



# Cambridgeshire Area Golf Union

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNTY SQUAD PLAYERS

### 1. THE CAGU COUNTY SQUAD

The County Squad is a group of players who have been selected as potential members of one of the County teams.

By signing this document you are agreeing the following:

- To attend any coaching/training sessions that may be organised
- To abide by the conduct requirements stated below.
- To play for whichever of the County teams you are selected.
- To play in the position/pairing that is chosen by the Team Manager
- Squad members, other than juniors will be expected to make a modest contribution towards County clothing.

### 2. COUNTY REPRESENTATION

Being a member of the County Squad is an honour which is offered to those who, by means of their golfing performance and personal character, have been selected as potential County team players.

Such an honour should not be taken lightly as when representing the County you are ambassadors for the County, the Officers and the members of all CAGU clubs who provide the main funding for the County players. Therefore players have a responsibility to ensure CAGU is a respected and welcome guest at all golf clubs and counties that it visits. As such the highest standards of conduct are required.

Below are specific guidelines detailing the responsibilities of those chosen to be members of the County Squad. Failure to comply with them may affect selection to represent the County and being dropped from the County Squad. These guidelines are in addition to the "Regulations" in Section C of CAGU's Hard Card which apply to all players who play in CAGU competitions.

In addition each venue visited by players may have specific requirements of conduct, dress etc. Players are expected to familiarise themselves with such requirements and to comply with them at all times.

### 3. DRESS

- a) CAGU's Official Clothing. When playing or otherwise representing the County, players must wear the approved County colours and personal variations are not acceptable. Players must also treat supplied items with respect so as not to incur additional costs of replacement. Shorts are not permitted to be worn during play, including practice rounds.
- b) Off the course at a competition/match venue, a minimum standard of dress is also required: collared golf shirt or polo neck sweater, trousers (not jeans), socks and appropriate footwear (street shoes). Flip flops, trainers, golf shoes and stocking feet are not permitted in any clubhouse.
- c) At formal prize presentations and post-match meals (unless otherwise specifically advised), all CAGU players must wear a formal jacket or blazer, collared shirt and County tie.

### 4. ETIQUETTE

Players must at all times maintain the highest standards of golfing etiquette  
See Hard Card Regulations 2 (General Behaviour) and 3 (Trolleys).

### 5. MOBILE PHONES

See Hard Card Regulation 5.

### 6. ALCOHOL AND SMOKING

- a) Players representing CAGU who are under the age of 18 are not permitted to buy or consume alcohol or to smoke.

- b) CAGU will not pay for alcoholic drinks except at the discretion of the County President or Deputy President.
- c) Players will be responsible for payment or reimbursement of any bar bills that have not been authorised by CAGU.

**6. PREPARATION FOR MATCHES/COMPETITIONS**

When representing CAGU all players are expected to be properly prepared. This includes, whenever possible, familiarising themselves with the course by practice or by walking it. It also includes maintaining a reasonable level of fitness. Excessive alcohol consumption, late nights and partying immediately before practice rounds, matches and competitions are not acceptable.

**7. TEAM SUPPORT**

The success of any team relies heavily upon the relationships within the team and the support provided by the players to each other. All players should treat their fellow team members with respect and provide moral support where necessary, particularly with new or junior players. It is expected that, other than for medical or other important personal reasons, all players will stay and support their fellow team members throughout the term of every event or match.

**8. SPEECHES**

- a) A nominated member of the team will be expected to make a “thank you” speech at meals after matches and at official prize presentations when CAGU wins (and occasionally as runners-up), thanking their opponents, the host club, its members and staff.
- b) Individual winners of CAGU competitions and of competitions where they are representing CAGU are also expected to make an appropriate “thank you” speech at official prize presentations. A representative of a winning club team is expected to do the same.

**8. CRITICISM**

- a) Players should not openly criticise their fellow team members, opponents, county officials, selectors, competition and match organisers, referees, sponsors or host clubs (including courses, staff and catering). Players should be respectful and aware, in particular, that those providing and supporting golfing events do so with the best intentions.
- b) Social Media. Players should be particularly careful in their use of “Facebook”, “Twitter” or other media and ensure they take no action which will bring CAGU or its officials or players into disrepute or controversy.

**9. GRIEVANCES**

Any player representing CAGU who believes they have been treated unfairly, discriminated against or has some other grievance with CAGU or its officials should pursue the matter by addressing their grievance to the County Secretary or, if the grievance concerns the Secretary, to the President.

I agree to abide by the above Code of Conduct at all times whilst representing the CAGU or taking part in CAGU activities and accept that failure to abide by the above Code may result in me losing my place in the Squad.

Signature of Player: .....

Name (printed): .....

Date: .....