

2023 Parent and Spectator Rules and Expectations

SPECTATOR POLICY

All parents, unless under suspension from the IGA, have the right to watch their child participate in Idaho Junior Tour Tournaments. However, in order to maintain this ability, certain guidelines must be followed. All spectators must adhere to this policy, understanding that any breach will result in removal from the golf course and possibly being banned from future events. As a spectator at the golf course you are just that—a spectator. You are not an active participant in the day's events.

Spectators are encouraged to walk one shot ahead of the group they are watching in order to forecaddie (or spot) for golf balls. This also eliminates the temptation of talking to a junior golfer during his or her round.

GENERAL: Where provided, spectators MUST stay on the cart path or in the rough. The only two exceptions to this are: **(1)** to help search for a golf ball and **(2)** if view of the putting green is obstructed from the cart path. In each of these circumstances, spectators must return to the cart path as soon as the ball is located or the group has putted out, respectively.

Communication

- Encouragement is always allowed. Anything that could possibly be construed as advice is not allowed. The USGA defines advice as "any verbal comment or action that is intended to influence you or another player in choosing a club, making a stroke, or deciding how to play during a hole or round."
- You should not walk beside a junior golfer and talk. Spectators may provide players with drinks, towels, umbrellas, food or other items not deemed equipment during a stipulated round. However, spectators must deliver the item to the player without providing advice or guidance.

Rulings

- Volunteers helping out in the 9-Hole Series as a walking scorer will be the only adults allowed in the scoring area. These individuals are designated before a round.
- Spectators are NOT to give rulings on the golf course. If a player cannot locate a IJT staff member or rules official on hand call the number provided via cell phone and ask your question via speaker mode so all can hear. Incorrect rulings given by parents will not be remedied in the scoring area, as players are ultimately responsible for knowing the rules.
- Please remember it is the responsibility of the players, not the parents or spectators to verify scorecards. Parents are not allowed in the scoring area. If players have difficulty confronting fellow competitors directly, the player must talk to a rules official or tournament director prior to signing scorecards.
- Players may not talk with parents regarding rulings or scores until AFTER scorecards are turned into officials. Changes will not be made to scorecards or rulings once a player has left the scoring area.

Volunteers & Staff

- The Idaho Junior Tour is run by various volunteers, interns and IGA staff.
- Disrespect to tournament officials, volunteers and other players will not be tolerated.
- Obscene, abusive or vulgar language will not be tolerated.
- Spectators interfering with discussions on rulings and scores will not be permitted.

Golf Carts

- Spectators may rent carts to watch juniors play, if the course allows.
- Carts will be rented out by the Pro Shop on a first come, first serve basis.
- Spectators with carts are to keep carts out of the way of players. Carts are to remain on cart paths when available. If cart paths are not available carts are to remain in the rough.
- Spectators in carts are encouraged to be one shot ahead of the group they are watching in order to forecaddie (or spot) for golf balls. Carts are not to follow behind players down the fairways, as it slows down play for the group behind. Spectators that continue to follow players down the fairway will be asked to move carts to the cart path or rough. If spectators continue to remain in the fairway after being asked to move the cart. They will be asked to return to the pro shop.

Disputes & Disruptions

- If you have an issue with another spectator, please inform a IJT staff member. **DO NOT** attempt to solve the issue on your own.
- Yelling at or discouraging a junior golfer, including your own child, will not be tolerated at any event. Insulting, intimidating, or communicating with any junior golfer in a destructive manner will result in immediate removal from the golf course.

Cell Phones

- Spectators may carry cell phones so long as they are on silent or vibrate.
- Spectators who misuse cell phones will be asked to leave the course.

Idaho Junior Tour staff members have the authority to remove any spectator who is not abiding by the above policies.

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