

# Prep Tour Caddie Rules



**Purpose:** The purpose of having Caddies on the Prep Tour is to make the adjustment to competitive golf easier for our young aspiring golfers. There is much more to tournament golf than simply swinging a club. The Caddie's role is to assist and simplify the challenges of competitive golf.

**NOTICE:** There is a difference between a Caddie and a Coach. Caddies are there to advise and alleviate some of the stress of tournament golf. "Coaching" can sometimes add to the stress, ultimately making the tournament atmosphere even more challenging.

**Please consider carefully if a Caddie for your player is right for you.** We encourage having a conversation and "Game-plan" before your first tournament. Go test it out in a practice round at a course near you! Practice keeping score, continuous putting, clearing the green, and ALL the responsibilities of tournament golf! We have MANY events throughout the year, so keep practicing until you feel you are up to the CHALLENGE of Tournament Golf.

- 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.** For example, a Spectator may **NOT** walk with their player or Caddie.
- Caddies must be at least 17 years of age.
- Caddies **will be** allowed to **push** or **carry** (by non-motorized means) the player's clubs and equipment during the play of a hole. A player or Caddie may NOT use a Spectator Cart.
- Caddies may **NOT** rent a Spectator Cart to ride in or transport clubs. Caddies must walk!

- 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.
- Caddies are subject to the same **"Clearing the Green"** rule as the players. This means once your player's ball is on the Green, you are required to position yourself closer to the next tee. While waiting, please gather clubs, count the score of your player, and start walking towards the next tee. You may watch your player putt, but please do so in a position that won't cause delay.
- 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 required 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 Caddie's role is to emphasize sportsmanship, etiquette and positive attitudes.
- Prep Tour caddies may not use alcohol or tobacco products during competition.

#### **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.

**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.**