

PARENT AND SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY



Golf Québec takes great pride in the quality of its competitions, hosting venues, and the significant community involvement at each event. To ensure that every competition is an enjoyable experience for everyone and to show the necessary respect for the commitment of host venues and their volunteers, Golf Québec requires that all parents and spectators respect the Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct (see Appendix A) and adhere to the following guidelines during all competitions and official practice rounds.

Any parent or spectator whose conduct is deemed inappropriate and detrimental to the well-being of the game may be banned from the course, host venue, or any future Golf Québec competitions. The Tournament Committee or Golf Québec Discipline Committee will be the sole authority in determining if conduct is inappropriate. Any decision made by either committee to limit current or future access will be based on the severity and frequency of the infractions.

Guidelines for Parents and Spectators:

At the Competition Site:

- As stipulated in the Rules of Golf, no advice should be given to a player during tournament rounds.
- Avoid any communication, verbal or non-verbal, that could be perceived as advice by others.
- Help maintain a steady pace of play by assisting players in finding their balls. However, parents and spectators should only begin searching for balls after obtaining the player's permission.
- The use of motorized transportation is prohibited in tournaments.
- Stay approximately **50 yards** away from players when following them during play.
- Avoid following players by walking in the fairway. Use pathways and stay on the sides of fairways as much as possible during competition rounds.
- Parents and spectators are not allowed in any practice areas, teeing grounds, greens, or scoring areas.
- Cell phones are permitted on the course in silent mode unless prohibited by the host venue. Their use should not disrupt the competition.
- Carrying a player's clubs is not allowed, but carrying drinks and snacks is permitted.
- At all times, avoid distracting players on the course.
- The use of electronic devices, including filming, photography, or other recordings, should be kept to a minimum, should not compromise players' performance, and requires the consent of those involved.

Rules of Golf:

- Allow Golf Québec referees to perform their duties. You will be consulted in a situation ONLY if a rules referee requests your input.
- Encourage your athlete to become familiar with the Rules of Golf and the competition's Local Rules.

Respecting Host Venue Requirements:

- Respect the host venue's dress code, which will always take precedence over that of Golf Québec.
- Respect the host venue's cell phone policies, both in the clubhouse and on the course.
- If you wish to wear golf shoes while walking the course, ensure they do not have metal spikes.

ABUSE, HARASSMENT, NEGLECT, OR VIOLENCE

No abusive, harassing, discriminatory, offensive, or violent behavior will be tolerated (see the [Policy on the Protection of Integrity in Sports](#) available on the Golf Québec website).

Anyone should promptly report any act committed against another person or themselves.

Any report made to a Golf Québec representative will result in a report from the Tournament Committee to the Executive Director of Golf Québec. The Executive Director will determine the appropriate authority to handle the matter.

APPENDIX A

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Parents concerned about players' development should focus on their well-being and recognize the educational values underlying sports. They should actively support the use of sports as a means of education and expression for players to benefit from it. To fulfill their roles effectively, parents and spectators must adopt the following behaviors:

- a. Show respect toward coaches, managers, officials, and referees.
- b. Exhibit good behavior and use appropriate language.
- c. Avoid any verbal abuse toward players and report any incident you witness.
- d. Always remember that your child is participating in sports for their enjoyment, not yours.
- e. Encourage players to respect the principles of sportsmanship, game rules, and internal management rules of their team or program.
- f. Never ridicule a player for making a mistake.
- g. Read the guidelines available on the website www.sportbienetre.ca.
- h. Use social media ethically and respectfully towards officials, coaches, and managers.
- i. Ensure that everyone is treated with respect and fairness.