

## CIAC Golf Parent & Spectator Code of Conduct

The Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference (CIAC) takes great pride in the quality of our players and tournaments. The CIAC welcomes and encourages parents and spectators to attend events where the course permits. In order to continue making these tournaments enjoyable for everyone, we require all players, parents and spectators to adhere to the following set of guidelines. It is appropriate for parents and spectators to respectfully applaud good shots by all players and not just the player they are following. If any of the following guidelines are perceived to be broken by a tournament official the player and team is subject to penalty and disqualification. All spectators attend CIAC events at their own risk.

\* Each course may require restrictions that are beyond those listed below. Please obey all posted signage and course rules for spectators! Enjoy the restaurants and snacks offered by the course but please do not litter.

1. "Advice 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 a player and spectator may be construed as advice. This includes any signals, gestures or actions made by the spectator. In any of these instances, penalty for breach of the Advice Rule is two strokes. Players will be held responsible for the actions of their relatives and spectators in regards to this rule.

2. Please remain off of fairways, bunkers, tees and greens. Spectators should always stay on cart paths if available. In the absence of cart paths, spectators should walk in the rough. For those individuals with mobility impairments that require some form of motorized transport, they will generally be permitted to move through the course on whatever form of transport they regularly use if they have brought their motorized transportation device with them, unless it has been determined that a particular device would present a hazard to other spectators, players, caddies, or course officials or would damage the golf course.

3. We ask that spectators **stay at least 30 yards from players at all times** and always be aware of the group behind you.

4. Spectators must 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 encouraged to help in the search for lost golf balls.

5. Spectators should not give rulings.

6. Spectators are not allowed to carry or move a players clubs or bag during the round.

7. When on course, cell phones must be turned to off or to vibrate. Please only talk on cell phones near the clubhouse or out of play where there is no chance your conversation can be heard by any player on the course.

8. The CIAC does permit the rental of spectator carts. The host facility reserves the right to not allow spectator carts for any reason.

9. In the event of serious or multiple breaches of these policies, the spectator may be asked to leave the facility or may not be permitted to attend another CIAC event.

10. When inclement weather moves into the area, the CIAC, or host facility will suspend play. Accordingly, spectators should seek shelter immediately.

11. A spectator may approach a player for a moment to exchange clothing, food, beverages, medicine, umbrellas, etc., but they should not have prolonged conversations.