



Parents Code of Conduct – Tournament Play

"In golf, customs of etiquette and decorum are just as important as rules governing 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 and spectators to please adhere to the following guidelines: (Please note that if any of the following guidelines are perceived as broken by a Tournament official, the player may be subject to penalty.)

1. 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.
2. Keeping the above statement in mind, please keep your conversation with the player to words of encouragement as long as advice is not given.
3. Spectators attend First Tee events at their own risk.
4. Please silence all cell phones at First Tee events.
5. Spectators should stay on cart paths. In the absence of cart paths, we ask that spectators stay in the rough. Please stay off fairways, tees and greens. We ask that you stay at least 50-100 yards away from players at all times (except #8)
6. 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 aid in the search for lost golf balls. Spectators are not allowed to carry a players bag at any time, unless the player is withdrawing from the tournament.
7. Spectators should not give rulings. Please seek a Tournament rules official if the need arises.
8. Spectators are allowed to carry medicine, drinks, food, umbrellas, etc. These can be given to players in between holes.
9. The First Tee staff may assess a penalty to the player based on the severity of the spectator violation. If a serious breach has occurred, the spectator may be asked to leave the facility or the spectator may not be permitted to attend another First Tee event.
10. For your personal safety, we ask you exercise caution at all times. When inclement weather moves into the area, the First Tee/Course will suspend play by sounding air horns. Accordingly, you should seek shelter immediately. The First Tee staff will evacuate players from the course first and then spectators.

Please ask Tournament Official or First Tee Staff any additional questions you may have.