



SCGA

South Carolina Golf Association

SOUTH CAROLINA GOLF ASSOCIATION
CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

PLAYER CONDUCT: Players may be warned, penalized or disqualified for violations of the Code of Conduct (Including violations by their caddies). Further, the SCGA may reject an entry application, revoke an accepted application, expel from the tournament and/or suspend a player from future tournaments if the player engages in conduct detrimental to the integrity and image of the game of golf and/or the SCGA. Such conduct may include, but is not limited to:

Disorderly behavior, including:

- Excessive use of profanity
- Club throwing
- Verbal or physical abuse, or threats of abuse, to officials, volunteers, other players or staff
- Damage to the golf course or any player's equipment
- Unbecoming conduct (No shows, Failure to return scorecards, Failure to Post Scores, Manipulating scores, etc.)

Failure to care for the course, including, but not limited to the failure to:

- Fill or step down on divots (reasonable effort to repair/fill divots)
- Repair ball marks
- Rake Bunkers
- Follow cart rules
- Disposing of trash into trash receptacles or golf carts

Failure to abide by the host club's rules

Dress Code violations

HEADPHONES & EARBUDS: Are not permitted for players or caddies during competitive rounds.

PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR CADDIES & FAMILY:

Players in SCGA competitions are guests of the host club and accordingly, players are responsible for the behavior and attire of their caddies and family. Players may face withdrawal of their entry, and possible future suspension for the inappropriate behavior of their caddies or family members. Players, caddies or family members who repeatedly violate the code of conduct, or who are abusive to officials or club staff, may be suspended from attending future events.

SUBJECT TO RULES: Any person whose entry is accepted shall be subject to the Rules and Conditions of Competitions set forth by the SCGA.

ALCOHOL & DRUGS: The illegal use of drugs or alcohol by players, caddies, and spectators is prohibited. All food & beverage policies of the club should be followed.

DRESS CODE – PLAYERS, CADDIES, AND SPECTATORS

Club Dress Code Policy – If more formal, supersedes the SCGA dress code

Generally Accepted Golf Attire – Should be worn at all times by players, caddies and family

No Denim, Cargo, Cut offs or the similar allowed

Shirts – Must have collars or be specifically designed for golf and acceptable at the host facility. Men's shirts must be tucked in at all times.

Hats – Must be worn forward and should be removed inside of the host club facilities.

Women's Shorts, Skirts, Skorts – Generally, should reach mid-thigh in length (half way between hip & knee)

Leggings and Yoga Pants – Only allowed under skirts, skorts or shorts

Footwear – Athletic shoes, golf shoes or dress shoes should be worn - *Flip flops are discouraged*

****Any individual not adhering to the Dress Code will be asked to change immediately or leave the host club facility.***

SPECTATORS: Please refrain from policing any code of conduct issues or rulings. If you witness a code of conduct breach or ruling that is serious or have seen the same breach multiple times by a player, you may notify an official. DO NOT HANDLE THE SITUATION YOURSELF. Officials and the Tournament Committee will be responsible for handling all code of conduct issues and all rulings. Spectators must also adhere to all spectator cart policies set forth by the SCGA and host club.

**Any conduct by spectators that is determined to be unbecoming to the SCGA or host club will be subject to removal from the facility and may be suspended from attending future events.*

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT:

Penalties may be assessed based on each individual situation including the severity of the breach and the factors that contributed to the breach occurring. ***1st Offense:*** Warning ***2nd Offense:*** General Penalty (Two-Stroke Penalty or Loss of Hole In Match Play) ***3rd Offense:*** Disqualification

**The SCGA Tournament Committee may assess any or all of the following penalties based on severity and frequency of the violation.*