

## GSGA Junior Tour Spectator Guidelines

Spectators are welcome at all GSGA Junior Tour events and attend at their own risk. However, there are certain guidelines that must be followed:

**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.

**Attire:** Spectators must adhere to the GSGA Junior Tour Dress Code. However, in some cases, the golf course may have a stricter dress code. In these cases its policy will take precedence.

**Cell Phones:** Spectators may carry cell phones as 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 property. In these cases we defer to the club's policy.

**Communication:** Encouragement is always allowed. Anything that could possibly be construed as advice is not allowed. The USGA defines advice as "any verbal comment or action that is intended to influence a player in choosing a club, making a stroke, or deciding how to play during a hole or round."

Spectators should not walk alongside a junior and have an extended conversation. 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 GSGA staff member or contact the GSGA Junior Tour office by phone at (770) 850-9040. Incorrect rulings given by spectators will not be remedied in the scoring area, as players are ultimately responsible for knowing the Rules.

**\*\*The GSGA staff has the authority to remove any spectator who is not abiding by these guidelines.\*\***