



SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

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 and the IESA. 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 IESA. The code of conduct applies to the state series.

SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

1. Spectators shall remain on cart paths or in the rough 15 yards from the players at all times, including the practice areas, the driving range, putting green and chipping area.
2. There can be NO communication between the players and spectators that could be deemed advice of any nature for the duration of the 18 holes.
3. All school personnel and fans with the exception of the school designated coach(es) are considered spectators.
4. The use of tobacco or mood altering substances on the course or within the tournament property is prohibited during the school competition.
5. Uninvited interference with the rules committee before, during or after making a ruling is prohibited.
6. The use of motorized carts by able-bodied spectators is not allowed.
7. Per USGA Rules, spectators are prohibited from serving as caddie for a player.
8. Cell phones must be silenced.

REPORTING PROCEDURES

Games Committee

At the State Series, a Games Committee will be appointed to oversee the code of conduct for spectators and players. Coaches will report, in writing, code violations to the Games Committee.

Procedure for Reporting a Code Violation

Only member schools may appeal a code violation to the Games Committee. It is the responsibility of all coaches of participating schools to monitor conduct. Any coach, Games Committee member or tournament personnel who personally observes a spectator code of conduct violation should contact the Games Committee or tournament manager. Notice will be given to the offending spectator and the games committee will note the violation.

SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT PENALTIES

1. The first offense will result in a warning to the spectator.
2. The second offense will result in the spectator being removed from the course for the remainder of the day.
3. A single flagrant gross act of misconduct or a serious breach of etiquette before, during or after a round will result in the spectator being removed from the course for the remainder of the competition.
4. Penalties become immediate and are in effect for the entire state series.

SPECTATOR COACHING AND PENALTIES

All school personnel and fans with the exception of the school designated coach(es) are considered spectators. There can be no communication between the players and spectators that could be deemed advice of any nature for the duration of the 18 holes.

1. The first offense of spectator coaching is a warning to the spectator.
2. The second offense of spectator coaching is a 2-stroke penalty to the golfer.
3. The third offense of spectator coaching will result in disqualification of the golfer.