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CGA Code of Conduct Policy

Effective January 2026

CGA CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY – The CGA expects all competitors to adhere to the "Standards of Player Conduct", which covers the "spirit of the game" and "showing consideration for others" by not distracting the play of another player. Additionally, the CGA requires all players to adhere to the following guidelines, known as the CGA Code of Conduct Policy.

By submitting an entry for any CGA competition or event, the contestant affirms their entry information is correct and assumes all risk and the contestant (and their caddie and/or spectators) understands that his/her participation is at the sole discretion of the CGA. A contestant (or their caddie and/or spectator/family members) may be removed from any competition at the discretion of the CGA Staff or Rules and Competitions Committee at any time before or during the competition.

Any of the following actions constitutes a violation of the CGA Code of Conduct Policy, but is not limited to:

- *Disorderly behavior, including, but not limited to:*
  - Unnecessary club throwing
  - Offensive or obscene language
  - Willful damage of the golf course, golf course property, any player's equipment or CGA property
  - Public criticism of golf course or verbal abuse of CGA staff, officials, volunteers, host club staff, members or other contestants
  - Potential endangerment of others
  - Conduct deemed unbecoming

- *Failure to care for the course, including, but not limited to:*
  - Reasonable effort to repair/fill divots.
  - Repair ball marks
  - Rake bunkers
  - Follow cart rules

- *Audio & Video Equipment – Players & Caddies*
  - Wearing ear buds, air pods, headphones, etc. are NOT permitted for players or caddies during competition rounds.
  - Players are prohibited from carrying, wearing, or attaching to their equipment devices specifically designed to capture audio, such as microphones, during any competition round.
  - Players are prohibited from using video recording devices during the round.

- *Audio & Video Equipment – Spectators*
  - Spectators are prohibited from carrying and using large microphones and large professional equipment that may be a distraction to other players. Examples are boom microphones and specialty lighting devices.
  - Spectators capturing audio or visual content must adhere to all spectator policies as to not distract other players, remain at least 15 yards from all players and stay off the "playing field" that includes teeing areas, fairways, bunkers and putting greens.

- *Failure to abide by the hole club's rules and policies*

- *Dress code violations*

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CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATION PENALTIES – Incidents of Serious Misconduct or actions deemed to be detrimental to the image of the CGA or contrary to the spirit of the game are grounds for disqualification and suspension from future CGA competitions. The CGA Tournament Committee may assess any or all of the following penalties based on severity and frequency of the violation.

Any Code of Conduct violation is subject to the following:

- First breach of the Code of Conduct – warning
- Second breach – one penalty stroke
- Third breach – General Penalty (loss of hole in Match Play or two penalty strokes in Stroke Play)
- Fourth breach or any serious misconduct – disqualification

SUSPENSIONS & APPEALS – Depending on the severity of the violation, a Code of Conduct disqualification may also result in disqualification/suspension from future CGA event(s). The CGA reserves the right to suspend or revoke a player's ability to compete in CGA events for a major breach of the Code of Conduct or other major violations. CGA participants violating the Code of Conduct at non-CGA competitions or practice rounds may also be subject to the penalties based on severity.

Any player suspended under the CGA Code of Conduct policy is suspended indefinitely until the following conditions are met:

1. Statement to CGA explaining their version of the events,
2. Written or verbal apology to the appropriate individual/club leadership, and
3. Remit any reimbursements or other incident statements if physical damage is involved.

Once those items are satisfied, the individual(s) may apply for reinstatement. At that point, the CGA will determine the suspension period or reinstatement date.