



VIOLATIONS OF THE PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT AND APPLICABLE PENALTIES

Golf Québec has established a Code of Conduct describing the attitudes and behaviours expected of players (See Annex A entitled Player/Athlete/Participant Code of Conduct).

To ensure the smooth running of its competitions, Golf Québec has adopted, under Rule 1.2b of the Rules of Golf, this Code of Conduct, supplemented by specific violations listed below as a Local Rule, thereby establishing the penalties applicable in the event of a breach of the expected behaviours or actions.

NOTE: for all junior competitions, the use of a caddie is prohibited. If a junior player is participating in an amateur competition, they may use a caddie.

This Local Rule must be adhered to by all competitors and their caddies, on and off the course, throughout the competition, including the practice round(s).

All players are expected to act and play in the spirit of the game by:

- Acting with integrity – for example, by following the Rules of Golf, applying all penalties, and being honest in all aspects of play.
- Showing consideration for others – for example, by playing at a prompt pace, looking out for the safety of others, and not distracting the play of other players.
- Taking good care of the course – for example, by replacing divots, smoothing bunkers, repairing ball-marks, and not causing unnecessary damage to the course.

Violations of the Standards of Player Conduct

Behaviours or actions that would be considered contrary to the Standards of Conduct, and therefore subject to the penalties detailed in this document include, but are not limited to, the following;

- Unsportsmanlike conduct, club throwing, abuse of equipment, disrespect to volunteers, referees, host facility personnel or fellow competitors, spectators, or damage to the golf course property.
- Failure to care for the course, including but not limited to the failure to fill or replace divots, rake bunkers or repair ball-marks,
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages, cannabis or any illegal substance on the competition course or any designated practice area. Note that the use of prescribed medication is permitted so long as the medication complies with the applicable anti-doping rules.
- In addition to the paragraph above, possession or consumption of tobacco (smoking, vaping or chewing) products by players in **junior** competitions or by minors in any competition, on or off the competition course and throughout the entire competition.
- Failure to adhere to the dress code policy while on the host facility property.

- Failure to show up for a Golf Québec sanctioned competition or withdrawing from a round without notifying the committee.
- Any vandalism at a host hotel or abusive behaviour to host family or their property.
- Any other conduct unbecoming of a player in a Golf Québec competition occurring throughout the entire competition.

Penalties for violations of the Standards of Player Conduct

The player is responsible for and may be penalized for any violations by their caddie during a competition.

Any possible violations of this local rule may be reported to a member of the Tournament Committee or Tournament Rules Committee, or a Starter or Scorer.

The Golf Québec Tournament Rules Committee may assess any or all the penalties outlined below based on the severity and frequency of the violation during a competitive round. For any violation of this local rule, the penalties that can be given during a competition are:

- A warning
- One penalty stroke
- General Penalty
- **Disqualification**

Disciplinary Measures

The severity and frequency of current or past violations of the Player's Code of Conduct can lead to one or more of the following disciplinary measures.

- A competitor's entry may be withdrawn at any time (including during the competition) by Golf Québec.
- Suspension from future Golf Québec competitions or from any other Golf Québec sanctioned activities regardless of whether the player has already been accepted.

Note: In the case of a suspension, the player and/or their parents or legal guardian will be advised in writing of the penalty and will be allowed to appeal the Golf Québec Disciplinary Committee decision, in writing, within ten (10) days of the suspension. The Committee will determine the length of the suspension after reviewing all submitted materials, including an account of the violation, from the Golf Québec tournament staff. Any player suspended will be excluded from all the distinctions given at the end of the season.

ABUSE, HARASSMENT, NEGLIGENCE OR VIOLENCE

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

A person should report any such acts committed against another person or themselves without delay.

Any report to a Golf Québec representative will be reported by the Tournament Committee to the Executive Director of Golf Québec. The Executive Director will determine if it is appropriate to file a complaint through the process established by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

ANNEXE A

PLAYER/ATHLETE/PARTICIPANT'S CODE OF CONDUCT:

To benefit optimally from the practice of sport or leisure, the player, the athlete, or the participant must have an attitude and behaviour which derive from the purest sportsmanship or camaraderie.

The important thing is not to win or lose, but the way they practice the discipline (sports or leisure). They should never lose sight that this is a game. To get the most fun, any player, athlete, or participant should:

- a. Play for fun while remembering that the practice of sport or leisure is not an end in itself, but a means;
- b. Strictly observe the rules of the game and the charter for sportsmanship
- c. Accept and respect the officials' and/or referees' decisions at all times;
- d. Respect at all times, the officials, referees, opponents, and their supporters who must not become enemies;
- e. Always remain in control of yourself;
- f. Have exemplary conduct on and off the course, using language without insult, vulgar expression, or profanity;
- g. Respect your coach and managers and follow their instructions when they are not against your well-being;
- h. Engage all your strength in the game by avoiding discouragement in failure, and vanity in victory;
- i. Respect the property of others and avoid theft or vandalism;
- j. Refuse and not tolerate the use of drugs, medication, or any stimulant to improve performance;
- k. Know that ~~no~~ abuse, harassment, negligence, violence, or inappropriate behaviour is not tolerated, and report immediately to a coach or ~~any~~ person in authority any such act committed against another person or yourself;
- l. Read the "athlete" section of the www.sportbienetre.ca platform.
- m. Use social networks, the Internet, and other electronic media in an ethical and respectful manner towards colleagues, coaches, and managers, not to use it to provoke the opponent or another member.
- n. Ensure that everyone is treated with respect and fairness.