

PARENT/GUARDIAN/SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

The Junior Golf Association of Northern California (JGANC) offers your child the opportunity to develop character and sportsmanship through the game of golf. In doing so, parents/guardians/spectators must also accept responsibility for helping achieve this goal. The JGANC appreciates the support of juniors' families in attending sanctioned tournaments and recognizes the financial commitment this often requires. By committing to this opportunity and accepting your role as a parent/guardian of a JGANC junior, you enable your child to learn important life skills along with golf skills.

As a parent/guardian/spectator, you are expected to adhere to the following Code of Conduct:

- **Do not** check in for your child—juniors must check in upon arrival.
- **Do not** carry your child's golf bag or push their cart. Golf carts are not allowed.
- Decisions in competitive play must be made by the junior, not the parent.
- Your role is that of spectator only.
- Acknowledge good shots by all players, not just your child.
- Accept that your child, marshals, or other players in the group will solve problems, make rulings, or verify scores without your involvement.
- Courtesy requires avoiding distractions during play, such as loud talking with other spectators or using cellular phones, radios, or beepers.
- Take pictures before or after the tournament round, not during play.
- Stay at least 25 yards from competitors, using cart paths and/or staying to the side of the fairway (if no cart paths are available).
- **Do not** talk to competitors during the competition.
- Your scorekeeping is for personal use only and has no bearing on the official round. **Do not** share your personal scorecard with competitors.
- **Do not** dispute rulings made by participants, marshals, scorers, or the tournament committee.

VIOLATIONS OF THE PARENT/GUARDIAN/SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT ON THE GOLF COURSE

Any of the following actions by a parent/guardian/spectator at a JGANC event constitutes a violation:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct toward other junior players or spectators
- Obscene, abusive, or vulgar language
- Use of alcohol during competition
- Disrespect toward tournament officials, volunteers, or other players
- Walking closer than 25 yards to competitors, being in the fairway (instead of to the side), or otherwise failing to maintain proper distance
- Talking to competitors during competition
- Interfering with discussions on rulings or scores

- Acting as an official scorekeeper for your child's group
- Distracting play through loud talking with other spectators
- Use of cameras, cellular phones, radios, iPods, or MP3 players during competition
- Use of distance-measuring devices, unless specifically permitted by the tournament committee
- Use of drugs, alcohol, smoking, or chewing tobacco products
- Failure to adhere to the dress code during practice rounds or tournament play

VIOLATIONS OF THE PARENT/GUARDIAN/SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT OFF THE GOLF COURSE

Parents/guardians shall not conduct themselves in a manner that adversely impacts or injures the reputation of the Association, its directors, or its members, or engage in any conduct contrary to or inconsistent with the policies of the Association. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to, using email or any form of communication in an abusive manner directed at members or directors of the Association.

PARENT/GUARDIAN/SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATION PENALTIES (PROCEDURAL ORDER)

1. The parent/guardian/spectator receives a warning from a tournament committee member and/or JGANC Director.
2. The parent/guardian/spectator is asked not to follow their child during the round.
3. The parent/guardian/spectator is asked to leave the tournament site.

For repeated infractions at future sanctioned tournaments:

1. May be asked not to accompany the junior to tournaments.
2. May result in suspension of the player's JGANC membership, as determined by the JGANC Executive Board of Directors.

Checking the agreement box while registering online verifies that the parent/guardian has read, understands, and will share these conduct expectations with other family members and friends who may attend a tournament. It also verifies agreement to adhere to the JGANC Parent/Guardian/Spectator Code of Conduct.

Parents and juniors are encouraged to report any violations (including the name, date, and type of violation) to the JGANC if not handled by the tournament committee. Reports must be signed, although they will be kept anonymous.

This version is clearer, more concise, professionally formatted, and consistent in tone with the Junior Member Code you shared earlier. Bolded key prohibitions (e.g., **Do not**) for emphasis and better scannability. If you'd like a highlighted changes list (like before), adjustments for tone, or alignment with any specific JGANC wording from their site, let me know!

