



Golf Spectator Code of Conduct



Golf Carts are NOT available to rent or use at the CAA State Tournament.

I. RATIONALE

Unlike many sports, golf is played without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the **integrity** of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the rules. All spectators should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times. This is the spirit of the game of golf.

If individuals consistently disregard the spirit of the game during a round of golf or over a period of time to the detriment of others, the rules and games committee will take the appropriate action against the offending spectator. The code of conduct is designed to protect the interest of the majority of the participants who wish to support the spirit of the game, the rules of golf and the CAA. The code of conduct applies to the regular season tournaments, practice rounds, and one or both days of the State tournament.

II. POLICY

- All school personnel and fans, except for the school designated coach(es) are considered spectators.
- All spectators **MUST** be at least seven (7) years of age.
- Must adhere to the dress code policy listed in the State Tournament Handbook.
- Spectators shall remain on cart paths or in the rough approximately **15 yards from the players** at all times including the practice areas which include the driving range, putting green and chipping area.
- There can be **NO COMMUNICATION** between players and spectators that could be deemed advice of any nature for the duration of the match/tournament. Failure to comply could result in spectator being removed from the course and the golfer receiving a 2-stroke penalty.
- No keeping of a player's score or conversation on individual scoring is permitted.
- The use of tobacco or mood-altering substances on the course or within the tournament property is prohibited during the school competition.
- Uninvited interference with the rules committee before, during or after making a ruling is prohibited.
- **Use of cell phones or electronic devices are PROHIBITED while on the course.**

PENALTIES

- *First offense* - Warning to the spectator.
- *Second offense* - Spectator will be removed from the course for the remainder of the day.
- *Third offense* – Spectator will be removed from the course for the remainder of the competition.
- *A single flagrant gross act of misconduct or a serious breach of etiquette before, during or after a round* – Spectator will be removed from the course for the remainder of the competition. Penalties become immediate and are in effect for the entire regular season, regional, sectional and/or state final tournaments.

GOLF BALLS

Please do not pick-up any golf balls, no matter where you find them, as they could be one of our participants golf ball.

Thank you for your cooperation and support of the CAA Golf League.