



Vardon Golf Code of Conduct

The Vardon Golf Club is committed to providing an environment that is free of discrimination, harassment and intimidation for members, employees and guests.

Members, guests and visitors are all reminded that an acceptable standard of behavior is expected in all areas of the Club and course, at all times and that upon payment of membership or green fees, all members, guests and visitors have given their consent to be bound by both the restrictions and penalties which may be imposed for any breach of the club's standards or serious misconduct in failing to meet the standards set in this Code of Conduct.

Members or Guest will be liable for any breach committed whether by themselves or their guests.

R&A Rule 1.2 – Standards of Player Conduct:

All players are expected to play in The Spirit of the Game

R&A Rule 1.2b – Code of Conduct

The Vardon Golf Club has adopted the following Code of Conduct as a Local Rule

On the course:

All golfers must:

- Avoid slow play, apply Ready Golf principles and allow other golfers to play through as appropriate, waving the following group through when searching for lost balls and maintaining the speed of play by keeping up with the group in front of them.
- Adhere to the dress code of the Club and local rules of the course.
- Demonstrate fair play both on and off the course.
- Always follow established golf etiquette respecting the course, such as:

- ***Repairing pitch marks, replacing divots, raking bunkers***
- Showing the necessary respect to fellow golfers at all times, which incorporates; no shouting on the course, no misuse of equipment (i.e. throwing clubs in frustration etc.), no aggressive behavior, or the taking of performance enhancing substances.
- Conduct yourself in a sportsmanlike manner and do not knowingly cheat, disrespect employees. Officials or fellow players.
- ***Mobile phones must be switched to silent on the golf course.***
- ***Music and speakers can be used, but at a volume only heard to the user or user's cart.***
- Must keep groups to 5 and Under (NO sixsomes permitted on course)
- In the event of lightning or poor conditions on the course. The Clubhouse manager at the time will sound an alarm (horn) which will signify that all play must stop, and all golfers must return to the clubhouse building(s).
- Play will not begin until the weather is cleared and the clubhouse manager re-sounds the horn to signify play may resume.
- Non compliance will result in the forfeiture of the round and all costs.

In the clubhouse:

Members, guests and visitors are reminded that:

- Any form of discrimination, harassment or intimidation is regarded as unacceptable behavior.
- Consumption of excessive quantities of alcohol is not permitted by law. Please do not be offended if service is suspended.
- The use of foul or abusive language such as swearing has no place in the clubhouse and any member heard using unacceptable or offensive language will be asked to either stop or leave the premises. Where someone is noticed to be consistently using bad language after being warned then their continued membership will be reviewed accordingly
- Smoking or the use of e-cigarettes is not permitted within any of the club buildings.
- The taking of illegal substances will incur immediate suspension and loss of membership.
- The smoking of cigarettes or e-cigarettes is not permitted in the clubhouse
- Be considerate towards others when using your Mobile phone in the clubhouse.

Whilst fully acknowledging that adult "banter" contributes to creating a healthy atmosphere among members, these rules are designed to safeguard others who find such banter offensive or intimidating. This Code of Conduct is not intended to create a bureaucratic, regulatory environment, but rather to promote and enhance our Club's values.

A person engaging in any behavior that may be detrimental to the game of golf or Vardon Golf Club is in breach of the code of conduct and should be reported to the Club's General Manager

It is in the best interests of the game that such behavior is reported, and all players, members and members of the public are encouraged and have a duty to report such behavior.

As stated in the paragraphs above, and enforced by the establishment, any infraction or occurrence deemed detrimental to the club, members, guest, or staff of the club may or will result in an automatic dismissal from the course, or revocation of membership.

In the event of a dismissal, the club will not be responsible to refund and membership type or green / cart fee.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray Cook', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ray Cook
General Manager
Vardon Golf Club