

JUNIOR MATCHPLAY SERIES 2024

FAMILY AND FRIENDS SPECTATOR GUIDE



- 1) **No family members or friends are permitted to caddy at any time.**

Exceptions to rule 1.

Only team managers, players and reserves who have finished competing on the day may caddy / walk beside teammates for remaining matches.

- 2) Parents and spectators are welcome and encouraged but in the interests of the players please walk the course as spectators and remain in the rough areas, on designated cart paths or walk along the tree line to watch players.
- 3) Parents and spectators are not allowed to walk onto any teeing ground, down the middle of the fairway or onto the green. Only team managers, players, reserves and GCDGA representatives are permitted to walk and talk with players on tees, fairways, and greens.
- 4) **Players are advised that the use of ringing mobile phones is restricted to the car park and club house only at each club/venue unless a medical emergency arises. [All phones must be turned off or placed on silent mode during any competition round]. Penalty: loss of hole where infringement occurred – however any further offences during the same individual match could result in the player being disqualified.**
- 5) Spectators can act as additional spotters for errant shots and or help search for lost balls in long grasses and hazards.
- 6) Parents and spectators are not allowed to offer any advice or coaching throughout the round or get involved with any rulings or scoring disputes. There will be on-course team managers, GCDGA members and a designated rules official available to assist and deal with any problems arising on the golf course.
- 7) Parents and spectators who are found to be crossing these clearly defined guidelines above will be given an official warning, if behavior continues, they may be asked to leave the course.
- 8) Player/team support is encouraged but not at the expense of others. Please refrain from boisterous behavior and/or poor sportsmanship.
- 9) The GCDGA recognises the benefits of social media for sharing stories and photos. However, the GCDGA does not tolerate abusive (bullying), discriminatory, intimidatory or offensive statements being made online or the inappropriate use of photos or videos.

The GCDGA encourages parents, guardians and spectators to be aware of such risks and to take steps, where possible, to minimise them.

Anybody who negatively uses photos, videos, commits cyberbullying or encourages cyberbullying will be given a lifetime ban and possible legal action.

Everyone who participates in and contributes to golf and/or a club has some responsibility for ensuring and maintaining safe environments for children and young people.

Please be aware of your surroundings when supporting your player/team and have a wonderful day.

Kind regards,

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