

Brisbane and District Ladies Golf Association



Code of Conduct

This Code is in force, unless altered or rescinded, for all competitions held under the auspices of the Brisbane and District Ladies Golf Association Incorporated (BDLGA).

The BDLGA Management Committee reserves the right to substitute, alter or add to this Code at any time and shall have the power to deal with any matter referred to it, or not provided for, herein.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This Code of Conduct applies to all players, caddies and officials participating in golf events under the control and regulation of the Brisbane District Ladies Golf Association (BDLGA).
- 1.2. All persons covered by this Code of Conduct must adhere to the standards of golfing etiquette and sportsmanship specified in the Rules of Golf or commonly accepted by the Member Clubs.
- 1.3. Breaches of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary proceedings being brought under this Code.
- 1.4. This Code of Conduct aligns with the BDLGA Constitution. Further information is available via the website (refer to <https://bdlga.com.au/resources>).

2. OFFENCES

- 2.1. Violations of the Code of Conduct include:
 - a) Failure to care for the course (e.g. not raking bunkers, not replacing divots, not repairing pitch marks, recklessly or intentionally causing damage) or deliberately damaging the course facilities (including the course and the clubhouse).
 - b) Use of threatening, abusive, profane or insulting language or gestures to another person during a competition.
 - c) Racially vilifies another person.
 - d) Physically attacking or abusing in any way another player, caddie or official or other person during or in relation to a BDLGA event.
 - e) Being disrespectful to other players, officials, caddies, spectators, course marshals, event volunteers or staff.
 - f) Deliberately distracting other players while they are making strokes.
 - g) Deliberate failure to comply with the Rules of Golf (Including etiquette) and any local rules of the competition.
 - h) Deliberately returns a false score card.
 - i) Abuse of clubs or other player equipment.
 - j) Audible emission or unauthorized use of electronic devices such as mobile phones on the golf course or during play.
 - k) Deliberate violation of the Host club's Dress Code.
 - l) Consumption of alcohol or use of any illegal substance on the competition course or any designated practice areas.

- m) Engage in any other conduct that may bring the sport of golf into disrepute.
- n) Continually fails to play without undue delay (slow play).
- o) Other such behaviour that falls short of the standards of etiquette and behaviour outlined in Rule 1.2a of the Rules of Golf.

3. RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

- 3.1. On the rare occasion that a Code of Conduct breach needs to be referred to the BDLGA Management Committee, the following procedures are to be used as a guideline:
 - 3.1.1. Lodgement of the dispute to the BDLGA Management Committee should be made as soon as possible and within 48 hours of the completion of the match. The complaint must contain all the material the complainant relies upon to support the complaint. The complaint should also include ALL corroborating information from all persons that may be relevant.
 - 3.1.2. On the day of play, the lodgement can take the form of verbal communication, but it is to be followed by a written submission sent to the Secretary of the BDLGA Management Committee.
 - 3.1.3. A copy of the complaint will be provided to the opposing team captain by the BDLGA Management Committee or its representative.
 - 3.1.4. The opposing Team Captain will be given the opportunity of a timely right of reply.
 - 3.1.5. The BDLGA Management Committee will decide on what course of action will follow. If a meeting of the two parties is required, it will be at a mutually agreeable time.
- 3.2. The decision of the BDLGA Management Committee is final.
- 3.3. In BDLGA events where players or caddies are representing their club (e.g. Pennants, Tournaments, etc), BDLGA anticipates the club of the offending person may also have their own Code of Conduct and may investigate in accordance with their own policies and procedures and may apply their own penalties.

4. PENALTIES

- 4.1. In the event a person is found guilty of breaching the BDLGA Code of Conduct, the following penalties may be imposed:
 - a) a severe reprimand;
 - b) disqualify the player from the competition;
 - c) suspend the person from all BDLGA competitions for a period of time;
 - d) a recommendation to the player's home club that the player's membership be suspended for a set period of time or that the player's home club investigate and determine whether it wants to take additional action; or
 - e) such other penalty as determined from time to time.
- 4.2. The player is responsible for the actions of his/her caddie. Breaches of the BDLGA Code of Conduct, In-Play, by the caddie may result in penalties that are deemed appropriate by the Management Committee awarded to the player.