

GolfWA Junior Code of Conduct



Do...

- ✓ **Do** try your best within the rules of the game, remember everyone has good and bad shots!
- ✓ **Do** play ready golf and keep up with the group in front, no-one likes a slow round.
- ✓ **Do** respect the course - repair divots and pitch marks and rake bunkers, grown ups will love it.
- ✓ **Do** enjoy yourself, bad golf can still be a nice walk with your playing partners, talk to them!

Do not...

- ✗ **Do not** ever, ever knowingly cheat – it isn't worth it!
- ✗ **Do not** swear, smash or throw any equipment, hit balls off the green, or dig up the course - respect the course, club, playing partners and very importantly yourself.
- ✗ **Do not** distract your playing partners through poor behavior, your bad round shouldn't mean bad rounds for everyone else.
- ✗ **Do not** forget to keep up with the group in front, if your group falls behind you're all expected to catch up.

Do's will earn you respect from other Juniors and adults, and improve your chances of playing better golf 😊

Do not's will get you into trouble and you may be penalized, disqualified or even asked not to play golf again 😞

The full GolfWA Junior Code of Conduct is available at www.golfwa.org.au and explains in detail, unacceptable behavior, the GolfWA Player/Caddie Code of Conduct contained in GolfWA's Member Protection Policy details categories of offences, the full process of investigation and consequences where offences are proven, please remember these simple rules and you and your playing partners will enjoy the game!

Parents Brief - GolfWA Junior Code of Conduct



At GolfWA we place the right to enjoy a round of golf, over and above individual performance at all levels of competition.

For children of primary school age (i.e. the MyGolf Tour) the emphasis is on participation, skill acquisition, and game education. We expressly wish these children to enjoy golf as a game first, satisfying competitive instincts second and all research to date suggests this is the best approach for their healthy development.

As ability improves or children reach teenage years there is a shift in junior events towards golf as a competitive sport. However enjoyment of the game itself is still the most important aspect. The Junior Code of Conduct does not make any concessions for competitive passion resulting in cheating or poor behavior which proves a distraction to others or impacts upon enjoyment of the game.

We have chosen language and examples in the “Junior Code of Conduct” to make it clear as to what is acceptable behaviour, and what is not.

We would appreciate your support in helping your child to understand the “spirit” in which the game of golf is to be played. If you become aware of your child struggling to control their emotions, then a rest from competitive golf is recommended before they fall foul of a complaint.

Persistent and consistent behaviour will not be tolerated, everyone looks to parents to discipline or remove their child behaving inappropriately, ahead of any club or GolfWA measures.

If you or your child is in a group where another child is in breach of the code of conduct, then a request to cease such behaviour is encouraged, if their behavior continues please advise a GolfWA or tournament official.

The full GolfWA Player/Caddie Code of Conduct is very detailed, the process for handling breaches of the full Code of Conduct is arduous and penalties can be harsh.

It is our firm desire that no junior should ever give rise or have to go through to this process.



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GolfWA Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

As a parent/guardian of a player/participant in any activity held by or under the auspices of GolfWA, a member association or an affiliated club, you must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any such activity or event:

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
2. Remember that your child participates in sport for their own enjoyment, not yours. Do not pressure them.
3. Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
4. Never ridicule or yell at your child and other children for making a mistake or losing a competition.
5. Show appreciation for good performance and skilful plays by all players (including opposing players).
6. Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with or in the vicinity of persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions are an example.
7. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
8. Do not physically or verbally abuse or harass anyone associated with the sport (player, coach, umpire and so on).
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
10. Be a positive role model.
11. Understand the repercussions if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of, this code of behaviour.
12. Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.

Failure to do so may result in a suspension or ban from GolfWA events.