

**2009 Minnesota PGA Junior Golf Association CODE OF CONDUCT and LIABILITY RELEASE FORM**

Attention **ALL** 2009 Beginners' Tour/Transition Tour/Junior Tour/Players' Tour Members: In order for you to be able to participate in the 2009 Minnesota PGA Junior Golf Association's programs we need you to verify that you have read and agree to abide by the following information. We also need to have a signature from one of your parents or guardian that they also have read and agree to abide by the following. We need to have this either mailed or faxed back to us in order for you to be able to play.

**Dress Code:** Proper golf attire is required. Players must be neat in appearance with respect to personal grooming and clothing. *T-shirts, tank tops, short shorts and blue jeans will not be acceptable.* Golf shoes are suggested. Each host facility may have additional rules and dress code requirements that must be adhered to by all participants. Players not conforming to the dress code will be asked to change or leave. Remember that the use of metal spikes is prohibited at most facilities.

**Conduct of Players:** Any conduct unbecoming a junior golfer shall be subject to one warning by an official and immediate disqualification for any subsequent violation. Such conduct shall include cheating, showing disrespect to volunteers or officials, abusive language, club throwing/banging, tobacco use, profanity, littering or leaving trash on the course, failing to rake bunkers, replace divots, repair ball marks on greens, or other displays of inappropriate behavior. A player *may not* seek or accept advice from anyone while competing on the course. "On the course" is interpreted as from the time the player tees off on their starting hole until after he/she holes out on the last hole. Participants are prohibited from using electronic devices on the golf course, including distance-measuring devices and cell phones.

**Conduct of Spectators/Parents:** The Minnesota PGA Junior Golf Association encourages spectators and parents to attend junior events, and requires spectators and parents attending to conduct themselves appropriately at all times. Parents/spectators will need to stay on cart paths. In the absence of cart paths, we ask that parents/spectators stay in the rough. Please stay off fairways, tees, and greens. Parents/spectators *may not* interact with participants and should remain at least 25 yards away from the competitors they are following. We recommend that all spectators/parents stay one shot ahead of the group they are watching. This allows spectators to follow errant shots and help identify where the golf ball comes to rest. Parents/spectators should not interfere with any group advancing from behind, nor should they converse with any competitor.

Repeated spectator offenders may cause the junior to be subject to any of the four penalties listed below.

The MNPGA reserves the right to ban any spectator or spectators from one or more events.

Parents and spectators are required to turn cell phones on silent or vibrate while on the golf course.

**Code of Conduct Violation Penalties:**

The Minnesota PGA Junior Golf Committee may assess any or all of the following penalties based on the severity of the Code of Conduct Violation:

1. Disqualify the player from the tournament where the violation occurs.
2. Issue a written letter of warning to the player and his/her parent/guardian.
3. Suspend the player for the remainder of the season.
4. Suspend the player's membership indefinitely.

In the event of a suspension, the player may submit a written account of the Code of Conduct violation to the Minnesota PGA Junior Golf Committee within seven days of the suspension/disqualification. The Committee will review all submitted materials, including a tournament staff account of the violation.

**Liability Release:**

We the undersigned, acknowledge that we have read, understand and accept all the terms herein. The Minnesota PGA Junior Golf Association and all its members, directors, agents, escorts, owners, successors and assignees are free from all liability, claims or other forms of legal action, including cost arising there from, against any incident which results in or arises out of any loss, property or personal (death included), which may be sustained by the junior or parent/guardian during travel to, from and participation in any Minnesota PGA Junior Golf Association event.

I agree to observe the USGA Rules and Etiquette of golf, to conduct myself on the golf course and in the clubhouse properly, courteously, and to follow the regulations set forth by host clubs and the Minnesota PGA Junior Golf Association.

I especially agree to cancel all entries seven days prior to the tournament date if unable to compete for good reason. Cancellations done later than this will not receive a refund for their entry fee. I agree to abide by the prescribed penalties if I fail to cancel within the specified time frames.

I understand that membership may be suspended or cancelled for willful disregard of the rules, Junior Code of Conduct, golf etiquette, or for dishonest unsportsmanlike or unbecoming conduct.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*As parent/legal guardian of the junior, I agree to abide by the spectator/parent code of conduct and understand the penalties assessed if I fail to comply.*

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Either mail or fax to:*

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