

KETTERING GOLF CLUB
HANDICAPPING (DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS)

1. WHO IS BOUND BY THESE REGULATIONS

1.1. These Handicapping Regulations apply to all Members.

2. APPEALS – ENGLAND GOLF FRAMEWORK

2.1. Decisions which relate to the Rules of Golf or to handicapping infringements fall within the England Golf Disciplinary Framework and are subject to a right of appeal as set out below.

Matter arising at	Disciplinary body at first instance	Appeal level
Club	Club	County
County	County	England Golf
National	England Golf	England Golf Appeals Panel

There will be no further right of appeal.

2.2. If the Respondent wishes to appeal a decision of the Disciplinary Panel, they (the “**Appellant**”) must lodge the appeal to the Disciplinary Secretary in writing (an “**Appeal Request**”) within 14 days of the date of the Disciplinary Panel’s original decision being notified to the Respondent.

2.3. The Appeal Request must set out one or more of the grounds of appeal below and any further evidence on which the Appellant wishes to rely, together with reasons why the ground of appeal(s) applies. The grounds of appeal are as follows:

2.3.1. The decision was based on error of fact or could not have been reasonably reached by a Disciplinary Panel when faced with the evidence before it;

2.3.2. Serious procedural or other irregularity in the proceedings before the Disciplinary Panel;

2.3.3. Significant and relevant new evidence has become available which was not available before the conclusion of the hearing but, had it been available, may have caused the Disciplinary Panel to reach a materially different decision; and/or

2.3.4. The sanction imposed was manifestly unreasonable in the light of the facts before the Disciplinary Panel.

2.4. Following receipt of a Notice of Appeal, the Disciplinary Secretary shall consider whether the Notice of Appeal is valid, that is received in time and sets out a valid ground or grounds of appeal (but not whether any grounds of appeal have been made out). If the Disciplinary Secretary considers that the Notice of Appeal is valid, he will forward it to the County Secretary of Northamptonshire Golf Limited (NGL). If the Disciplinary Secretary considers that the Notice of Appeal is not valid, he will return it to the Respondent and explain why it is not valid.

2.5. The Northamptonshire Golf Limited (NGL) Disciplinary Regulations will apply thereafter to any appeal, unless England Golf has determined that it should hear the matter, in which case the England Golf Disciplinary Regulations will apply.

3. APPEAL TO THE COUNTY BODY (HANDICAPPING)

3.1. If the Respondent wishes to appeal a decision of the Disciplinary Panel to which Regulation 2 does not apply, they (the "Appellant") must lodge the appeal to Northamptonshire Golf Limited (NGL) in writing (an "Appeal Request") within 14 days of the date of the Disciplinary Panel's original decision being notified to the Respondent.

3.2. The Northamptonshire Golf Limited (NGL) Disciplinary Regulations will apply thereafter.

4. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

4.1. The Disciplinary Panel will make decisions by a simple majority of over 50%. The Disciplinary Panel may give a single decision and is not obliged to disclose to the Respondent how individual members of the Disciplinary Panel voted or whether the decision was a majority decision or a unanimous decision.

4.2. The standard of proof in all cases before the Disciplinary Panel and the Appeal Panel is the balance of probabilities.

- 4.3.** Any timescales or deadlines set in respect of matters dealt with under these Regulations may be extended by the Chair in the light of all material circumstances of the case and the individuals involved in the case.
- 4.4.** The Disciplinary Panel or the Appeal Panel may, where they deem it to be appropriate bearing in mind all the circumstances of the matter, request an independent person to act as adviser to the Panel(s).
- 4.5.** The Disciplinary Panel and Appeal Panel are not obliged to follow strict rules of evidence. They may admit such evidence, and attribute such weight to any piece of evidence, as they deem fit in the circumstances.
- 4.6.** The Club will not be liable for any loss, however, caused, whether direct, indirect, financial or consequential arising out of or in connection with any matters taken under these Regulations.
- 4.7.** Any relevant contact details for the Disciplinary secretary and any other relevant parties shall be available from the Club and communicated to Members from time to time and upon request.