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## CODE OF CONDUCT

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*The Code of Conduct applies to all MGA-administered competitions, including USGA qualifying competitions, LIGA Championships/Qualifiers and WGA Championships/Qualifiers. **This policy is in effect as of April 27, 2021 and is subject to change at the discretion of the Rules & Competitions Committee throughout the season.***

By submitting an entry for any MGA-administered competition, the player (and the player's caddie) understands that their participation is at the sole discretion of the MGA. The MGA may reject an entry application, revoke an accepted application, expel a player and/or caddie from a competition or impose the penalties listed below, and the MGA Rules and Competitions Committee may suspend a player or caddie for future competitions. Incidents of unbecoming conduct or actions deemed to be detrimental to the image of the MGA, the host facility or the spirit of the game are grounds for such action.

Any of the following actions by an MGA Participant constitutes a violation of the MGA Code of Conduct and the player is liable for penalty:

- Participants must not enter host club property more than 45 minutes before their tee time and may not remain on host club property after their round is complete unless otherwise modified in the Memo to Players. If a player arrives on property early or needs to stay on property for an extenuating circumstance, they must remain in their car. This Rule applies to a spectator or guardian that may be with the player.
- Participants, spectators, and staff must adhere to guidelines put in place to promote Social Distancing.

### **Penalties for Breaching MGA Code of Conduct**

Any Code of Conduct violation will be liable to the following penalties at the Rules & Competitions Committee's discretion. The Committee may provide a warning prior to imposing any penalty, unless the Committee considers the breach to be sufficiently serious that an immediate penalty is warranted.

One-stroke Penalty

General Penalty

Disqualification from the event where the violation occurs

**Due to the ever-changing COVID-19 situation, the MGA continues to follow guidelines provided by the CDC and local governments to provide the utmost safety for each participant, spectator, club member or staff and MGA staff. The MGA has introduced the [MGA COVID-19 Guidelines for Championships](#) which each participant, caddie and spectator must adhere to during MGA-sanctioned events. As stated above, the MGA reserves the right to penalize a participant under the MGA Code of Conduct who knowingly and willingly disregards these policies put into place.**

*For further information or should you have any questions regarding the MGA Code of Conduct, please contact the MGA Championship Department at [championships@mgagolf.org](mailto:championships@mgagolf.org).*