



CODE OF CONDUCT

(Translation from Portuguese)

According to Rule 1.2b of the Rules of Golf, the following Code of Conduct is adopted as a Local Rule and it will apply to all Championships and International Matches run by the Portuguese Golf Federation (as per Section 5I of the Rules of Golf – Committee Procedures).

I – SCOPE OF APPLICATION

This Code of Conduct applies to all players while playing the Championships and International Matches run by the Portuguese Golf Federation.

II – BREACHES

The breaches to this Code of Conduct are considered in two grades, of a minor nature and the most severe.

Are considered of a **minor nature**:

- Unacceptable language or behaviour with all persons, namely:
 - a) The use of foul or abusive language, such as swearing;
 - b) Lack of consideration towards other players, employees and staff of the course, members of the organization, spectators or referees;
 - c) The smoking of cigars, cigarettes or e-cigarettes during the competition.
- Abusive use of the equipment, namely:
 - a) Abuse of golf clubs or any other equipment;
 - b) Mobile phones must be in silent mode on the golf course, and not being considerate towards others when in use;
 - c) Break or damage any equipment of the premises, namely tee markers, flagsticks, rakers, information posts and other signage and advertising banners;
 - d) Break or damage any course furniture;
 - e) Damage or steal of any equipment or golf material from third parties.
- Lack of attention regarding maintenance the golf course and the good playing conditions, namely:
 - a) Cause intentionally damages on the greens;
 - b) Not repairing pitch marks;
 - c) Not raking bunkers;
 - d) Not replacing divots;
 - e) Throwing the flagstick to the Green;
 - f) Damage intentionally trees and other plants.

Are considered the **most severe**:

- a) Severe breach of the Rules of Golf;
- b) Show under effect of alcohol, any drugs or other illegal substances;



- c) Verbal or physically offense to other player, an employee of the course, a member of the organization, a spectator or a referee;
- d) No immediate and intentionally not abide by the instructions from the Committee.
- e) No return of the scorecard.

III – PENALTIES

The penalties to apply in the event of a breach of this Code of Conduct are:

- Verbal warning;
- General penalty;
- Disqualification.

In case of a **minor nature breach**, the following penalties will be applied:

First breach	Second breach	Third breach	Fourth breach
Verbal warning	One penalty stroke	General penalty	Disqualification

In case of a **most severe breach**, the penalty is the Disqualification.

IV – AUTHORITY

In case of a breach of a minor nature, the penalties for the first, second and third breach may be applied by any referee named by the Committee of the championship.

In case of a first breach being intentional and with enough severity, the Committee may decide for the immediate disqualification of the player.

The penalty of disqualification, either under a minor nature breach or a most severe breach, will be applied by the Committee and it will be the Committee to communicate that to the player.

V – FINAL REMARKS

The breaches, and the associated penalties applied to a player, they are cumulative during the round or rounds of the championship (even if they occur in different days).

In case of the breach results from an action from the caddie, someone related with the player, and coach, the penalty is applied to the player related.

The application of any penalty by the Committee under this Code of Conduct, it is independent of any disciplinary, civil or criminal responsibility of the player.