



KENYA GOLF UNION

KENYA AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP – PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

Introduction

Every player who registers to play in a Kenya Amateur Golf Championship (KAGC) qualifying tournament voluntarily submits himself/herself to standards of behavior and ethical conduct beyond those required of ordinary golfers and members of the public. The KAGC aspires to represent a hallmark of honesty, fair dealings, courtesy and sportsmanship, which each player is bound to honor at all times, on or off the golf course.

It is impossible to define the exact standard of conduct expected from players in all circumstances or to list all acts which would amount to a breach of the Code and lead to disciplinary sanctions. In most cases, common sense should tell the player the standard of behavior that is required. Any player who has any doubts as to the conduct expected of him/her should contact a KGU official for advice.

Guidelines

In most circumstances the following acts or omissions will be considered to be contrary to the KAGC Code of Conduct. If it is established that a player has breached one or more of these, a sanction will be imposed. These guidelines are designed to assist KAGC officials and players in identifying the standard of conduct and ethics expected from all KAGC players and to set out procedures to be followed where there may have been a breach of the same.

1. Etiquette. Players are expected comply with normally accepted standards of courtesy and golf etiquette is considered a serious offence. This includes but is not limited to:

- repairing divots
- repairing pitch marks
- ensuring that a bunker is correctly raked after use
- not driving a buggy against the rules of the club

- ensuring that their shirts are tucked in during play (male players)
- desisting from throwing clubs, or intentionally damaging sections of the course
- desisting from use of foul language (as can be heard by club patrons, spectators or officials)
- Desisting from damaging property belonging to the host club, KGU or any other entity
- Use of phones on the golf course is prohibited unless in calling a tournament referee.

2. No Shows: A player who registers to play in any KAGC event and fails to show up without prior communication withdrawing his/ her participation or without reasonable cause shall be liable to the following sanctions subject to the standard rules of natural justice:

- Locally handicapped golfers: Handicap suspension for up to a period of three months and six Months for a second offence in the year.
- Foreign handicapped golfers will be ineligible to play in KAGC events for one year

3. Behavior of a personal nature, which is generally unacceptable by normal social norms, is prohibited.

4. Conduct likely to injure or discredit the reputation of the KAGC series or any of its players or officials or conduct, which is contrary to KAGC Rules or Regulations, is prohibited.

5. Failure to report a breach of the KAGC Code of Conduct by another player when that player is aware of the breach or should reasonably have realized that a breach may have occurred as well as failure to co-operate in any enquiry is subject to sanction.

6. Rules of Golf. Players are required to comply with the Rules of Golf, the rules as amended by Local Rules in force at any event and further comply with Terms of Competition, regulations or other rules, by- laws, directions or instructions as specified by the KGU in conjunction with host clubs. The KAGC Code of Conduct shall be deemed to be an integral part of the KAGC Local Rules.

Deliberate breach of the Rules of Golf is considered a serious offence. If a player is disqualified from two tournaments for what is deemed a deliberate breach of the Rules of Golf it will automatically result in suspension from participation in KAGC tournaments for a period of not less than three months. There shall be no refund of entry fees.

7. Goodwill. KAGC players are required to act at all times in the best interests of the series and the game of golf.

8. Any disciplinary issues arising at a tournament and not resolved during the tournament shall be adjudicated by a Disciplinary committee appointed by the Tournaments Committee of the Kenya Golf Union which shall consist of three Rules Officials none of whom was part of the tournament where the issue occurred. The decision of this committee shall be final and shall be communicated to the player and his/her home club within 7 days of the decision being reached.

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