



## **2017 ALBERTA GOLF CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **BACKGROUND**

1. Alberta Golf takes pride in the quality of its competitions, its host facilities, and broad community involvement in the game of golf.
2. To make events enjoyable for everyone involved, Alberta Golf requires participants to adhere to a set of guidelines known as the Code of Conduct.
3. The purpose of this Code is to outline expectations and to clarify actions that are considered violations so that participants are aware of the consequences of their actions.
4. These standards apply to competitors, their caddies, spectators and parents when they are on golf course property for a practice round, competition, or any other Alberta Golf sanctioned event.

### **PERSONAL CONDUCT**

1. Individuals are expected to demonstrate respect for players, club staff and members, employees, spectators, Alberta Golf officials, and all others by exhibiting decorum consistent with expectations of an Alberta Golf member.
2. Actions that are violations include abusive language; abuse of the golf course or golf property; knowingly violating rules; club throwing; vandalism; disrespect of fellow competitors, spectators, volunteers, and officials; or any other conduct that is considered detrimental to the best interests of the game or Alberta Golf.
3. Use of illegal drugs and alcohol by a competitor or caddie during a stipulated round is prohibited at all Alberta Golf sanctioned events. The penalty for such use is Disqualification.
4. Juniors playing in Alberta Golf sanctioned Junior events are prohibited from using tobacco and alcohol on golf course property at all times. The penalty for such use is Disqualification.
5. Practicing or hitting golf balls in any public area is prohibited except on property specifically intended for the practice or playing of golf.
6. Players and caddies are expected to adhere to the Dress Code of Alberta Golf during an event.
7. Commercial logos, trademarks, numbers, or offensive wording are not acceptable. Logos of golf clubs, golf manufacturers, or other organizations deemed acceptable by Alberta Golf may be worn.

### **VIOLATIONS TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. If a violation occurs prior to or during the event, the individual must immediately comply with the Code without undue delay. Subsequently, behavior consistent with the Code must be maintained.
2. Penalties: 1st offense - warning or disqualification; 2nd offense – disqualification.
3. Serious and/or repeated breaches of the Alberta Golf Code of Conduct may result in a competitor not being permitted at future Alberta Golf and Golf Canada events.

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

1. Discipline during an event will be handled by the Tournament Committee or by Alberta Golf representatives in charge of the activity.
2. Code of Conduct violations will be referred to the Player Support Committee. If the Committee determines that a suspension is warranted, the competitor (and parent or guardian in the case of a junior) will be advised of the suspension in writing, and of their right to appeal.

### **CADDIES**

1. All caddies must be registered with the starter.
2. All caddies must adhere to the Caddie Rules and Regulations.



## **SPECTATORS, PARENTS**

1. Spectators, including parents, friends, and the like, must follow the instructions of Alberta Golf officials with respect to their position on the course and stay off of all fairways, greens, and tee boxes.
2. They must not converse, offer advice, signal, or interfere with play of any competitor.
3. They must stay at least 20 yards from players.
4. Spectators may not search for a player's ball without the express permission of the player.
5. Spectators who disregard these regulations will be warned. A second offense may result in the offender being asked to leave the course immediately and for the duration of the tournament.
6. Failure to leave the course immediately may result in the disqualification of the related player(s).
7. To ensure that no unnecessary obstructions are placed on the golf course, Alberta Golf does not allow spectators to use golf carts for any reason.

## **DRESS CODE (includes caddies)**

The Alberta Golf dress code is in effect at all Alberta Golf Championships in conjunction with any additional dress code restrictions of the host facility.

The Tournament Committee will review questionable attire. Competitors in violation of the Dress Code will not be allowed to tee off; or, if the violation is discovered once play has begun, the competitor or caddie must rectify without undue delay.

### **Permitted Attire:**

- Men are required to wear golf shirts with collars (mock necks and turtle necks are permitted). Shorts may be worn, but they cannot be rigger or cargo shorts (outside external pocket).
- Women are permitted to wear pants, slacks, shorts, skorts, capris, and dresses. Mock style, v-neck, and sleeveless shirts are permitted. Tops may be worn untucked. Bare midriff or cleavage is not acceptable.
- Hats or visors must be worn in a forward position.

### **Attire Not Permitted:**

- Denim or jeans of any kind or colour, cut-offs, short shorts, tennis shorts, rigger/cargo pants or shorts (outside external pocket), tank tops, halter tops, mesh shirts, workout attire, spandex, or graphic t-shirts.
- Hats or visors in the clubhouse.
- If the host facility has additional restrictions, it will be communicated to all competitors.
- Any other inappropriate attire determined by the Tournament Committee.

## **FOOTWEAR AND GENERAL**

Shoes with traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition, i.e. ceramic, plastic etc.) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal (if such metal may come in contact with the course) are prohibited during the competition rounds, including the official practice rounds. **Penalty for Breach of Condition:**

**Stroke Play: Two Strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred, up to a maximum of 4 strokes per round.**

**Match Play: Loss of hole for each hole at which breach occurred, up to a maximum deduction of 2 holes.**

**Caddies:** A caddie may not wear traditionally-designed spikes or shoes with conventional spikes (regardless of composition). Spikeless golf shoes and running shoes are permitted.

**Note:** Violation of this condition may result in the disqualification of the competitor.

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