

MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

To be accepted as a member of the Junior Golf Association of Northern California, all juniors, parents/guardians/spectators agree to abide by the following JGANC Code of Conduct. The Junior Golf Association of Northern California asks our Junior Members to accept responsibility for conducting themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. To honor and appreciate a tournament schedule of over 60+ events, allowing them to play the top golf courses of Northern California. To work within the point system that awards play and allows each member to be eligible for special invitational events, scholarships and honors. Members realize they may set a goal of being considered for one of the junior teams representing Northern California and our association. Junior members should never be listed as “no shows.” We trust that JGANC members will respect the tournament course by picking up litter and putting it in its place, replacing divots and repairing ball marks. Courtesy and respect are honored JGANC traits and we ask that our members personally thank the host professional and tournament committee of the JGANC sanctioned events and acknowledge our Directors of the JGANC who are all volunteers on their behalf.

JUNIOR MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT - Zero Tolerance Policy - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!!!

In order to make the Junior Golf Association of Northern California enjoyable for everyone, ALL MEMBERS are required to abide by our “Code of Conduct” Zero Tolerance Policy. The “Code of Conduct” needs to be followed at all times while the junior is participating in a JGANC Sanctioned Event. Any conduct unbecoming a junior golfer and not following along with our “Code of Conduct” will get the junior immediately disqualified from the event they are participating. There ARE NO second chances for bad behavior.

VIOLATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT ON THE GOLF COURSE

Any of the following actions by a JGANC Junior member at a JGANC Junior event or toward another JGANC Junior member constitutes a violation of the JGANC Code of Conduct Zero Tolerance Policy. The junior will be immediately disqualified from the event and asked to leave the course:

- Cheating
- Unsportsmanlike conduct including obscene, abusive or vulgar language, throwing clubs
- Disrespect to volunteers, officials or fellow competitors
- Use of electronic devices including iPods, iWatch, Game Golf, MP3 players, radios, cell-phones and cameras during play
- Use of distance devices, unless permitted by tournament committee
- Use of drugs, alcohol, smoking or chewing tobacco products

- Parents/guardians ask for his/her child's trophy/award to be given to him/her because you have a long drive home (so does everyone else), appointment or other excuses. Plan ahead.
- Vandalism at a host hotel, abusive behavior to host family or their property

WARNINGS

Any of the following behavior will result in a warning. Flagrant and subsequent violations will result in disqualification. Repeated infractions will result in suspension of membership:

- Abuse of golf course property including not putting litter in its place and replacing divots and repairing ball marks
- Not adhering to the dress code during practice round or during tournament play

VIOLATIONS OF MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT OFF THE GOLF COURSE

JGANC members shall not conduct himself/herself in such a manner as to adversely impact or otherwise injure the reputation of the "Association" or its directors or members, or engage in any conduct which is contrary to or inconsistent with the policies of the Association. Such conduct includes but is not limited to: Using e-mail or any form of communication in an abusive manner directed at members or directors of the Association.

REPORTING OF CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

If a player witnesses a rules violation, they must immediately alert the player in question and/or a Rules Official as to the possible infraction. Rules Officials and/or the Rules Committee will do everything within their power to immediately resolve rules violations and assess proper penalties during the round. Any rules violations that cannot be immediately addressed or solved by a Rules Official will be addressed at scoring and the proper penalty will be enforced.

If a player witnesses a potential rules violation and fails or declines to alert his/her group or a Rules Official before the completion of the hole in which the violation occurs, the maximum penalty allowed will be the general penalty (2 strokes) if it is deemed a violation did occur.

If there is disagreement within a group as to a rules violation and a Rules Official is not present, the player in question must play two balls under Rule 3-3, and a ruling will be given at scoring (or as soon as possible, as long as pace of play is not affected).

Rules Officials/the Rules Committee are instructed to gather all possible information regarding a possible rules violation and issue a ruling in accordance with USGA Rules and this document. In the event that a Rules Official truly cannot determine if a violation occurred, the Rules Official/Committee will issue no penalty to the player in question.

CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATION PENALTIES

Breach of the code of conduct occurs:

- Player will be disqualified from the event at which the violation occurred.
- Issue a written letter of warning to the player and his/her parent/guardian.
- Depending on the severity of the code of conduct violation, a junior membership may be suspended for the remainder of the season following the first breach of the code of conduct.
- A written report of the violation will be created by the Tournament Staff and forwarded to the JGANC Executive Board for review. The report will include a staff account of the violation, any other violations to date and all other pertinent information.
- The JGANC Executive Board will have ten (10) days from the date of the report to decide on the status of that member. The member will then receive a phone call and a copy of the Committee's report along with written notice of the Committee's decision.
- Possible indefinite suspension of player's membership if repeated infractions occur.

Checking the agreement box while registering online verifies the member has read, understands and agrees to adhere to the JGANC Junior Code of Conduct.

REINSTATEMENT POLICY

Players seeking reinstatement from suspension must:

- Submit a written request for reinstatement and/or appeal to the JGANC Executive Board within ten (10) days of notification of suspension.
- The JGANC Executive Board will have ten (10) days from the date of submission to consider any additional information provided by the member as it relates to potential reinstatement. The member will receive written notice of the Committee's decision.

*All decisions made by the JGANC Executive Board shall be final. A player may only request reinstatement once during the calendar year of suspension. A reinstated player that commits any additional violation of the Code of Conduct will be automatically suspended for the duration of the current season and may be suspended indefinitely.