

## **Prep Tour Spectator Policy and Guidelines**

In golf, customs of etiquette and decorum are just as important as the rules that govern play. It is appropriate for parents and spectators to applaud successful strokes, but in order to secure the spirit of the game, we ask parents, coaches and ALL spectators to please adhere to the following guidelines:

Please note that if any of the following guidelines are perceived as broken by a Tour official, the player may be subject to penalty. Please remember that spectating is a PRIVILEGE not a RIGHT.

**Advice (Rule 8) is any counsel or suggestion which could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of a club or the method of making a stroke.** In addition, any conversation between player/spectator may be construed as advice. This includes any conversation between player/spectator in their native language. In either instance, **penalty for breach of this rule is two strokes.** Players are responsible for the actions of their relatives and spectators in regards to this rule.

In addition to the USGA definition of Advice, for which a player may be penalized, the Tour has a set of activities that spectators may not participate in. Breach of the following by a spectator may result in the spectator being immediately removed from a Tour event, and prohibited from spectating in the future:

### **Tour SPECTATORS MAY NOT:**

- \* Give/Offer advice during round
- \* Make rulings
- \* Stand on tee box behind players while they are teeing off
- \* Call penalties on players
- \* Violate host golf course policies/rules
- \* Use profane/abusive language toward players or staff

Keeping the above statement in mind, keep your conversation with the player to words of encouragement as long as advice is not given. Be supportive of all players in the group/event. Also, please note

Spectators attend Tour events at their own risk.

Spectators should stay on cart paths. In the absence of cart paths, we ask that spectators stay in the rough. **Spectators are not allowed in the fairways.**

**Spectators should stay one shot ahead of the group they are following.** This allows spectators to follow errant shots and help identify where the ball comes to rest. Spectators are allowed to assist in the search for lost golf balls.

**Spectators may not give rulings.** If a rules official is not nearby and a player/group is in doubt to a rules situation or has doubt as to procedure, the player should play a second ball under USGA Rule 3-3.

Spectators are allowed to carry medicine, drinks, food, umbrellas, etc. Please be respectful of our host venues' policies regarding carry-on drinks and food.