

JGA CODE OF CONDUCT

1. TOURNAMENT CANCELLATIONS, NO SHOWS, AND WITHDRAWALS

The largest single problem facing the JGA relating to tournament administration is the failure of junior golfers to meet their scheduled tee times. The result is confusion at tournaments and causes considerable embarrassment to the association in its important relationship with the local golf course professional. The following policy has been adopted by the JGA to impress upon the junior golfers their responsibility to the association:

Any participant who fails to give 48 hour prior notice of cancellation, does not show up for an event, withdraws from an event without notice, or does not return a scorecard for an event may be suspended from the next entered JGA tournament. A second violation in a season may result in suspension from all remaining tournaments without refund. If the violation falls on the last tournament of the season, the suspension will carry over to the following year.

To withdraw from a tournament, please call Grand Prairie at 388-4447 or email jga@kalamazooogolf.org.

2. TOURNAMENT CONFIRMATION AND TEE TIMES

The JGA does NOT confirm acceptance in the association nor tee times for an event by mail or by phone (we do not call you). You may find all tee times and registration lists on the JGA website at www.kalamazooogolf.org. The official tee sheet for each event will be located at Grand Prairie GC until the day of the event, in which case it will be at the host site. The JGA reserves the right to adjust your tee time by 10 minutes without notice, and with notification if more than 10 minutes.

3. CHECK-IN PROCEDURE AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

Participants must check in at the starter's table to confirm tee time and receive scorecard **15 minutes before his or her scheduled tee time**. The USGA Rule 6-3 concerning disqualification may be enforced for late arrivals. In the event of inclement weather, a decision to hold or cancel the event will be made as soon as possible (usually by the first scheduled tee time) on the morning of the event. Tee times may be delayed up to 1 hour, but the event will be canceled if play cannot be started within 1 hour. You are still expected to arrive for your scheduled tee time even if the weather looks bad - it may not be bad at the tournament site. Play will be immediately discontinued whenever there is lightning present.

4. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT, CADDIES, PACE OF PLAY

The JGA highly encourages parents to participate in their child's progress with the game of golf. However, *the JGA prohibits the use of caddies in all tournaments. Parents and spectators are not allowed to give advice during tournament play.* (Please see USGA Rule 8-1 regarding the 2-stroke penalty for advice.) Parents are encouraged to help with pace of play and finding lost balls, but shall defer all rulings to the JGA staff. Pace of Play will be monitored and appropriate penalties assessed when necessary. Parents are encouraged to caddy and/or offer advice in the 12 & under (Instructional) age group only.

5. DRESS CODE

Proper golf attire is required at all times. Collared shirts may be required at certain facilities. Shirts may be required to be tucked in at certain facilities. Denim jeans or denim shorts, tank tops, cut-offs, and clothing considered offensive is prohibited. Hats must be worn with bill forward at all times. Shoes with metal spikes are prohibited.

6. SCORING, RULES OF GOLF

Players will be provided USGA Rules of Golf books are expected to know and adhere to the Rules. Scorecards are expected to be legible, correct, signed, and returned to the scorer's table promptly. Please wait for the tournament coordinator to check your scorecard before leaving the scoring area. Report any rules or scoring questions or infractions before signing your scorecard. If the JGA suspects any scoring irregularity, all players involved may be disqualified.

7. SPECIFIC CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS INCLUDE:

- Lack of respect to the scorer, tournament officials, or another player.
- Failure to abide by the Rules of Golf or a decision by an official.
- Damage to green and/or other course property.
- Throwing clubs.
- Obscene or vulgar language.
- Use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs (unless medically prescribed) during play.
- Any other conduct or behavior deemed to be improper.

8. CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATION PENALTIES:

Upon any violation of the Code of Conduct, a player may receive any or all of the following: **a verbal and/or written warning; a two-stroke penalty; immediate disqualification; suspension of membership without refund.** All Code of Conduct penalties will be decided between the JGA and the players involved.