



# Golf Saskatchewan

## Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct Policy

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- *Golf Saskatchewan has a **Zero Tolerance Clause (ZTC)** for abusive behavior/actions towards any staff, referees, officials, volunteers, host committee, fellow competitors, member of the host golf club and/or community, media, and sponsors/partners.  
**REMINDER:** The ZTC includes digital/social media posts before, during and after an event.*
- Golf Saskatchewan (Golf SK) takes immense pride in the caliber of play, player conduct, and dedication displayed at all championships. Players are required to adhere to the **Participant Code of Conduct** throughout the entire championship, and it is reasonable to expect those observing the competition to follow the same principles.
- To show respect for the players, the involvement of our host clubs and the volunteers while maintaining a fun yet professional atmosphere, Golf Saskatchewan requires all patrons to adhere to the **Parent & Spectator Code of Conduct**.
  - Failure to comply with the **Spectator & Parent Code of Conduct** may result in removal from the course and future sanctions.
- If you are new to the game of golf, **welcome**.
- A parent and/or spectator will behave in a manner becoming of a Golf Saskatchewan/Golf Canada (or recognized Golf Union) member by:
  1. Being polite and acting with integrity and honour,
  2. Respecting fellow competitors, referees, officials, volunteers, spectators, and golf course personnel,
  3. Displaying proper etiquette, sportsmanship, and wearing appropriate attire if required by the host golf course (or Golf Saskatchewan).

### Who this applies to:

1. Any parents and/or spectators who **are not** the player's caddie.
2. Junior events prohibit the use of a caddy (unless authorized).
3. Any parent/spectator who exhibits a caddy like role, may result in a player receiving a penalty and/or disqualification penalty for multiple breaches.

### When on the golf course:

1. Spectator(s) attending a Golf Saskatchewan event, do so at their own risk.
2. Please keep your distance from the competitors (approximately 20 yards – 60 feet).
3. Do not walk in the fairways during the tournament rounds.
4. Please use cart paths or stay in the rough.
5. No advice is to be given to competitors during a round(s).
  - a. Make sure to avoid all communication, verbal and non-verbal, which may be construed by others (competitors, parents, and Referees) as advice.
6. Avoid distracting competitors on the course.
  - a. Examples: refrain from talking on cell phones, shutters on cameras, or listening to music on the course.
7. Be careful not to delay play for following groups by standing in their target or landing area.
8. Help maintain the Pace of Play by assisting to spot golf balls for competitors after:
  - a. being asked to do so, or if it could assist a group which you are not following.
9. Should you have a participant in the championship, please feel free to ask if they need anything to eat or drink **at the turn**.
  - a. For your information, **the turn** is **usually** between the 9<sup>th</sup> Green and 10<sup>th</sup> tee box, or it could be the 18<sup>th</sup> green and 1<sup>st</sup> tee box.



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b. It is usually located at or near the clubhouse.

10. Golf Saskatchewan does not allow spectators to have power carts on the golf course without permission. The Golf Saskatchewan Tournament Director will review each request for a power cart on an individual case-by-case basis.

### Regarding the Rules of Golf:

- You are not a Referee or Rules Official.
- Please allow Golf Saskatchewan Referees/Rules Official to administer rulings.
- A spectator/parent will be brought into a situation **only** if the Referee/Head Referee asks you for input or information about a situation at hand.
- As a Parent/Guardian, please encourage your child (or participant) to familiarize themselves with the Rules of Golf, Notice to the Competitors, and all the supplementary local rules specific to the championship.
  - Please be aware of the options available to the player or have them check with a Referee/Rules Official or Tournament Staff.

### Respecting the Host Club and Golf Etiquette:

1. Familiarize yourself and adhere to the host facility's dress code, for example, some facilities may not allow blue jeans, T-shirts, etc.
2. If you are going to wear golf shoes as you walk the course, make sure they do not have metal or traditionally designed spikes.
3. Please turn off your cell phones, or to silent, when you are on the golf course.
4. Respect the host facility's policy if cell phones are not allowed at all on the grounds.

### Potential Penalty/Penalties for Parents/Guardians and/or Spectators:

1. **Rule 10.2** prohibits a competitor from receiving advice, except under specified circumstances.
2. Competitors are advised to ask parents, spectators, and companions to follow at a distance (recommended minimum of 20 yards – 60 feet) so there can be no question any communication can be construed as advice.
3. For your information (FYI) a **competitor is subject to the General Penalty** for each infraction of the Rules of Golf.
  - a. Continued disregard of a Referee's or Rules Official's suggestions may include the removal from the championship and/or a penalty of disqualification of the competitor, in extreme circumstances.
4. Further disciplinary action(s) may be taken by Golf Saskatchewan's Board of Directors if any actions are deemed to be serious – and may fall under the [Safe Sport Policy](#).
5. **Misconduct in Saskatchewan, other jurisdictions, and non-Golf Saskatchewan events:**
  - a. This is handled under the Golf Saskatchewan [Safe Sport Policy](#).