



JDT Caddies Rules & Regulations

Overview: We would like to welcome all caddies to the SCPGA's JDT program. Caddies will play a very important role in supporting our JDT members as they make the transition from recreational golf to competitive play. It is our primary goal to ensure that each junior golfer has a great experience competing in our tournaments. We also want to ensure that each junior golfer is able to learn, develop, and ultimately advance to the Players Tour when they are ready.

Eligibility: All JDT members in the 5-7 and 8-11 divisions are eligible to have a caddie at JDT tournaments. However, caddies are not required.

Caddie Registration: In order to caddie for your JDT player you must register to become a JDT caddie on the SCPGA Jr Tour website ([please click here to register](#)). Registration must include passing the JDT caddie quiz and a \$20 registration fee. You will then receive your JDT approved caddie badge at your first JDT

event. Please use and display that badge to the SCPGA staff member at the registration table at all JDT tournaments so they can approve you to be on the golf course that day as an approved caddie for your player. If you do not complete the registration process to be an approved caddie, you will not be able to participate as a caddie until registration is complete.

Caddie Age Requirement: All JDT caddies must be at least 15 years of age and must abide by the JDT Caddie Code of Conduct (see page 3.).

Dress Code: All JDT caddies must wear proper golf attire and adhere to the same dress code as the JDT players. Please [click here](#) to view our Dress Code policy.

Responsibilities of a Caddie

- Carry or push the player's bag/cart
- Help with club selection
- Assist the player with adhering to proper Pace of Play (see SCPGA Jr. Tour Handbook Page 12)
- Help with proper golf etiquette
- Rake the bunkers and replace divots
- Assist with ball searches ([USGA Rule 18.2a\(1\)](#))
- Give advice; not coach
- Assist with score keeping and the scoring process
- Assistance with maintaining the Rules of Golf
 - *Note: If you give the wrong advice on a ruling and the player takes your advice, the player is still responsible for any penalties that they may have incurred. That is why it is always important to ask an SCPGA official to help with any rulings or issues which may arise during the competition.*

Things a Caddie Cannot Do

- In an effort to help speed up pace of play, caddies are not allowed on the putting greens.
- Caddies cannot stand behind the player when the player takes his or her stance or while they are making a stroke. (Rule 10.2)
- A caddie cannot drop or place a ball in a relief area. (Rule 14.3)
- A caddie cannot give advice to other players.
- Caddies cannot drive a golf cart during the tournament.
- A caddie cannot coach the player during the JDT tournament. They can only give advice.

Code of Conduct

Any misconduct or unbecoming behavior by the JDT caddie may result in the immediate disqualification of the player from the golf tournament and the removal of the caddie from the facility. Examples of misconduct include, but are not limited to the following:

- Use of vulgar or obscene language
- Verbal or physical abuse including threats to players, other caddies, spectators, golf course staff, or SCPGA staff
- Smoking, vaping, chewing tobacco, and drinking alcohol
- Urinating in public
- Littering on golf course property
- Club throwing
- Not adhering to the dress code
- Cheating
- Bullying
- Any other conduct deemed unbecoming of a SCPGA Junior Tour player or caddie