

## Dress Code Guidance - A Reminder

### Background:

Here at St Austell, we want to make golf fun, accessible, and enjoyable for all whilst maintaining the fundamental standards you might expect at any members' golf club. To this end, the following guidance is being issued as a friendly reminder to all members and guests.

This is deliberately not an exhaustive list but will hopefully give you a flavour of what we believe is reasonable for modern-day golf. If you have any queries, feel free to check with the office.

### On the course\*:

We ask that you please wear appropriate golf clothing and footwear. Jeans, workwear, gym wear, T-shirts, or sports jerseys such as replica football or rugby shirts are not permitted. Golf branded hoodies are allowed, as opposed to generic lifestyle-type hoodies

\*The only exception to the above rule is for adults & juniors who are undertaking golf coaching or are part of our Golf Access Programme where we want them to feel comfortable as they hopefully fall in love with the game. Once a first handicap is achieved the standard dress code guidance applies.

### In the clubhouse:

- Casual attire can be worn at any time.
- Hats are to be removed. Hoods to be worn down.
- Spikeless golf shoes can be worn in the bar in the summer providing that they are clean, dry, and free from grass cuttings, etc., if that is not possible then you must change your shoes. Plastic or metal spiked golf shoes are not permitted in the bar.

## Etiquette on and off the course

Players are asked to respect and abide by the following:

- Replace divots.
- Repair all pitch marks.
- Pick up and dispose of broken tees.
- Rake the sand after you have been in bunkers.
- Not to take trolleys on the tees, greens, or their surrounds.
- All play MUST start from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee and have a booking.
- All competition matches have priority, please allow these matches to play through.
- Please allow a group to play through if you are holding them up, no matter the size of the group.
- Please keep the course tidy.
- All mobile phones are to be silent.
- If you can't see where your ball is going to land, shout "Fore!" as a precaution.

## Speed of Play - Policy

For Competition and Casual Golf some pointers to remember...

- Encourage 'Ready Golf' – play when safe and ready to do so; not necessarily in order of furthest ball from the hole or lowest score to tee off first.
- Declare and play a 'provisional' ball if you think there is a danger that your first ball may be lost or not easily found. It's a lot quicker to play a second ball from the tee just in case than to walk all the way back!
- Remember to always announce the brand name and number of your 'provisional' ball to the others in your group.
- Look for your own ball before heading over to help others (where practicable).
- Keep an eye on the time when you start your search – remember you have a maximum of 3 minutes to search for it. After that the ball is officially lost, so you should play your provisional ball.
- Leave your bag or trolley near the exit to the green.
- Mark your scorecard on the next tee, or if you're first to tee off, play your tee shot then mark the card.
- There's no shame in calling players through and it benefits everyone. The group behind will certainly appreciate it!
- FACT: we all lose balls from time to time even good players(!), and in some cases maybe 2 or 3 players lose balls on the same hole, so unavoidable delays do occur!
- The first player to hole out gets the flag.
- Groups that are holding up others may be asked by officials to invite the group behind through or be asked to walk on a hole to catch up.
- If you keep up with the group in front. You cannot be accused of slow play.

KEEP UP A GOOD PACE WHEN WALKING BETWEEN SHOTS AND ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO LIKEWISE.

We play golf for fun, not our livelihood - even when we are playing in a competition! When competition rules allow or in casual golf, play from the tees that suit your game and enjoy your golf!

Finally – it is your responsibility to understand the Rules of Golf, and countless resources exist to aid this. Including the R&A rules app which you can download on this link:

<https://www.randa.org/en/rules/rules-app>

Here are just a few to help understand the 2019 changes and some common misconceptions:

<http://golfesorcier.com/en/golf-club/rule-changes> 20 changes made in 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chPOtflUHCO> YouTube video summarising rule changes

<https://www.golfmonthly.com/videos/rules/10-rules-golfers-still-get-wrong>

<https://www.golfmonthly.com/videos/rules/10-golf-rules-myths>