



## GOLF ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA JUNIOR CODE OF CONDUCT

In order to make Junior tournaments enjoyable for everyone; the Golf Association of Philadelphia requires all of its competitors to adhere to a set of guidelines known as the Code of Conduct. Its purpose is to help all participants grow and mature by understanding and accepting the consequences of their actions. The Code of Conduct is to be followed, both on and off the course, in all events sponsored by the Golf Association of Philadelphia.

1. Violations of the Code of Conduct on the golf course include: Abusive language, club throwing, cheating, disrespect of volunteers or officials, abuse of the golf course, smoking or chewing tobacco products, use of drugs or alcohol, not adhering to the dress code during any practice round or tournament play, leaving the course during a competitive round without permission of an official, or any other conduct not becoming.
2. Actions that are considered violations of the Code of Conduct off the golf course include: Any use or association with drugs or alcohol, smoking or chewing tobacco products, vandalism, abusive behavior to employees of a host course or its property, or any other conduct not becoming.
3. Proper attire is required at all times at the host golf facility. Failure to comply may result in disqualification. The dress code prohibits short shorts, cargo shorts, tank tops, denim shorts and jeans. All hats/visors must be worn with the brim forward, males must remove hat/visor while indoor host facility, collared shirts must be worn and all shirts must be tucked in. Players should always be aware of the dress requirements of each event in which they compete and dress accordingly.
4. The Committee of the Golf Association may assess any or all of the following penalties based on the severity of the Code of Conduct violation:
  - a. Issue a written letter of warning to the player and his or her parents.
  - b. Disqualify the player from the tournament at which the violation occurs.
  - c. Disqualify the player from the next tournament(s) for which he or she has been accepted.
  - d. Suspend the player's membership indefinitely.

In the event of a suspension, both the player and a parent will be required to submit a written account of the Code of Conduct violation to the applicable Committee within 30 days of the suspension. The Committee will review all submitted materials and then determine the length of the suspension. Any player whose membership is under suspension will not be eligible for any post-season honors of the association.

The Association may refuse to accept entries in tournaments it sponsors from players who have violated the Code of Conduct at tournaments sponsored by other associations and organizations.



## GOLF ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA SPECTATOR / PARENT POLICY

*"This policy is strictly enforced for the welfare of the players!"* Parents and spectators are welcome and encouraged to attend all tournaments. Spectators and parents are asked to adhere to the following guidelines at all junior events:

- § Spectators are permitted to walk the golf course. The use of motorized carts or any other motorized vehicle by spectators at any Golf Association of Philadelphia competition is strictly prohibited.
- § Spectators are asked to stay on the cart paths or in the rough where cart paths are not accessible and at least 30 yards away from the players. Do not walk in the fairways.
- § Always be aware of the group behind you.
- § Spectators are allowed to carry water, umbrellas, jackets, towels, and food for the players.
- § DO NOT talk to the players as this action may be construed as giving advice, resulting in a penalty for the player. Spectators are not allowed to give advice to the players. Under Rule 8, the definition of advice is:

*"Advice is any counsel or suggestion which could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of a club or method of making a stroke."*

Penalty for breach of Rule 8:

Match Play: Loss of Hole

Stroke Play: Two Strokes

- § The player is responsible for the actions of his/her spectators and may be subject to penalty.
- § Spectators may not carry a player's golf bag and or clubs.
- § Spectators and parents are required to observe good taste and dress appropriately for the golf course. Items of clothing such as cargo (baggy clothing with large pockets in the knee area) pants and shorts, blue jeans, *short*-shorts (bottom of shorts may be no higher than three inches from the top of the knee), tank tops, etc. are considered inappropriate. Please adhere to the host facility's dress code.
- § The use of cellular phones, beepers, radios, and other like devices is discourteous and distracting to players and fellow spectators. All spectators and parents are advised that the use of any such device is prohibited. If you are expecting a call, please use the Pro Shop number. If you receive an emergency call the Committee will insure you get the message.

Parents and spectators will receive one verbal warning if any of the above guidelines are not adhered to. A second action will result in a penalty for the player and the removal of the spectator/parent from the golf course.

*"Please come out and watch the players compete on their own"*