



## SPECTATOR POLICY

Spectating is a privilege on the SCPGA Junior Tour, not a right. If the host club does not permit spectators, then the SCPGA Junior Tour will abide by their wishes and not allow spectators. **If permitted by the host course**, spectators will be allowed, provided they abide by the guidelines set forth below. All Spectators must display their "2017 SPECTATOR" badge which can be purchased at SCPGA events for \$1.00 (*\*\*\*Only badges printed for 2016 are acceptable at events\*\*\**). If the two badges sent are not sufficient, additional badges may be purchased for \$5 per badge at SCPGA Junior Tour tournaments. *\*\*Golf cars will be allowed for Spectators with legal proof of disability, but the procedure in the Subsection titled, "Disabled Spectator Cars" MUST be followed.* The following are our guidelines for Spectating:

1. Spectators may NOT speak to, communicate with (includes hand signals) or give **advice** to **any** player during competition.  
**Examples of advice:**  
"you should hit a 6-iron here"  
"take an unplayable lie"  
"keep your head down"  
"relax, take it one shot at a time"
2. Spectators may give necessary items (food, drink, medicine, etc.) to players. (Rule 6-4/5.3) These items may only be given following the completion of a hole or at the turn, and must not interrupt play. *\*\*\*Abuse of this privilege will not be tolerated and the player will be subject to penalty.*
3. All spectators **must** stay in the *rough* or on the *cart path* and maintain at least a 20-yard distance between all players during competition.
4. Spectators are NOT to get involved in scoring matters, (including Rulings) unless requested by the SCPGA staff.
5. Spectators are permitted to assist in a ball search and/or give information as to a ball's location if needed and can be done in a safe manner.
6. Spectators may be called upon by Tournament Staff to verify a score or order of events during play.
7. Any misconduct or unbecoming behavior by the Junior Member or their parent/guardian may result in the immediate disqualification of the player from the event, or the removal of the parent/guardian from the facility. Examples of misconduct include, but are not limited to, throwing clubs, use of vulgar or obscene language, smoking, drinking, use of tobacco, littering, abuse of SCPGA Staff, volunteers, or PGA Members. If you witness any unbecoming behavior, please report it immediately to the SCPGA Staff on-site. Excessive and continued abuse of SCPGA Rules and Regulations by a Junior Member or Parent will result in a hearing with the SCPGA Advisory Committee and /or suspension or expulsion from the SCPGA Junior Tour. If a junior or a parent is suspended, the suspension may last throughout the end of the calendar year. The Junior/Parent may reapply for Membership/reinstatement the following year, and may appeal the

Advisory Committee's decision. Notification of any suspension or expulsion will be forwarded to the AJGA & USGA.

**Penalty for breach:** Two stroke penalty to the player involved for accepting advice (Rule 8-1), and removal of spectator(s) in violation. If the violation occurs twice within the same season (calendar year), the spectator will be suspended from SCPGA Junior Tour events for the remainder of the year.

### **DISABLED SPECTATOR CAR POLICY**

Spectator Cars will be allowed for disabled spectators who have completed the Application process to be an Approved Disabled Spectator on the SCPGA Junior Tour. Spectators that require the use of a golf cart must be **pre-approved**. The request form can be found online at [scpgajrtour.com](http://scpgajrtour.com) under the [Membership>Forms and Application](#) link. Individuals must complete and return the request form to Amberlynn Dorsey at [adorsey@pgahq.com](mailto:adorsey@pgahq.com). A 5-10 day waiting period (from the date we receive the materials) is required to verify documents and issue the official Spectator Car Badge. There will be a \$5 charge for processing, materials and shipping of the badge. Any lost badges will have a \$5 replacement fee. Violation of any of the policies printed on the Badge will result in the immediate loss of privilege. Spectators are responsible for the course's car fee. The Badge must be present to have access to a car at an event that allows spectators, no exceptions. If an Approved user is unable to physically drive the golf car, please request an additional badge for a driver to use. The following are the rules and guidelines specific to those who receive an Approved Spectator Car Badge:

- The privilege may only be used at courses that allow spectators on the course. It will be at the discretion of the host facility if they will grant you the use of the spectator car. Most courses that allow spectators will allow the use of one of their golf cars, but the cost will be harbored by the spectator for that car. *\*\*\*The SCPGA Junior Tour is not responsible for a course that chooses not to allow any spectator cars on the course. Playing at each facility is a privilege, not a right, and all spectators shall abide by the rules of the facility.*
- Spectator cars shall be operated in a safe manner, in observance of golf etiquette, and without any unnecessary interference with play.
- The Rules printed on the back of the 2017 Spectator Car Approved badge must be followed. These are in addition to the standard Spectating policies of the SCPGA Junior Tour. Failure to abide by these rules will result in an immediate loss of privileges.