



OREGON JUNIOR GOLF

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Oregon Junior Golf Association (OJG) takes pride in maintaining a positive, professional and enjoyable experience for its players, parents and spectators. In order to maintain this experience, it is essential that all players adhere to the OJG Code of Conduct. Oregon Junior Golf is fortunate to have established and sustained relationships with golf courses across Oregon and Southwest Washington. It is because of this history and these relationships that OJG players, parents and spectators are able to avail themselves to such a diverse collection of golf courses at reasonable rates. AS an organization, we recognize and appreciate the graciousness of our host courses in donating their facilities. **It is crucial for OJG players to appreciate that we are guests at our host facilities. Additionally, OJG players must understand and appreciate that they are the face of Oregon Junior Golf.** The conduct of players reflects directly upon the Oregon Golf Association. To that end, all players will be responsible and held accountable for their actions both on and off the course and course property.

The following Code of Conduct and disciplinary system shall be adopted as a Local Rule (see Rule 1.2b) which govern all OJG participants at Oregon Junior Golf events. This Code of Conduct is intended to be an evolving system and will certainly grow and expand with the future of golf.

Tier 1 Infractions – Unsportsmanlike conduct

Tier 1 infractions will not be tolerated. Such infractions include, but are not limited to:

- Abusive language (including defamation) towards OJG Staff affiliates, volunteers, other players and/ or host facility personnel.
- Deliberately cheating; deliberate unreported Rules of Golf violations.
- Physical Abuse and/ or threatening physical abuse.
- Bullying.
- Willful destruction of golf course property.
- Deliberately causing serious damage to a putting green.
- Use or association with drugs, alcohol, or smoking or chewing tobacco products.
- Dishonesty and/or vandalism.
- Gambling.
- If two or more players deliberately agree to ignore any Rule or penalty they know applies, they will be disqualified. Rule 1.3b(1)/1

OJG Tournament Director and Rules Committee shall determine whether a specific act constitutes a Tier 1 infraction. Upon the occurrence of a Tier 1 infraction, The Tournament Director shall immediately provide the player with **DISQUALIFICATION**.

Tier 2 Infractions

Tier 2 infractions, while generally categorized as less serious than Tier 1 infractions, can qualify as a Tier 1 infraction if the OJG Tournament Director and Rules Committee of the tournament determines that the subject conduct was a willful, malicious, deliberately destructive and/ or otherwise severe enough to qualify as a Tier 1 infraction. Tier 2 infractions include, but are not limited to:

- Club throwing; dropping the club behind back on the follow-through, slamming club into the ground,
- "throwing" golf ball in anger.
- Swearing or obscene vulgar language or gestures; displaying poor attitude.
- Disrespect to OJG affiliates, volunteers, officials, another player and/or host facility personnel.
- Willful golf course etiquette infractions (not replacing ball marks, littering, failing to rake bunkers, failing to replace divots and otherwise failing to care for the golf course).
- Willful conduct not becoming an Oregon Junior Golf player, such as expressing anger, acting in anger, creating distractions or otherwise expressing a temper tantrum.
- Soliciting advice from a spectator or coach.

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT – *Tier 2 Infractions*

(Carryover if a two-day event)

FIRST INFRACTION: 1-STROKE PENALTY

SECOND INFRACTION: 2-STROKE PENALTY

THIRD INFRACTION: DISQUALIFICATION from event, possibility of next scheduled event, and potentially rest of the year if violation is flagrant.

APPEAL PROCESS:

- 1) Appeals will only be handled in the scoring area at the completion of the stipulated round.
- 2) Once you have arrived at the scoring area, you will be notified of any breach(es) and you may submit a written appeal to the Committee before signing your scorecard and have not exited the scoring area. If you leave the scoring area for any reason you may no longer submit an appeal.
- 3) An appeal will be the decision of the Committee.