



Western Province Golf

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PARENT/GUARDIAN & SPECTATOR CODE

Introduction

WP Golf takes great pride in the quality of its players, host Clubs, families and community involvement at each tournament. In order to make WP Golf tournaments enjoyable for everyone WP Golf requires all members and parents to adhere to the WP Golf Ethics Code, which can be found on the WP Golf website www.westernprovincegolf.co.za

WP Golf expects Parents/Guardians to:

- * Remain a reasonable distance (40 metres) from players at all times and do not engage with players regarding their games during the round.
- * Not 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 WP 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 are to be turned off or else set to "silent mode".
- * Adhere to WP Golf and the host club's dress regulations. Many courses do not allow Jeans, T-Shirts, and Slip Slops etc.
- * Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- * Remember that young players participate in golf tournaments for their own enjoyment, not yours.
- * Focus on the young players efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- * Never ridicule or shout at young players for making a mistake or losing a competition.

- * Show appreciation for good performance and skilful 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 young players 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.
- * Encourage your child to write thank you notes to those people who contributed to the respective event.

WP Golf Spectator (including Parents/Guardians) Code of Conduct:

In golf customs of etiquette and decorum are just as important as rules governing play. It is appropriate for spectators to applaud successful strokes, but in order to secure the spirit of the game, we ask all spectators to please adhere to the following guidelines.

- * Keep any conversation with the players to words of encouragement as long as advice is not given. "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."
- * All spectators attend WP Golf events at their own risk.
- * **WP Golf does not allow spectators to use Golf carts.** (Doctors certificates not acceptable) unless specifically stated as allowable.
- * All players and spectators are not permitted to ride on the back of a Golf cart at any time during WP Golf events.
- * Spectators are allowed to assist in the search for lost balls.
- * Where possible, spectators should stay on the cart paths. In the absence of cart paths, we ask that they stay in the rough.
- * **Spectators must stay off Fairways, Tees and Greens.**
- * Spectators may not give rulings. Please seek a Tournament Rules Official if the need arises.
- * Spectators 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, WP Golf will suspend play by sounding sirens or air horns. Accordingly, you must seek shelter immediately. WP Golf will evacuate players from the course first.
- * WP Golf officials may assess a penalty based on the severity of the violation. If a serious breach has occurred, the spectator may be asked to leave the course or in cases of serious breach the spectator may not be permitted to attend another WP Golf event.
- * WP Golf may discuss the spectator and parent/guardian guidelines at tournament's players meeting where applicable or post a copy of this document for players and spectators.

In the event of a transgression of this Code, WP Golf will initiate the necessary action. Corrective action may include the application of informal or formal disciplinary measures as set out in the WPG Disciplinary Code.

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