



NC Junior Golf Foundation

NCJGF Spectator Rules & Guidelines

Spectators should:

- Remain on cart paths or in the rough areas.
- Keep proper distance from all players. (50 yards is recommended.)
- Remain clear of all fairways – remembering that groups behind your group may be waiting.
- Allow a Rules Official to administer rulings.
- Put cell phones and pagers on silent and use them only for emergencies or to contact Tournament staff.
- Keep spectator carts on cart paths at all times. Spectator carts are permitted at the discretion of the host facility.
- Applaud good shots and be encouraging to all players in the group that they are following.
- Act as a forecaddie by carrying umbrellas, jackets, food or drink, etc to help the players.
- Help players find a lost ball within the allotted time limit – which is 5 minutes.

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Spectators should not:

- Give advice to any player. "Advice is any counsel or suggestion which could influence a player in determining his play, choice of club or method of making a stroke." Penalty for breach of this rule is two-strokes on the player (USGA Rule 8-1). Talking to competitors during tournament play is not allowed and can be construed as giving advice.
- Talk to any players during a stipulated round other than to suggest the playing of a "second ball" if there is doubt as to procedure (USGA Rule 3-3), or to offer word of encouragement (non-instructive), or to offer food and water.

- **Walk with players during tournament play as the NCJGF does not allow caddies.**
- **Give rulings. In stroke play, when a player is in doubt to a rules situation he/she may complete the hole by playing a "second ball" and report the facts to the Rules Committee before returning his/her scorecard (USGA Rule 3-3).**
- **Allow players on a moving cart unless otherwise directed by Tournament staff.**
- **Carry a player's clubs on a moving cart during the course of play.**
- **Be loud or otherwise disruptive to the players during their round.**

Swearing or abusive language will not be tolerated. Any disruptive behavior will result in immediate removal of spectator and/or player from the golf course.

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