

NGF Tournaments 2022

Code of Conduct and disciplinary procedures (Section C1)

Conduct Guidelines:

All participants and everybody involved in NGF tournaments are required to adhere to the NGF Conduct Guidelines. Players and caddies must submit themselves to standards of behaviour and ethical conduct at all times. They must act in the best interests of the NGF and its sponsors, hosting club and the game of golf. It is impossible to make a list of all the acts in violation of the standard of behaviour.

The violations of the Code of Conduct listed below are just a few examples of serious and less serious misbehaviour:

Category A: Serious breach of the Code of Conduct:

- Physical or verbal abuse against other players, officials or other persons.
- Throwing clubs or breaking clubs intentionally.
- Throwing away balls with danger to other people.
- Smoking by players and caddies during a round of competition (electronic cigarettes are also not allowed).
- Deliberately not playing by the rules or knowingly not applying a rule (cheating).
- Theft of or damaging belongings of others.
- Any form of deliberate damage of the course or clubhouse where the event takes place.
- Withholding of any important information regarding a violation of the Rules of Golf.
- Disrespectful behaviour against NGF officials, representatives of the course, fellow players and spectators.
- Any behaviour that could harm the interests and/or image of the NGF.
- Any other behaviour or excessive form of aggression that is considered unacceptable by the committee.

Category B: Other violations of the Code of Conduct:

- Not taking good care of the course.
- Deliberately polluting or damaging nature (trash and unwanted balls not thrown into bins).
- Loud (emotional) raising voice.
- Audible obscenity (any kind of swearing).
- Any behaviour seriously distracting the play of another player.
- Entering areas marked "verboden te betreden / prohibited areas".
- Deliberately hitting balls outside the permitted area on the driving range (for example over the fence at the back).

Referees should inform the tournament director about violations of the Code of Conduct. Players and others involved must be able to do so without hesitation

Disciplinary procedure and sanctions:

If a possible violation has taken place, the tournament director as representative of the committee will investigate the incident as soon as possible. The investigation includes interviewing the person involved and witnesses of the violation. The committee will then decide whether it is a category A, category B or not a violation.

Penalty for category A violation:

Disqualification according to Rule 1.2a and exclusion from the tournament.

In addition, it can be decided that the violation was so serious that additional sanctions are deemed necessary, in the form of further disciplinary measures or submission to the disciplinary committee.

Penalty for breach of category B:

- **First breach at a tournament: Warning.**
- **Second breach at a tournament: General penalty.**
- **Third breach at a tournament: Disqualification.**

For both category A and B, a disciplinary measure is imposed after a second disqualification during the season (See competition conditions section A; A-15).