

LJGA Code of Conduct

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LJGA Code of Conduct: The Loudoun Junior Golf Association, (LJGA) provides worthwhile golf activities that can be pursued throughout life and help develop character, sportsmanship and the life values of integrity, honesty, self-discipline and competitive spirit. In order to make LJGA activities, events and tournaments enjoyable for everyone, all junior golfers and their parent(s)/guardian(s) must adhere to the following Code of Conduct. Its purpose is to help LJGA participants grow and mature by understanding and accepting the consequences of their actions. Violation of the **Code of Conduct** can result in tournament penalties and/or disqualification and/or suspension of membership. Junior golfers and their parent(s)/guardian(s) are to observe this Code of Conduct at all LJGA tournaments, practice facilities, and similar public events.

1. SPECIFIC CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS INCLUDE:

- Lack of respect to a scorer, tournament or course official or another player.
- Failure to abide by the Rules of Golf or a decision by a Tournament Official.
- Intentional and/or malicious damage to green(s) or other course property.
- Throwing clubs or other golf related equipment.
- Obscene or vulgar language and/or gestures.
- Use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs (unless medically prescribed) during play.
- Player's failure to observe LJGA dress code at tournaments after being warned. The Loudoun Junior Golf Association is a uniform league. LJGA member shirts and hats are issued to all players prior to check in at the member's first tournament. The cost of the shirts and hats is included in the member's registration fee. The LJGA hat must be worn facing forward and the LJGA shirt must be tucked in at all times. All players must wear khaki slacks or shorts. Girls may optionally wear khaki skirts.
- Coaching or advising by parents.
- Parents interfering with other players or otherwise disrupting play.
- Any conduct or behaviour similar to the foregoing actions.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATION PENALTIES: Two-stroke penalty for first violation of the Code of Conduct. If the infraction occurs at a non-tournament event, the penalty will be assessed at the next tournament. Upon a second infraction at the same tournament or event, or a serious violation of the Code of Conduct, a player may be immediately disqualified from the tournament or event at which the violation occurs and may also receive a suspension of membership. Providing a warning on and/or waiving a violation of this Code of Conduct will not operate or be construed as a waiver of a later violation. The LJGA may report any incident to the course/facility manager and/or the appropriate civil authorities. Penalties assessed by a Tournament Official are subject to review by the LJGA Board member(s) present at that tournament. Suspensions are imposed by the Board of Directors of the LJGA.

3. TOURNAMENT "NO SHOWS"/WITHDRAWAL: The unexcused absence of junior golfers at their scheduled tournament results in confusion due to pairings being disrupted. The important relationship with the golf course where the tournament is being held is also adversely impacted since the golf course has been closed to other paying golfers and other special arrangements are made to accommodate an LJGA tournament. As such, whenever possible, junior golfers and their parents/guardians should give a 48 hour notice of a "no show" at a tournament by emailing the LJGA or calling an LJGA Board member.

4. TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN PROCEDURE AND INCLEMENT WEATHER: The date and starting time of all tournaments is listed under the side menu button "Schedules". All LJGA golfers are strongly encouraged to check in at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of a tournament, but entrants must check in at the registration table no less than 15 minutes before the scheduled start time of a tournament to confirm tee time/location and to receive their scorecard. USGA Rule 6-3 concerning disqualification may be enforced for late arrivals. In the event of inclement weather, a decision to hold or cancel the event will be made as soon as possible. Tee times may be delayed up to 1 hour, but the event will be cancelled if play cannot be started within 1 hour. Arrive for your

scheduled tournament even if the weather looks bad - it may not be bad at the tournament site. Play is to be immediately discontinued whenever lightning is present at the tournament location, as determined by the course manager.

5. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT, SAFETY, CADDIES, and PACE of PLAY: The term parents/guardians/siblings applies to all persons accompanying a Player during the tournament regardless of relationship. The LJGA expects parents/guardians/siblings to encourage their child and to participate in their child's progress with the game of golf. However, parents/guardians/siblings who are not duly appointed tournament officials may act only as observers during tournaments. The first incident of a parent/guardian/sibling coaching a Player during a tournament will result in a warning to both the parent/guardian/siblings and the junior golfer. The second incident will result in a two-stroke penalty being assessed against the junior golfer. (See USGA Rule 8-1) For this reason, and for safety purposes, parents/guardians/siblings and other members of the gallery are to remain off fairways and greens and maintain a distance of no less than 50 feet from the junior golfers and their line of play. Parents/guardians/siblings are encouraged to help with pace of play and finding lost balls, but shall defer all rulings to the LJGA tournament officials and/or staff. When a parent/guardian/sibling serves as a Tournament Official, the parent/guardian/sibling is expected to assist all players equally and not favour their own child.

Absent of a proven medical condition/disability or similar situation that prevents a junior golfer from carrying or pulling their own bags/clubs (as determined by the LJGA Board of Directors), the use of caddies is prohibited for all participants. Pace of play will be monitored and appropriate penalties assessed when necessary. Pull carts may be used provided the hosting facility allows them.