



# WhatsApp Guidance

## Policy for the acceptable use of GolfSixes League WhatsApp Groups

**GolfSixes League WhatsApp groups are a very useful and efficient way of communicating to all Team/League Managers within a league. The aim of using WhatsApp is to send messages to an entire group, which are relevant to the running of GolfSixes League.**

This **Code of Conduct** aims to help Team Managers by setting guidelines on appropriate behaviour of our GolfSixes League community:

- Treat all members of the WhatsApp group with respect
- Messages posted on the WhatsApp group should be supportive and respectful of all other group users. Offloading frustration and expressing strong feelings are both okay, but keep your language moderate and your criticism constructive. Remember that we all want to hear about successes as well as any problems
- The group should be used keeping in mind mutual respect and cultural sensitivity between all members
- Respect the ethos of GolfSixes League and work together with other Team Managers in the best interest of our GolfSixes League players.
- You are expected to be patient and allow new members of the group time to find their feet

- Please be aware that all Team Managers are volunteers and have responsibilities and time commitments outside of GolfSixes League. This will dictate when Team Managers are able to respond to messages on the WhatsApp group.
- Please try and ensure that all communication is between the hours of 8am-8pm or adjust your settings if you would like to mute the group, so you are not disturbed by notifications and can respond to anything at your earliest convenience.
- You will not post any material that is unlawful, harmful, threatening, abusive, harassing, defamatory, vulgar, obscene, libelous, or otherwise objectionable.
- You will not behave in an abusive manner, and will not harass, threaten, nor attack anyone. If you disagree with someone's posting or comment, please ask them to stop and/or report this to the GolfSixes League Manager.
- If you find any material posted in the WhatsApp chat to be offensive or objectionable, please escalate this to the GolfSixes League Manager

## **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION RULES**

Your mobile phone number is required to join WhatsApp. It is not possible to hide your phone number in WhatsApp. Please be aware it will be visible to anyone else in the same WhatsApp group as you. It is forbidden to misuse the mobile phone number of any other participant in the group.

