

# Prep Tour Caddie Rules

The Prep Tour will allow the use of caddies only in the Junior High Boys Division. **Junior High Boys competing in HS Boys divisions MAY NOT have a caddie.** All Junior High Boys and their caddies must review the caddie rules prior to the start of the competition. Not being aware of these Prep Tour caddie rules will not prevent a player or caddie from receiving a penalty, and/or a caddie suspension.

- Caddies will be allowed to push or carry (by non motorized means) the player's clubs and equipment during the play of a hole.
- **Caddies must be 18 years of age or older.**
- Once a player's ball has come to rest on the putting surface, caddies MAY NOT communicate any further with the player until all golf balls have been holed and all players proceed to the next teeing ground. Caddies are NOT ALLOWED on the putting surfaces and may not give advice after their player's ball is on the green.
- Once a player's ball has come to rest on the putting surface, **the caddie MUST gather the player's clubs and begin walking towards the next tee. Continuous putting rules apply to Junior High Boys and their caddies.**
- A player may only have 1 designated caddie during the round. The designated caddie must be declared and present for the Starter's Instructions on the 1st tee. A caddie MAY NOT join a competitor after the round has begun. Players MAY NOT switch caddies during a round.
- A player may only receive advice from their designated caddie during competition. All other spectators/parents are still subject to the published Prep Tour spectator policies which prohibit advice/coaching during competition. (Rule 10.2)
- Caddies are NOT ALLOWED to deliberately stand on or close to the extended line of play behind a player while a player is taking his stance until the stroke is made. Caddies may give advice to their player about relief options, but caddies are NOT ALLOWED to assess penalties on fellow competitors or make rulings for the group.
- Caddies are encouraged to assist with pace of play policies for their player and will not be a cause for slow play. The Junior High Boys division will still be subject to published Prep Tour pace of play standards and guidelines.
- Caddies are encouraged to help their player count and record an accurate score. Caddies should not confront other players in the group regarding reported scores. This is a player's responsibility and part of the competition.
- Caddies are not allowed in the scoring area at the conclusion of the round. This is a player's responsibility and part of the competition.
- The role of the caddie and the intent of this initiative is to help educate young players on tournament pace of play and the rules of competitive golf. A caddies' role is to emphasize sportsmanship, etiquette and positive attitudes.
- Caddies may not use tobacco or alcohol during competitions.

**Breach of Policies and or rules by caddies**

- 1st Offense = Warning from a Prep Tour Official
- 2nd Offense = Caddie privileges will be suspended for the tournament.
- Final Offense = Caddie privileges will be rescinded for the rest of the year.

The Prep Tour Director has the authority to eliminate or modify this policy at any time.

