIR** responsibilities to insure these repairs are carried out by themselves or others within their group.
- When play at a hole is complete, players should immediately leave the green.
- Priority on the course is determined by a group's pace of play. Any group playing a whole round is entitled to pass a group playing a shorter round. The term 'group' includes a single player.
- Competition games should be allowed to play through.

In the Clubhouse

- Guests must be signed in by a Member who is then responsible for their conduct.
- All visitors must sign in on arrival.
- Members, guests and visitors may not reprimand any employee of the Club. All complaints must be made in writing or by email (membership@niddrycastlegolfclub.co.uk) to the Club Council.

Examples of unacceptable behaviour

- Using foul, abusive, degrading or discriminatory language.
- Consumption of excess alcohol.
- Practising on the course, that causes damage to tees, fairways or greens.
- Ignoring course signage, aimed at the safety of fellow players.
- Endangering fellow players on the course by playing whilst they are still in range or not alerting them (Fore) to a ball that could potentially hit them.
- Any form of cheating on the course. Ignorance of the rules is not an acceptable defence.
- Persistent slow play during competitions and not allowing groups being held up to play through.
- Repeatedly not replacing fairway divots or repairing pitch marks on the green.
- Litter being discarded around the course and not being taken home.

Club Related Information

- The sharing or divulging of information not in the public domain, including but not restricted to Club meeting minutes and accounts, is also deemed as unacceptable behaviour.

Any reported unacceptable behaviour will be investigated and could result in disciplinary action being taken.

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