

SCGA Junior Tournament Series Spectator Policy

Preface:

This spectator policy **ONLY** applies to SCGA Junior Silver and Gold Tour events. The role of spectators at other SCGA Junior programs may differ. The goal of the SCGA Junior tournament series is to provide competitive playing opportunities for juniors to prepare for their next level of golf (local, regional, state junior events, or even college golf). While we encourage spectators to come out to SCGA Junior tournaments, an important part of junior golf is having the players learn how to make decisions on their own.

Spectator Guidelines:

1. When permitted by the host course, spectators will be allowed.
 - a. However, SCGA Junior will **ALWAYS** honor the spectator policies that the host course enforces.
 - i. This may include spectator fees, cart policies, number of spectators, where spectators can go, etc.
2. Only spectators that have an appropriate medical need will be permitted to use a golf cart.
 - a. Spectators must contact SCGA Junior staff **BEFORE** the day of the event to be approved to use a golf cart.
 - b. This policy only applies to facilities that allow spectator golf carts.
 - i. The facility spectator policy **ALWAYS** outweighs SCGA Junior spectator policy.
 - c. Spectators will be subject to the fees that the facility charges for the use of a golf cart.
3. Spectators **MUST** always be on the cart path or rough.
4. Spectators are **NEVER** allowed to give advice to any player during competition.
 - a. Examples of advice:
 - i. Giving yardage to players
 - ii. Telling players what club to hit
 - iii. Touching the player's equipment for any reason
 1. This includes moving a player's golf bag to facilitate pace of play
 - iv. Rulings
 1. When there is doubt as to how to proceed, always refer to Rule 20.1c(3) and play two balls
5. Spectators are allowed to provide necessary items to players as long as they do not interfere or delay play.
 - a. Necessary items include food, drink, medicine, etc.
6. Spectators are **NOT** allowed to be involved with player scoring unless asked to verify a situation by an SCGA Junior staff member or volunteer.
7. Spectators are allowed to and encouraged to help search for balls
 - a. When possible, we highly recommend spectators to be one-shot ahead of the group they are spectating to assist with the ball-search process and help speed up pace of play.
8. Any misconduct by spectators will not be tolerated and may result in the disqualification of the player or the removal of the spectator from the host facility
 - a. Misconduct examples include, but are not limited to,

- i. Inappropriate language, abuse of players, abuse of SCGA Junior staff and volunteers, and damaging the course

Possible Penalties:

Based on the severity of the violation, spectators may be subject to:

1. A verbal warning from SCGA Junior staff during the day of the event
2. A loss of spectating privileges and removal from the host facility
3. The general penalty as defined by Rule 1.3c(2) – two stroke penalty
4. Disqualification of the player from the day's event or future events
5. A long-term suspension of spectating privileges (6-months, 1-year, etc)
6. A ban on the player and spectator from ever participating in SCGA Junior programming.