

Tilden Park Golf Club

Code of Conduct

Effective as of the date of this communication, the Tilden Park Golf Club Board of Directors adopts and implements the following code of conduct. The purpose of this code of conduct is to ensure that interactions among members and between members and course employees will be conducted in a civil and respectful manner and that unacceptable behavior will not be tolerated.

1. Behavior deemed unacceptable includes but is not limited to verbal exchanges that are inappropriately aggressive or offensive, as well as physical behavior demonstrating a display or outburst of anger.
2. Code of Conduct violations must be brought forward to any Board Member immediately. Documentation of the infraction should be sent via email to the President of the Board within 24 hours in order to resolve the issues in a timely manner.
3. For purposes of a first violation, unacceptable behavior shall be communicated to the offending person by any member of the Board of Directors.
4. For purposes of a second violation, unacceptable behavior shall be determined by the Tilden Park Golf Club President, in his/her sole discretion, and following their review of any facts presented regarding a second violation.
5. A second violation shall result in a one-month suspension from all Tilden Park Golf Club activities including but not limited to tournaments and unofficial play, both home and away.
6. Further violations will be considered by the President and Board of Directors and, by a majority vote, may result in expulsion from the Tilden Park Golf Club.

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The USGA Rules will govern members conduct on the course. (see attached)

USGA Code of Conduct:

Rule 1 - The Game, Player Conduct and the Rules

Purpose of Rule: Rule 1 introduces these central principles of the game:

- Play the course as you find it and play your ball as it lies.
- Play by the Rules and in the spirit of the game.
- You are responsible for applying your own penalties if you breach a Rule, so that you cannot gain any potential advantage over your opponent in match play or other players in stroke play.

1.1 The Game of Golf

Golf is played by striking your ball with a club, and each hole starts from the *teeing area* and ends when your ball is *holed* on the *putting green*.

You should normally play the *course* as you find it and play your ball as it lies.

1.2 Standards of Player Conduct

All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by:

- Acting with integrity – for example, by following the Rules, applying all penalties, and being honest in all aspects of play.
- Showing consideration to others – for example, by playing at a prompt pace, looking out for the safety of others, and not distracting the play of another player.
- Taking good care of the *course* – for example, by replacing divots, smoothing *bunkers*, repairing ball-marks, and not causing unnecessary damage to the *course*.

You should check to see whether the *Committee* has adopted a Code of Conduct, as you could get a penalty if you do not follow it.

1.3 Playing by the Rules

You are expected to recognize when you have breached a Rule and to be honest in applying your own penalties.

You may ask for help with the Rules from a *referee* or the *Committee*, **but** if help is not available in a reasonable time you must play on and raise the issue later.

There are times when you must make estimates, such as the spot where to replace your ball, the point where your ball crossed the edge of a *penalty area* or when taking relief under the Rules. You are expected to consider all available information and to make a reasonable judgment in the circumstances.

A penalty applies when a breach of a Rule results from your own actions, the actions of your *caddie*, or the actions of another person acting with your authority or knowledge.

Penalties are meant to cancel out any potential advantage. There are three main penalty levels:

- One-Stroke Penalty: Applies in both *match play* and *stroke play*.
- General Penalty: Loss of hole in *match play* and a two-stroke penalty in *stroke play*.
- Disqualification: Applies both in *match play* and *stroke play*.