



## 2023 JUNIOR CODE OF CONDUCT

British Columbia Golf, in conjunction with Golf Canada, takes great pride in the quality of its competitors, host facilities, sponsors and community support associated with all its junior events. To maintain and further enhance the quality of its events, the British Columbia Golf requires all competitors to comply with the code of conduct in all British Columbia Golf sanctioned events or partnerships. The junior code of conduct is:

A junior competitor will behave in a manner becoming of a British Columbia Golf/Golf Canada member at all times by:

- Acting with integrity and honor,
- Respecting fellow competitors, officials and volunteers,
- Displaying proper etiquette, • Wearing appropriate attire, and
- Being polite.

### Code of conduct violations include, but are not limited to:

- Possession, use or association with alcohol, tobacco products (chewing, smoking, including electronic cigarettes), recreational or illegal drugs including drug paraphernalia,
- Gaming and/or gambling, i.e. any wagering, betting or contests where a prize, other than that offered by the event, is involved,
- Cheating,
- Abusive language or disrespectful behavior towards fellow competitors, tournament officials, marshals, volunteers, spotters, club members, guests, spectators, course employees, or anyone otherwise associated with the tournament including host families, drivers, hotel employees and hotel guests,
- Club throwing,
- Spitting,
- Intentionally damaging or vandalizing the course, equipment or property,
- Theft,
- Violent behavior,
- Failure to appear for a tournament without just cause and/or prior notification,
- Breaking curfew or any other rule established by a Tournament Committee, team captain or official,
- Failure to attend any mandatory functions,
- Leaving the course during a stipulated round and/or
- Any other conduct unbecoming a British Columbia Golf member.

The penalty for a code of conduct violation may be immediate disqualification or dismissal from an event. For an oncourse violation, British Columbia Golf may opt to issue a warning for a 1<sup>st</sup> offence. Where circumstances warrant, British Columbia Golf team captain, official or supervisor may send a competitor home in which case the competitor and his/her parent(s)' or guardian(s) will be responsible for all costs incurred.

### Dress Code

Players must adhere to the dress code as set out in the British Columbia Golf Standard Dress Code. Junior Girls should refer to the Women's Dress Code.

### CADDIES ARE NOT PERMITTED AT JUNIOR EVENTS

All players are strongly encouraged to attend all award presentations and closing ceremonies.

Rule 10.2 prohibits a competitor from receiving advice, except under specified circumstances. Competitors are advised to ask parents, spectators and companions to follow at a distance (recommended minimum of 50 yards) so there can be no question that communication can be construed to be advice.

A competitor is subject to the general penalty for each infraction or disqualification in extreme circumstances.

### **Non-Compliance**

The Tournament Committee will impose penalties for Code of Conduct violations. All violations or infractions will be recorded, referred to the Disciplinary Committee for further investigation, and kept on file as part of a competitor's permanent record. Where deemed necessary a written letter of warning will be sent to the competitor, with a copy to his/her parent(s) or guardian(s). The Disciplinary Committee may impose additional penalties or sanctions. In the event that the Disciplinary Committee decides that a suspension is warranted, the competitor and his/her parents or guardian and the Management Committee/Zone Committee will be advised of the suspension in writing. A competitor may appeal a Disciplinary Committee decision to the Disciplinary Committee. The competitor and his/her parents or guardian will be notified of the date when the appeal will be heard. The Disciplinary Committee will review all submitted materials and presentations then issue a written decision within 30 days of such a hearing. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee is final.

Competitors are responsible for their own decisions and are encouraged to consult with British Columbia Golf or RCGA representatives or event organizers before undertaking any action or activity that may be considered a violation of the code of conduct.

### **Misconduct in other jurisdictions and non-British Columbia Golf events**

Should the British Columbia Golf be informed or become aware of misconduct by a competitor in non-British Columbia Golf sanctioned events either in British Columbia or other jurisdictions, British Columbia Golf reserves the right to impose additional penalties, discipline or sanctions against the competitor, including, but not limited to, non-selection or removal from teams and denial of entry into British Columbia Golf sanctioned events.