



The NCPGA Junior Golf Tour believes in providing the best possible opportunities for superb play from our players and for optimum involvement from family and friends. The relationship between a player and her/his caddie is a time-tested bond of trust and understanding regarding the player's needs, the rules governing play, and the respect for the integrity of the field.

With these principles in mind, please carefully read the following policy.

The following are the guidelines of who can serve as a caddie in either the eTOUR or iTOUR:

eTOUR: Caddies Permitted

- **Minimum Age:** 13 years of age or older
- **Parent caddies:** permitted
- **Non-parents caddies:** permitted
- **Caddie push carts:** permitted

iTOUR: Caddies Required

- **Minimum Age:** 18 years of age or older
- **Parent caddies:** required
- **Non-parent caddies:** permitted only if a parent or legal guardian is physically unable to attend or act as a caddie.
- **Caddie push carts:** permitted

NCPGA Junior Tour Caddies will be issued their official tour bib at registration and required to turn them in at the scoring area.

Definition

A caddie is one who carries or handles a player's clubs during play and otherwise assists him in accordance with the rules. A player may only have one caddie at any given time. A caddie may be replaced or eliminated at any time by the player. No other person may offer advice or help to a player other than his caddie (Rule 8-1).

Caddie Policy (Continued)

Rule 6-4. Caddie

The player may be assisted by a caddie, but he is limited to only one caddie at any one time. Violation of this rule is two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round - four strokes; however, if the penalty applies to the next hole, a player having more than one caddie in breach of this rule must immediately upon the discovery that a breach has occurred ensure that he has not more than one caddie at any one time during the remainder of the stipulated round. **Otherwise, the player is DISQUALIFIED.**

Rule 8-2b. Indicating Line of Play (On the Putting Green)

When the player's ball is on the putting green, the player, his partner or either of their caddies may, before but not during the stroke, point out a line for putting, but in so doing the putting green shall not be touched. No mark shall be placed anywhere to indicate a line for putting. **Violation of this rule will result in a two-stroke penalty.**

Rule 14-2b. Assistance

In making a stroke, a player must not: Allow his caddie, his partner or his partner's caddie to position himself on or close to an extension of the line of play or the line of putt behind the ball. **Violation of this rule will result in a two-stroke penalty.**

Rule 17-3. Ball Striking Flagstick or attendant

- a. The player's ball must not strike:
 - i. The flagstick when it is attended, removed or held up;
 - ii. The person attending or holding up the flagstick or anything carried by him; or
 - iii. The flagstick in the hole, unattended, when the stroke has been made on the putting green.
 - iv. **Violation of this rule is a two-stroke penalty and the ball must be played as it lies.**

The NCPGA Junior Golf Tour Rules Regarding Caddies:

Remember: As a caddie, your violation of the rules is equivalent to your player violating the rules. Please focus on following caddie actions:

- A Caddie May:
 - o Search for a player's ball as provided in Rule 12-1
 - o Place player's clubs in hazard - Exception 1 under Rule 13-4
 - o Repair old hole plugs and ball marks on putting green
 - o Mark position of ball without lifting it
 - o Clean Player's ball
 - o Remove loose impediments on line of putt and elsewhere
 - o Remove moveable obstruction

Caddie Policy (Continued)

An Official NCPGA Junior Golf Tour Caddie Needs to:

- a. HAVE FUN and keep your player HAVING FUN. Golf, in the end, is just a game.
- b. Wear the official NCPGA Junior Golf Tour caddie bib w/ player's name plate on the back during any NCPGA eTOUR or iTOUR event (caddies will be given their bib and player name plate at player/caddie registration). A player may only have one caddie and that caddie needs to wear the official caddie bib. If a player has two individuals acting as caddies (wearing a bib or not) the player will be assessed a penalty under Rule 6-4.
- c. Conform to all code of conduct/dress code policies.
- d. Prohibit the use of cell phones or any electronic communication devices during a stipulated round.
- e. Never participate in rules decisions unless specifically asked by NCPGA Junior Golf Tour staff.
- f. Aid Tournament staff in implementing the Pace of Play Policy by helping your group to expedite play and search for golf balls.
- g. Refrain from and prevent the use of tobacco products, alcohol, and illegal substances.
- h. Do not speak or communicate with spectators in any manner unless it is to control the volume of the crowd or accept an essential item for the player.
- i. **ALLOW YOUR PLAYER TO PLAY THE GAME.**
- j. **Excessive coaching from caddies is frowned upon. We need our caddies to carry the bag, hand the players their club, and help with pace of play. Other than that just enjoy being out with your son, daughter, relative, or friend. Remember, we need these players to be INDEPENDENT THINKERS on the course. They will have to be able to make their own decisions if they choose to pursue this game in the future.**
- k. All caddie behavior will be monitored by NCPGA Junior Golf Tour staff. Any disruptive or inappropriate behavior by NCPGA Junior Golf Tour caddies will not be tolerated. A warning will be issued for the first offense and then removal from the current event and future events could occur depending on the severity of the violation.

Thank you,



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