

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.
- ✓ **Do** enjoy yourself, bad golf can still be a nice walk with your playing partners.

Do not...

- ✗ **Do not** ever knowingly cheat.
- ✗ **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 most importantly yourself.
- ✗ **Do not** display or 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 help you play better golf and earn you respect from others.

Do not's will get you into trouble and you may be penalized, disqualified or subject to disciplinary action.

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 Crunch & Sip Junior 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 behaviour 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 unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated. The expectation is for parents to educate or remove their child if they are 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 [GolfWA Code of Conduct & Disciplinary Procedures](#) 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 have to go through to this process.

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. Failure to do so may result you and your child being penalized, disqualified or subject to disciplinary action.

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
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 skillful play 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. **Be a positive role model.**
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 etc.)
9. Parents/Guardians and spectators are required to stay 30m distance from groups and to the side of the fairway.

It is your responsibility to understand the potential repercussions if you breach this code of conduct.

GolfWA have introduced an on-course procedure for a breach of the above code of conduct which is outlined on the following page.

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If this code of conduct is breached, the following infringements will be imposed:

- (i) A warning will be issued for a first breach. A GolfWA staff member or tournament official can give this warning, the tournament committee/GolfWA will be informed immediately.
- (ii) A second breach will incur a two-shot penalty or loss of hole for the relevant player. A GolfWA staff member or tournament official can issue this infringement, the tournament committee/GolfWA will be informed immediately.
- (iii) A third breach will result in the offending parent/guardian and/or spectator being asked to leave the course, should they refuse, the relevant player will be disqualified and required to leave the course. A GolfWA staff member or tournament official can issue this infringement, the tournament committee/GolfWA will be informed immediately.

Infringements will be tallied on a twelve (12) month rolling basis, meaning they carry over from event to event. E.g. A first breach warning is issued at the Cobra Puma Junior Championships, a breach at the Drummond Golf Junior Amateur Championships will be considered a second breach and the player will be penalized. Should multiple infringements be recorded, further infringements will be imposed on the offending party and their player in accordance with [Golf Australia Member Protection Policy](#) in addition to the GolfWA Code of Conduct & Disciplinary Procedures.