



NGF Competitions 2026 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 their caddies must behave decently, respectfully and with integrity before, during, between and after practice and competition rounds. The interests of the NGF, its sponsors, the host club and the game of golf in general may not be harmed.

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 deliberately breaking clubs.
- Throwing balls away with danger to other people.
- Smoking by players and caddies during a competition round (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 decisive 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 balls not thrown into bins).
- Loud (emotional) raised voices.
- Audible obscenity (any kind of swearing).
- Any behaviour seriously distracting the play of another player.
- Entering areas marked "verboden te betreden / prohibited area".
- 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 being blamed for it.



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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 Breach of Rule 1.2 Category A:

- Disqualification.

In addition, it may 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 Rule 1.2 Category B:

- Penalty for First breach: Warning.
- Penalty for Second breach: General Penalty.
- Penalty for Third breach: Disqualification.

Penalties will be carried forward in a round and to the next rounds until the tournament is completed.

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).



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