



South African Junior Golf – Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct.

South African Junior Golf takes great pride in the quality of its players, host Club facilities and community involvement at each tournament.

In order to make South African Junior Golf tournaments enjoyable for everyone South African Junior Golf requires all members and parents to adhere to a set of guidelines known as a “Code of Conduct”. The Code of Conduct is to be followed throughout the entire duration of the Tournament.

What South African Junior Golf expects from Parents:

- Encourage your child to write thank you notes to those people who contributed to the respective event.
- Remain a reasonable distance from players at all times and do not engage with players regarding their games during the round.
- Parents are not allowed to give any advice by verbal, signs or any other form of advice during any official round in a tournament. “Advice is any council or suggestion which could influence a player determining his play, the choice of club or the method of making a stroke.”
- Allow the *South African Junior Golf* Rules officials to administer rulings. You will be brought into the situation ONLY if the Rules official asks you for clarification of a situation.
- When on the Golf Course all Mobile phones and pagers to be turned off or else set to “silent mode”.
- Adhere to South African Junior Golf and host clubs dress regulations. Many courses do not allow Jeans, T-Shirts, and Slip Slops etc.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Remember that your child participates in sport for their own enjoyment, not yours.
- Focus on your child’s efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Never ridicule or shout at your child and other children for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Show appreciation for good performance and skillful play by all players (including opposing players).
- Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with or in the vicinity of persons under 19 years of age, as your words and actions are an example.
- Respect the official’s decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Do not physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone associated with the sport (player, coach, manager, rules officials and so on).
- Be a positive role model.
- Respect the rights of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of this code of behavior.
- *South African Junior Golf* officials may assess a penalty based on the severity of the violation. If a serious breach has occurred, the player could be disqualified or penalty strokes may apply. The parent may be asked to leave the course and may not be permitted to attend another *South African Junior Golf* event.

South African Junior Golf Spectator guidelines:

In Golf customs of etiquette and decorum are just as important as Rules governing play. It is appropriate for Parents and Spectators to applaud successful strokes, but in order to secure the spirit of the Game, we ask parents and spectators to please adhere to the following guidelines.

- “Advice is any council or suggestion which could influence a player determining his play, the choice of club or the method of making a stroke.”
- Keeping the above statement in mind, please keep your conversation with the players to words of encouragement as long as advice is not given.
- All spectators attend *South African Junior Golf* events at their own risk.
- *South African Junior Golf* does not allow spectators or parents to use carts. (Doctors certificates not acceptable).
- All players, parents and spectators are not permitted to ride on the back of a Golf cart at any time during *South African Junior Golf* events.
- Spectators and parents are allowed to assist in the search for lost balls.
- Where possible, spectators and parents should stay on the cart paths. In the absence of car paths, we ask that they stay in the rough. **Please stay off Fairways, Tees and Greens.**
- Spectators and parents may not give rulings. Please seek a Tournament Rules official if the need arises.
- Spectators and parents are allowed to carry medicine, cool drinks, food etc.
- For your own personal safety we ask you exercise caution at all times.
- When inclement weather moves into the area, *South African Junior Golf* will suspend play by sounding sirens or air horns. Accordingly you must seek shelter immediately. *South African Junior Golf* will evacuate players from the course first.
- *South African Junior Golf* officials may assess a penalty based on the severity of the violation. If a serious breach has occurred, the spectator or parent may be asked to leave the course or in cases of serious breach the spectator or parent may not be permitted to attend another *South African Junior Golf* event.
- *South African Junior Golf* will discuss the spectator and parent guidelines at each tournament’s players meeting where applicable or post a copy of this document for players and spectators to read.