



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS AND SPECTATORS POLICY

Golf Canada takes great pride in the quality of its competitions, host facilities and broad community involvement at each competition. In order to continue making Golf Canada competitions enjoyable for everyone, and to show respect for the involvement of our host facilities and their volunteers, Golf Canada requires that all parents and spectators adhere to the Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct at all our junior competitions.

The Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct must be followed throughout the entire competition, including practice rounds.

Any parent of a competitor or spectator whose conduct is deemed to be disruptive, in violation of Golf Canada's Recognition and Prevention of Discrimination, Harassment and Violence Policy or Recognition and Prevention of Abuse Policy or not conducive to the well-being of the game, may be banned from the course, host facility or future Golf Canada competitions. The Tournament Committee is the sole judge in determining unbecoming conduct and may assess any or all of the preceding penalties based on the severity and frequency of the violation(s). All instances of abuse, bullying, harassment or discrimination require an incident report to be compiled by the tournament director who must also notify the Golf Canada Ethics Commissioner of any such Code of Conduct violations, as well as the sanctions imposed as a result of such violations.

Note: For more information on the definition and concepts of bullying, harassment, discrimination, and abuse please refer to the Golf Canada Recognition and Prevention of Discrimination, Harassment and Violence Policy and the Golf Canada Recognition and Prevention of Abuse Policy.

1. **Golf Canada's Expectations from Parents and Spectators on the Golf Course:**

- a) Please do not carry or handle your child's clubs, including their golf bag and/or cart (caddies are prohibited). However, you are permitted to carry other items for competitors (i.e. a rain suit, umbrella, food and drink).
- b) No advice is to be given to any player during the entire competition, including practice rounds. Advice is defined as any counsel or suggestion that could influence a player in determining their play, choice of a club or method of making a stroke.
- c) Make sure to avoid all communication, verbal and non-verbal, which may be construed by others (competitors, parents and our Rules Officials) as advice.
- d) Please keep your distance from competitors (approx. 20 yards) while following them during play. Parents and spectators are not permitted on the teeing grounds, putting greens, or starting and scoring areas.
- e) Help everyone maintain the pace of play by assisting to spot golf balls for competitors.
- f) Mobile devices are permitted on the course with the volume setting on silent, unless prohibited by the host facility.
- g) No cameras or video cameras are permitted on the course. Please take pictures before or after each round, not during play.

2. Regarding the Rules of Golf:

- a) Allow Golf Canada Rules Officials to administer rulings and do not intervene. You will be brought into a situation **ONLY** if the Rules Official asks you.
- b) *For parents:* Encourage your child to become familiar with the Rules of Golf and the supplementary local rules (Notice to Competitors) specific to the competition so that they are aware of the options available to them.

3. Respecting the Host Facility and Golf Etiquette:

- a) Respect the host facility policy if cell phones are prohibited.
- b) Familiarize yourself and adhere to the host facility dress code. Some facilities may not allow blue jeans, T-shirts, etc.
- c) If you are going to wear golf shoes as you walk the course, make sure they do not have metal or traditionally designed spikes.

4. After the Competition:

- d) *For parents:* Encourage your child to send thank-you messages to those who contributed to the success of the respective tournament. A thank you list can be found in the competition fact sheet.
- e) We welcome any and all letters of suggestion to Golf Canada that will ultimately help us in making these competitions even more special for all involved.

This information was compiled not because of recurring problems, but rather in order to have a reference for parents and spectators for frequently asked questions. Golf Canada and our host facilities thank you for your cooperation.