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SPECTATOR POLICY

Walking spectators are always welcome and encouraged at MGA/USGA Championships. The following policies are in effect for any MGA/USGA Championship and/or qualifying events:

- Spectators attend MGA/USGA events at their own risk.
- Everyone on the course must meet the dress code requirements for the course. Generally, denim, t-shirts and athletic or short shorts should not be worn.
- Spectators should not consume alcohol on the course and must follow club policies on tobacco use.
- The use of electronic communication devices should be limited to areas where their use will not distract players on the course. Please be respectful of this policy for the benefit of the players.
- Spectators should maintain a reasonable distance from the players and caddies to avoid the appearance that the spectator is imparting advice or assisting the player in any way. A spectator may approach a player for a moment to exchange clothing, food, beverages, medicine, umbrellas, etc., but they should not have prolonged conversations.
- Please walk ahead or with the group you are watching and stay in the rough or near the cart paths. Do not delay other groups by walking slowly. Spectators must stay off the greens and out of the bunkers at all times.
- **PARENT POLICY AT JUNIOR EVENTS** - At USGA Junior Qualifiers a player may not use a parent, step parent, or guardian as a caddie during Sectional Qualifying or the Championship proper. Parents/guardians should avoid all situations where they can be perceived as giving advice or assisting the player.
- **SPECTATORS ARE PROHIBITED FROM USING GOLF CARTS**. If a spectator has a disability (See Below) that impedes their ability to traverse the golf course, the MGA will do its best to position the spectator at an appropriate spot on the golf course. Generally speaking, the MGA will not be responsible for shuttling spectators around the golf course.
- **SPECTATORS WITH A DISABILITY** - 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 ("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.
 - Examples of Devices regularly used as a mobility aid by an individual with mobility impairment include a single rider cart (or scooter), which is a four-wheeled, stabilized, battery-powered personal transportation device operated in a fully-seated position, or a single rider device that is operated in a standing or semi-standing position. A full size golf cart is not considered a form of transport regularly used off the golf course in the

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day to day life of individuals with mobility impairments. Spectators violating any of these policies may be asked to leave the golf facility.

- **These guidelines do not apply to the use of motorcycles, mopeds, tricycles, bicycles (whether or not motor-driven), skateboards, or other similar devices not otherwise permitted to be operated on or within a golf course.**
- An individual with mobility impairment, upon registering with the Official in Charge, is permitted to use his or her own Device within the Tournament site, unless otherwise advised in advance that topography or course conditions in certain areas are not conducive to the use of Devices.
- It is the responsibility of users of Devices to determine that the areas in which they choose to operate are safe for such operation. The MGA/USGA, Official in Charge and the golf course property owner shall not be responsible or liable for the actions of any individuals, including spectators, or for any individual's failure to properly use a Device, or to maintain his or her use on safe topography. In choosing to bring a Device to an event or using one provided at the Tournament site, the user assumes all risks.
- Individuals must exercise caution when turning corners, approaching an incline and approaching other course conditions.

In the event the Official in Charge or others charged with administering the event observe unsafe operation of a Device, interference, interruption or undue delay of play as a result of using the Device, these individuals shall remind the user of their responsibility for the safe operation of the Device. Should an individual using a Device continue to operate the Device in an unsafe manner or otherwise interfere with, interrupt or unduly delay play, the Device user shall be asked to remove the Device from the event, but may be allowed to return to the event without the assistance of the Device.

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