

NORTHUMBERLAND UNION OF GOLF CLUBS

Code of Conduct for staff, coaches & volunteers

Please read through and sign at the end to show that you have read and accepted the Code of Conduct

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person within the context of golf
- Treat everyone equally and do not discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation or disability
- If you see any form of discrimination, do not condone it or allow it to go unchallenged
- Place the well-being and safety of the young person above the development of performance
- Develop an appropriate working relationship with young people, based on mutual trust and respect
- Ensure that physical contact is appropriate and necessary and is carried out within recommended guidelines with the young person's full consent and approval
- Always work in an open environment (e.g. avoid private or unobserved situations and encourage an open environment)
- Do not engage in any form of sexually related contact with a young player. This is strictly forbidden as is sexual innuendo, flirting or inappropriate gestures and terms
- You should not have regular contact outside your Union role with the juniors and should not engage in regular communication through text, email or social network sites
- Know and understand the NUGC Child Safeguarding Policies and Procedures
- Respect young people's opinions when making decisions about their participation in golf
- Inform players and parents of the requirements of golf
- Be aware of and report any conflict of interest as soon as it becomes apparent
- Display high standards of language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation

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- Do not smoke, drink or use recreational drugs while actively working with young people in the Union. This reflects a negative image and could compromise the safety of the young people
- Do not give young people alcohol when they are under the care of the Union
- Hold relevant qualifications and insurance cover. All Staff, Volunteers & Coaches who work regularly with children must have current DBS clearance, approved by England Golf Governance Department
- Ensure the activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual
- Promote the positive aspects of golf e.g. fair play
- Display high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Follow Union Procedures & good practice guidelines
- Ensure that you attend appropriate training to keep up to date with your role and the welfare of young people
- Report any concerns you may have in relation to a child or the behaviour of an adult, following reporting procedures laid down by the NUGC

Signed:	Date:
PRINT NAME:	