



MGA Code of Conduct Policy

By submitting an entry, or by participating in any MGA competition, the player understands that his/her participation is at the sole discretion of the MGA. In addition to incurring penalties under Rule 1.2 of the Rules of Golf (including disqualification) for a breach of the MGA Code of Conduct Policy, the player's entry may be rejected for any event, at the discretion of the Official-in-Charge, at any time before the close of the competition. Likewise, the player's entry may be rejected, at the discretion of the Committee for reasons deemed necessary, at any time after the close of the competition.

Serious misconduct or actions at any MGA event, or state, national, or international event, or conduct or action deemed detrimental to the MGA, the spirit of the game or to the host facilities are grounds for such rejection and/or additional sanctions.

These include, but are not limited to:

1. Cheating
2. Willful destruction of golf course or MGA property
3. Abusive language or conduct towards MGA and/or host facility, staff, volunteers, or other players
4. Abusive or derogatory criticism of the MGA and/or host facility staff, volunteers, or other players
5. Club throwing and/or physical endangerment of others
6. Offensive or excessively loud behavior
7. Alcohol and/or substance impaired behavior
8. Repeated withdrawals or no cards during or after completion of a round
9. Inappropriate golf attire
10. Failure to follow a request of the Committee pertaining to the use of a telecommunications device or the like
11. Other conduct treated as serious misconduct

Should an incident occur, the Official-in-Charge will submit a report to the Rules and Competitions Committee. If the Committee deems further action may be necessary, a Sub-Committee will be convened for the purpose of reviewing the incident and interviewing all involved individuals. The Sub-Committee will be made up of the MGA President, MGA Rules and Competitions Committee Chair, MGA Executive Director, MGA Director of Rules and Competitions (unless involved in the incident) and three (3) at-large members who are the peers of the player under review. The Sub-Committee will render a ruling that may include sanctions ranging from probation to suspension from future MGA events, to not being eligible for MGA team competitions and/or player awards. This also may include losing exempt status for future year(s).

If sanctions are imposed, the player has the right to appeal the decision to the MGA Executive Committee, whose decision is final.

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