



2023 CADDIE CODE OF CONDUCT

British Columbia Golf permits caddies at some of our competitions. The Committee restricts that all caddies must be at least 12 years of age. In a stroke play competition, a player is prohibited from having another competitor as a caddie.

Definition of a Caddie – A “caddie” is one who assists the player in accordance with the Rules, which may include carrying or handling the player’s clubs during play.

When one caddie is employed by more than one player, he is always deemed to be the caddie of the player sharing the caddie whose ball (or whose partner’s ball) is involved, and equipment carried by him is deemed to be that player’s equipment, except when the caddie acts upon specific directions of another player (or the partner of another player) sharing the caddie, in which case he is considered to be that other player’s “caddie”.

British Columbia Golf Expectations of Caddies:

When on the golf course

- The caddie must wear the designated caddie identification apparel at all times when caddying on the course.
- The caddie is one who assists the player in accordance with the Rules of Golf.
- The caddie may carry or handle the player’s clubs. The clubs may be carried or transported in a pull cart by the caddie.
- The caddie is responsible for knowing the Rules of Golf. During the stipulated round, for any breach of a rule by his caddie, the player incurs the applicable penalty.
- The player may only be assisted by one caddie at a time. A player may have different caddies during the round, but only one caddie at a time.
- The caddie may, without the player’s authority:
 - o Search for a players ball (the caddie should ask the player prior to beginning the search)
 - o Place the player’s clubs in a penalty area
 - o Repair old hole plugs and ball marks o
 - o Remove loose impediments
 - o Mark the position of a ball, without lifting it
 - o Clean the player’s ball
 - o Remove movable obstructions
- A caddie may not deem a players’ ball to be unplayable
- A caddie must not position himself behind the player or position himself on the line of play or putt or an extension of that line beyond the hole while the player is making a stroke.
- When a player is making a stroke a caddie must not purposely stand close to the player to shade the player or his ball from the sun, or protect the player from wind or other elements.
- A caddie may practice on or test the putting green surfaces on the course before the competitor begins his stipulated round.

Respecting other players

Caddies should be familiar with our other standard policies, as they apply to caddies during the competition.

- Amateur Code of Conduct
- Junior Code of Conduct
- Standard Dress Code – Caddies must wear flat, rubber-soled shoes (running, tennis, basketball shoes). True spike less golf shoes (no spikes at all) are permitted.
- Women's Dress Code Transportation Policy

Any caddie who is a distraction to players or otherwise in breach of Policies may be asked to leave the course.