



Heaton Park Golf Club Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers of Young Golfers

Purpose

This Code of Conduct outlines the standards of behaviour expected from parents and carers to help ensure golf at Heaton Park Golf Club is safe, positive and enjoyable for all young people.

As a parent/carers, you are expected to:

- Positively support and encourage your child, showing interest in their participation
- Promote golf as a fun and enjoyable activity, not just about winning
- Be realistic, supportive and respectful of your child's ability and development
- Never place your child under pressure or push them into activities they do not wish to do
- Ensure all player profile forms, consents and medical information are completed and kept up to date
- Inform Heaton Park Golf Club of any changes relevant to your child's health or wellbeing
- Deliver and collect your child punctually before and after sessions and competitions
- Ensure your child is appropriately supervised before and after organised activities
- Follow club arrangements relating to collection, transport and supervision
- Ensure your child has appropriate clothing, equipment, food and drink
- Help your child understand the rules of golf and the importance of fair play
- Behave responsibly at Heaton Park Golf Club and on the golf course
- Show respect to officials, coaches, volunteers, staff, young golfers and other parents
- Accept the decisions and judgement of officials during events and competitions
- Refrain from verbally challenging, abusing or intimidating officials, coaches, volunteers or other participants



- Promote a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment for all participants
- Respect and support people from all backgrounds
- Support and reinforce your child's understanding of their own Young People Code of Conduct

Raise concerns, complaints or feedback through the club's complaints or safeguarding procedures.

Safeguarding and welfare

- Support and follow the club's safeguarding policies and procedures
- Raise any welfare or safeguarding concerns promptly with the **Club Safeguarding and Welfare Officer**
- Report any safeguarding concern, disclosure, allegation or welfare issue as soon as possible
- Never assume somebody else has reported a concern
- Understand that safeguarding decisions are made in the best interests of all children

Club Safeguarding and Welfare Officer:

Name: **Jim Whitehurst**

Email: **james.whitehurst1@btinternet.com**

Phone: **07712 515 504**

Digital behaviour & social media

- Use social media responsibly
- Follow club policies relating to photography and filming
- Respect requests not to photograph or film where consent has not been provided
- Never post negative, critical or abusive comments about young people, officials, coaches or the club
- Do not share images or videos of other children without appropriate consent
- Avoid discussing concerns publicly or online; raise them directly with the club



Your rights as a parent/carer

You have the right to:

- Know that your child is safeguarded during their participation
- Be informed of problems or concerns involving your child
- Be informed if your child is injured
- Have consent sought for trips, photography and similar activities
- Have concerns listened to and responded to appropriately

Breaches of this Code of Conduct

Any breaches of this Code will be dealt with by Heaton Park Golf Club in line with club procedures.

Persistent or serious breaches may result in:

- Being asked to modify behaviour
- Being asked not to attend sessions or events

Participation arrangements may be reviewed where a parent/carer's conduct presents a safeguarding, welfare or operational concern.

I have read, understood and agree to follow this code of conduct.

Parent/Carer 1 – Relationship to child _____

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Carer 2 – Relationship to child _____

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____