

# Central New York PGA Junior Golf Tour

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“Protecting the Integrity of the Field”



# PGA

Central New York Section

## Junior Tour

Dear Junior Golfer and Guardian:

In order to ensure that we continue to provide a competitive environment that is also fun for everyone to participate in, we need to make sure that we are protecting the integrity of the field. What does this mean? It means making sure that our Code of Conduct is followed by everyone, making a fair and even playing ground for all participants. In order to make this happen, we will be focusing on our Code of Conduct Policy this season. **We will be requiring every Junior Tour player AND their guardian to read and sign our Junior Tour Code of Conduct.** We hope that by focusing on this, we can eliminate any unfair advantages gained by any player through the means of cheating. The game of golf is based on a high moral standard and we are responsible for upholding that tradition. Please take the time to read and sign the enclosed Code of Conduct. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Section Office at 315-446-5610. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Brianna Sovring  
Player Development Director  
Central New York PGA

## **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

- Dress Code:**
1. All Competitors shall wear shirts with a collar; *mock golf shirts* are allowed.
  2. Girls golf shirts may be sleeveless.
  3. T-shirts and tank tops are not allowed.
  4. Players may wear shorts of mid-thigh length. Gym shorts, blue jeans and cutoffs are not allowed.
  5. Shirts must remain “tucked-in” at all times.
  6. “Baseball” caps are acceptable, with bill facing forwards.

**1st infraction – warning; 2<sup>nd</sup> infraction 2 stroke penalty and player must correct immediately; 3rd infraction - Disqualification from event**

### **“NO-SHOW” Policy:**

A player must call the CNY PGA Section office one day prior to the tournament from which they intend to withdraw. **A player failing to withdraw from a tournament and/or failing to compete will forfeit the entry fee and be suspended from the next tournament and no money shall be refunded.** If a player breaches this rule a second time, he/she will be suspended for the remainder of the season and forfeit all applicable entry fees.

### **Caddies and or Carts:**

Caddies and/or motorized carts will not be permitted at any Central New York PGA Junior Golf Tour event. Each competitor must walk and carry his/her own clubs. Pull carts are allowed unless not permitted by the host facility.

### **Spectator Guidelines:**

Parents are more than welcome to follow their children around the golf course, however, any interaction between spectators and children is unacceptable and could result in disqualification. Please see below our guidelines.

This applies for every tournament the Central New York PGA Administers.

1<sup>st</sup> offence: 2 stroke penalty to your son or daughter

2<sup>nd</sup> offence: Your son or daughter will be DQ (disqualification)

- **No advice is to be given during the round. “Advice” is any counsel or suggestion, which could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of club or the method of making a stroke (see Rule 8 in the USGA Rules Book).**
- **You may follow but no interaction with any player is allowed. No spectator is allowed on any greens, tee boxes or fairways. Spectators are “outside the ropes” only.**
- **Parents will not make any rulings. If the players are in doubt of a ruling they can play two balls. Before signing their scorecard they can come to the committee to talk about the situation.**

If you are unable to follow these guidelines, then we will ask you not to follow your son or daughter.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Conduct:**

Any conduct that is determined to be detrimental to the Central New York PGA Junior Golf Tour will not be tolerated. Such conduct includes but is not limited to the following: Consumption of alcoholic beverages, smoking or use of tobacco products, drug use, gambling, abusive language or profanity, club throwing, damage or abuse of host facility property.

Any breach of the above guidelines will result in disqualification from the event where the incident occurred. The player will also be disqualified from the next event entered without a refund. A second infraction will result in suspension from the Central New York PGA Junior Golf Tour for the remainder of the season and forfeiture of all applicable entry fees.

### **Players Assisting Players:**

Fellow-competitors are not allowed to give advice to each other. "Advice" is any counsel or suggestion, which could influence a player in determining his/her play, the choice of club or the method of making a stroke (see page 32, Rule 1-3 of the Rules of Golf book). To assist in understanding this definition provided here are just a few examples of giving advice:

"I think you should hit a 6-iron here" or "Take an un-playable lie" or "Your ball is 124 yards from the hole" or "Keep your head down".

However, information on the Rules or on matters of public information, such as the position of hazards or the flagstick on the putting green is not advice. The following are not examples of asking for advice: "Can you show me where the 150 yard marker is?" or "My ball is in the hazard, what are my options?" or "Where is the hole located?" or "Is the hazard located on the left or right side of the fairway?"

### **Cheating:**

**Cheating of any type will not be tolerated and will result in immediate disqualification and suspension from the Central New York PGA Junior Golf Tour. The player will forfeit all remaining entry fees and incur a one-year suspension from all Central New York PGA sanctioned events.**

### **Care for the Golf Course:**

All players are expected to maintain, as well as improve, the condition of the golf course by replacing divots, repairing ball marks, raking bunkers, picking up and disposing of trash, etc.

### **Individuals with Special Needs:**

The Central New York PGA Junior Golf Tour strongly supports and encourages individuals with special needs to participate on the tour. We please ask that all guidelines

from above be reached. For more information please contact the section office at 315-446-5610.

I have read and agree to the Policies and Procedures and Code of Conduct.

Player Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Player Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## The Junior Golfer's Creed

Golf is a wonderful game. As a junior golfer, I will **RESPECT** and be good to the game of golf.

**R**esponsibility – I will learn the rules of golf, follow the rules of the course and take responsibility for all my actions on the course.

**E**tiquette – I will abide by the rules of etiquette, awaiting the proper time to hit, refraining from foul language and boisterous behavior, and generally conducting myself as a young lady or young gentleman on the course.

**S**ensitivity – I will be sensitive to the environment and the course where I play and to those who maintain and manage it.

**P**ace – I will keep up with the group ahead and maintain an appropriate pace of play.

**E**ducate – I will do my best to educate others and myself on the principles of this creed and live up to it at every opportunity.

**C**onditions – I will strive to leave the course in better condition than I find it, by fixing my ball marks (and those of others), replacing my divots, raking bunkers, and properly disposing of trash.

**T**raditions – I will learn and embrace the rules and traditions of this ancient and honorable game and respect my fellow golfers and the courses we are privileged to play.

The goal of the creed is to encourage everyone to conduct themselves properly to ensure enjoyment. The intent is that all golf participants will continue to carryout the creed and use it to better the game.