

Mass Golf Junior Spectator/Parent Policy

Parents and spectators are welcomed and encouraged to attend all Junior Amateur Qualifying and/or Championship events. In order for the competition to be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Golf and for the enjoyment of all competitors, spectators and parents are asked to adhere to the following guidelines at all times:

- The player is responsible for the actions of his or her spectators/parents and may be subject to penalty if these guidelines are not met.
- Spectators and parents are asked to observe the dress code and cell phone policies of host clubs.
- Spectators and parents are permitted to walk the golf course. The use of motorized carts or any other motorized vehicle by spectators, at any Mass Golf competition, is strictly prohibited unless authorized by the Mass Golf staff per the Mobility Impaired Spectator Policy.
- Spectators and parents are asked to stay on cart paths or in the rough (when cart paths are not accessible) and **at least 30 yards away** from the competitors during play of a hole. With respect to the teeing area and putting green, spectators should stay a reasonable distance away, as 30 yards may not be possible.
- Always be aware of the groups in front of and behind you.
- It is strongly suggested that spectators/parents do not communicate with players except as necessary to exchange water, food, umbrellas, rain gear, etc. Further communication with players may be perceived as “advice” and under the Rules of Golf the player would be subject to penalty.

The definition of **ADVICE** includes:

Any verbal comment or action that is intended to influence a player in:

- ***Choosing a club, making a stroke, or deciding how to play during a hole or round.***

But advice does not include public information, such as:

- ***The location of thing on the course such as the hole, the putting green, the fairway, penalty areas, bunkers, or another player ball. The distance from one point to another, or The Rules.***

Penalty for breach of Rule 10.2a:

Match Play: Loss of Hole

Stroke Play: Two Strokes

