



Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct

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

The Code of Conduct must be followed throughout the entire championship, including practice rounds.

Any parent of a competitor, whose conduct is deemed to be disruptive and not conducive to the well being of the game, may be banned from the course, host facility or future Golf Canada championships. The Golf Canada 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).

Golf Canada's Expectations from Parents on the Golf Course:

- 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).
- No advice is to be given to any player during the entire championship, 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.
- Make sure to avoid all communication, verbal and non-verbal, which may be construed by others (competitors, parents and our Rules Officials) as advice.
- Please keep your distance from your child (approx. 20 yards) while following them during play. Parents are not permitted on the teeing grounds, putting greens, or starting and scoring areas.
- Help everyone maintain the pace of play by assisting to spot golf balls for competitors.
- Cell phones are permitted on the course with the volume setting on silent, unless the host facility does not permit cell phones.
- No cameras or video cameras are permitted on the course. Please take pictures before or after each round, not during play.

Regarding the Rules of Golf:

- 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.
- Encourage your child to familiarize them self with the rules of golf and the supplementary local rules (Notice to Competitors) specific to the championship so that they are aware of the options available to them.

Respecting the Host Facility and Golf Etiquette:

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

After the Championship:

- Encourage your child to write thank-you notes to those persons who contributed to the success of the respective tournament. A thank you list can be found in the championship fact sheet.
- We welcome any and all letters of suggestion to Golf Canada that will ultimately help us in making these championships 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 for frequently asked questions. Golf Canada and our host facilities thank you for your cooperation.