

GUIDELINES FOR THE CONDUCT OF PARENTS AND SPECTATORS



Golf Québec takes great pride in the quality of its competitions, host facilities and broad community involvement at each championship. In order to ensure that Golf Québec championships are enjoyable for everyone and to show respect for the involvement of our host facilities and their volunteers, Golf Québec requires that parents and spectators adhere to the Guidelines for the Conduct of Parents and Spectators, and that parents adhere to the Parents' Code of Conduct (see Annexe A) at all our competitions.

These guidelines must be followed throughout the entire competition, including official practice rounds.

Any parent or spectator whose conduct is deemed to be disruptive and not conducive to the well-being of the game, may be banned from the course, host facility or future Golf Québec competitions. The Tournament Committee or, in the case of attendance at future competitions, the Golf Québec Disciplinary Committee, will be the sole judge in determining unbecoming conduct. Any decisions made by either of these Committees to limit access to competitions will be based on the severity and frequency of the violation(s).

The following guidelines provide parents and spectators with a reference document including frequently-asked questions.

When on the golf course:

- In accordance with the Rules of Golf, no advice is to be given to a player during the tournament rounds.
- Avoid communication, both verbal and non-verbal, which may be construed by others as advice.
- Motorized transportation at tournaments is prohibited.
- A distance of at least **20 yards** should be kept when following players.
- Do not go on the teeing grounds, putting greens, practice areas or starting and scoring areas.
- Avoid walking in the fairways; walk on cart paths if present or remain in the rough as much as possible during the tournament rounds.
- Assist in maintaining the pace of play by helping to spot golf balls for all players. **However, do not search for golf balls until the players arrive to the estimated location.**
- Mobile devices are permitted on the course with the volume setting on silent, unless prohibited by the host facility.
- Feel free to ask your athlete (or any other) if they need anything to eat or drink.
- Avoid distracting competitors at all times on the golf course.

Rules of Golf:

- Allow Golf Québec Rules Referees to administer rulings. A Referee may ask for information in certain situation but do not intervene until asked.
- Encourage your athlete to familiarize themselves with the Rules of Golf including the Standard Local Rules and those specific to the competition.

Respect the host club and golf etiquette:

- Respect the host facility's Dress Code. Some facilities may not allow blue jeans, T-shirts, etc. The host club dress code will always have precedence over the Golf Québec Dress Code.
- Respect the host club's policy regarding mobile devices or cellphones, both in the clubhouse and on the course.
- If wearing golf shoes, they must not have metal or traditionally designed spikes.

After the competition:

- Encourage your athlete to write thank-you notes to those persons who contributed to the success of the competition.
- Golf Québec encourages suggestions that will assist us in improving the quality of our competitions.

ABUSE, HARASSMENT, NEGLIGENCE OR VIOLENCE

No abusive, harassing, negligent or violent behavior 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

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT:

Parents concerned about the development of their child should take an interest in their well-being and know the educational underlying values of sport or leisure. Parents therefore should collaborate in the use of sport or leisure as a means of education and expression so that their child benefits. To properly carry out their responsibilities, parents should consider the following:

- a. Show respect for coaches, managers, officials, and referees;
- b. Demonstrate good behaviour and use appropriate language;
- c. Avoid verbal abuse towards participants and support all efforts in this regard;
- d. Do not forget that your child is playing a sport or taking part in an activity for their own pleasure, not yours;
- e. Encourage your child to respect the sportsmanship charter, the rules of the game, and the internal management rules of their team or program;
- f. Recognize your child's performance as well as those of other participants by congratulating good results and commiserating when a player has struggled;
- g. Help your child to improve their skills and to develop sportsmanship or camaraderie;
- h. Teach you child that an honest effort is just as good as a victory;
- i. Objectively judge the possibilities of your child;
- j. Help your child choose activities to their liking;
- k. Never ridicule a child for making a mistake or losing the game;
- l. Encourage your child, by example, to respect the rules and resolve conflicts without aggression or violence;
- m. Read the guidelines offered on www.sportbienetre.ca website;
- n. Use social networks, the Internet, and other electronic media in an ethical and respectful manner towards colleagues, coaches, and managers; do not to use it to provoke others;
- o. Ensure that everyone is treated with respect and fairness.