

Spectator Code of Conduct

All parents have the right to watch their child participate in Georgia Junior Golf tournaments. However, in order to maintain this ability, certain guidelines must be followed. All spectators must adhere to this policy, understanding that any breach will result in removal from the golf course and possibly being banned from future events. As a spectator at the golf course you are just that—a spectator. You are not an active participant in the day's events.

Spectators are encouraged to walk one shot ahead of the group they are watching in order to forecaddie (or spot) for golf balls. This also eliminates the temptation of talking to a junior golfer during his or her round.

General: Where provided, spectators **MUST** stay on the cart path. The only two exceptions to this are:

- To help search for a golf ball
- If view of the putting green is obstructed from cart path

In each of these circumstances, spectators must return to the cart path as soon as the ball is located or the group has putted out, respectively.

- **Communication:** Encouragement is always allowed. Anything that could possibly be construed as advice is not allowed. The USGA defines advice as “any counsel or suggestion that could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of a club or the method of making a stroke.”

You should not walk beside a junior golfer and talk. Spectators may provide players with drinks, towels, umbrellas, food, or other items not deemed equipment during a stipulated round. However, spectators must deliver the item to the player without providing advice or guidance.

- **Rulings:** Spectators should not give rulings on the golf course. Locate a GJG staff member or contact the GJG office by phone at (770) 850-9040. Incorrect rulings given by parents will not be remedied in the scoring area, as players are ultimately responsible for knowing the Rules.
- **Disputes and Disruptions:** If you have an issue with another spectator, please inform a GJG staff member. **DO NOT** attempt to solve the issue on your own.

Yelling at or discouraging a junior golfer, including your own child, will not be tolerated at any event. Insulting, intimidating, or communicating with any junior golfer in a destructive manner will result in immediate removal from the golf course.

- **Cell Phones:** Spectators may carry cell phones so long as they are on silent or vibrate. When making a call, spectators must ensure that no player is distracted. Some golf courses do not allow the use of cell phones on their property. In these cases we defer to the club's policy.

****GJG staff members have the authority to remove any spectator who is not abiding by this policy.****