

2010 JAG Rules and Policies

PLAYERS RIGHTS

Your Rights and Responsibilities as a Player:

If a fellow competitor thinks an infraction is about to occur or has occurred, he/she should communicate this to the players involved and notify a JAG Tournament Official as soon as possible. Under the Rules of Golf you may play a “Doubt as to Procedure” ball (USGA Rule 3-3), advising your marker which ball you are scoring with. Both scores must be marked on the scorecard. You must not sign your score card until a decision has been made on the ruling. NOTE: If a “Doubt as to Procedure” ball is played, the competitor must report the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning his score card. If he fails to do so, he is disqualified.

Recording Scores (Rule 6-6a):

After each hole the marker should check the score with the competitor and record it. On the completion of the round, the marker must sign the score card and hand it to the competitor.

Signing and Returning Score Card (Rule 6-6b):

After completion of the round, the competitor should check his score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the Committee. He must ensure that the marker has signed the score card, sign the score card himself, and return it to the Committee as soon as possible.

Penalty for Breach of Rule 6-6b: DISQUALIFICATION.

NOTE: If a competitor purposely does not return a score card at the completion of a stipulated round JAG RULES OF PLAY/Code of Conduct penalties will be applied.

Alteration of Score Card (Rule 6-6c):

No alteration may be made on a score card after the competitor has returned it to the Committee.

NOTE: A card is deemed to be returned to the Committee once the competitor leaves the scoring area.

Wrong Score For Hole (Rule 6-6d):

The competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his score card. If he returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, he is *disqualified*. If he returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned stands.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Tournament withdrawals are accepted up to 72-hours prior to the start of a tournament. If a player withdraws within this time frame his/her entry fee can be transferred to another JAG schedule tournament that is during the same season. If a player withdraws after the 72-hour period the player's action is determined a “No-Show” and will be treated as indicated in the No-Show Policy.

To withdraw, a player must contact the JAG office by phone or email advising:
1) NAME OF PLAYER, 2) NAME OF TOURNAMENT, and 3) NAME OF TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE IS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO.

The JAG Staff will make every effort to transfer the entry; this is subject to availability in the requested tournament field.

PROOF OF AGE POLICY

Proof of Age:

Players Proof of Age may be requested at any time by the JAG committee. Upon request, a member must provide the following as an acceptable form of verification:

- Birth Certificate
- Valid Driver's License

JAG reserves the right to accept or reject any proof-of-age documentation.

CODE OF CONDUCT

In order to continue making the JAG tournaments enjoyable for everyone, the Association requires all members to adhere to a set of guidelines known as the Code of Conduct. Its purpose is to help JAG participants grow and mature by understanding and accepting the consequences of their actions. Violation of the Code of Conduct guideline will result in tournament penalties and disqualification. If repeated, it could result in suspension of membership.

Specific Violations Include:

- Lack of respect to the scorer or tournament officials.
- Failure to abide by the Rules of Golf or a decision made by an official.
- Failure to turn in your score card at the conclusion of a stipulated round.
- Damage golf course property.
- Throwing clubs.
- Abusive language
- Use of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs (unless medically prescribed) during play.
- Poor sportsmanship, conduct, or behavior in general.

The JAG Tournament Committee may assess any or all of the following penalties.

- The JAG Tournament Committee may impose a penalty of disqualification if a specific violation is committed. If the violation is a serious breach of the Code of Conduct, the Committee may submit to the Executive Committee a recommendation for suspension of membership. The Executive Committee will determine the length of the suspension.
- A request from both the player and his/her parent or guardian is required. All reinstatement requests must be hand written and submitted to the Executive Committee Chair (JAG Coordinators).

Any player whose membership is under suspension will not be eligible for post-season awards and the Pro/Junior Tournament.

DRESS CODE

Proper dress is encouraged at all times at each host facility. Questionable attire will be reviewed by the JAG Staff. Should a host facility have a required dress code, its policy will take precedence. Players in violation will not be allowed to tee off.

Encouraged Dress:

- Hats/visors, if worn, must be worn with the brim forward.
- Collared shirts and mock top golf shirts are approved for play.
- Women's fashion shirts without a collar must have sleeves.
- All players must keep their shirts tucked in at the facility regardless of shirt style.
- Women's shorts must have a minimum 6" inseam.
- Men's shorts cannot extend past the top of the knee.

Prohibited Dress:

- Tank tops, t-shirts, men's sleeveless shirts
- Denim shorts, short shorts, cut-off shorts, gym shorts, denim jeans

PENALTY for breach of the Dress Code:

If a player is not within the dress code at the start of the round, the player is not allowed to play.

- If player, who is within the dress code at the start of the round, subsequently falls outside of the policy, a warning will be given. If a player falls outside of the policy after the initial warning and it is apparent that the player is abusing the policy, the player will be disqualified from the tournament. The action would be taken only if the player demonstrates a serious break of the "spirit" of the rule (defiant). This would include pulling a shirt out, wearing a hat backward, and/or failure to abide fully by the official in charge.

ARRIVAL-CHECK IN

Entrants and scorekeepers are encouraged to check in at least 15 minutes prior to their assigned starting time. In the event that a player is late for his/her scheduled started time, the NOTE to USGA Rule 6-3 concerning disqualification will be applied. This allows a player to play the stipulated round with a penalty of 2-strokes if they arrive at the tee within 5-minutes of his/her assigned time, ready to play.

NO SHOW POLICY

The following policy has been adopted by JAG to impress upon junior golfers their responsibility to the association.

A) ANY GOLFER MISSING AN ESTABLISHED STARTING TIME WILL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING:

First Offense

The *Player* is disqualified from the next tournament, which they have paid entry fees to play in.

Second Infraction

The *Player* is disqualified from the next two tournaments, which they have paid entry fees to play in and cannot compete in the JAG Championship Match Play.

Third Infraction

The *Players* membership is suspended and a written explanation must be given by the player to the JAG Committee as to the offense.

B) STARTING TIMES WILL BECOME FINAL 3-DAYS PRIOR TO EACH TOURNAMENT.

Any tournament withdrawal request must be received and processed by the JAG Committee prior to the time that they become final. Otherwise, the "No-Show" Policy will automatically apply and will be strictly enforced. (See "A" above).

C) THE ON-SITE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WILL HAVE NO DISCRETION TO WAIVE THE “NO-SHOW” POLICY.

ENTRY DEADLINES/ENTRY FEES/REFUND POLICY

Tournament entry fees are designated on the JAG Tournament Entry form. Tournament entry deadline is one-week prior to the schedule event. If the tournament field is not full after the tournament entry deadline has passed, a player may be added at discretion of the JAG Staff.

In the event a player cannot participate in a tournament for which the entry fee has been paid, he/she may transfer the fee to another JAG Tournament, provided the request is received at the JAG Office 72-hours prior to the tournament that the player is being transferred from and provided the tournament that the player is requesting to be transferred to is not full. In the event that there are no tournaments available and/or your request for transfer is after the 72-hour transfer period, **your entry fee will not be refunded.** All requests for transfers that fall under Item B of the No-Show Policy will be treated as a “No-Show”. All transferring fees must be used in the same golf season and cannot be carried over to the following year.

Tournament entry fees are designated per tournament on the tournament entry form. In the event you cannot participate in a tournament that you have paid an entry fee, you may transfer the fee to another tournament, provided your request is received at the JAG office one-week prior to the tournament you are transferring from; and provided the tournament you are transferring the fees to is not full. **In the event that there are no tournaments available and/or your request for transfer is after the one-week transfer period, your entry fee will not be refunded.** All requests for transfers that fall under Item B of the No-Show Policy will be treated as a “No-Show”. **Refunds are only issued to a player who has medical injuries and cannot participate. A letter from the attending physician is required to validate the claim.**

GALLERY POLICY/PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

It is our hope that parents will support their junior players through gallery participation, however, if for any reason club rules will not allow gallery participants, a gallery will not be allowed.

In consideration of fairness to all players, JAG has adopted the following rules for gallery members:

Gallery members **WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WALK BY THE SIDE OF A PLAYER**, and must maintain a 50-foot distance, this includes around greens and tees. Gallery members must remain on the cart path if one is provided. If a path is not provided, you must stay in the rough cut grass of the hole being played and must keep up with the group that is being followed.

AT NO TIME IS A GALLERY MEMBER ALLOWED IN THE FAIRWAY CUT OF THE HOLE BEING PLAYED.

AT NO TIME IS A GALLERY MEMBER ALLOWED TO WALK AHEAD OF THE GROUP THEY ARE FOLLOWING, ACTING AS A FORECADDIE.

Positive comments on the performance of players are acceptable and allowed, provided that no prejudice towards a specific player is shown; **COMMUNICATION WITH A PLAYER, ON ANY SUBJECT, IS NOT ALLOWED.**

Gallery members **ARE NOT ALLOWED TO HELP FIND A PLAYERS GOLF BALL IF LOST.**

The use of cell phones while on the golf course is prohibited.

Gallery members are not allowed to carry personal items for a player that would be used during the stipulated round (rain gear, sweater, etc.), and cannot carry, supply, or offer food items to players while they are playing.

If approved by the host facility, GALLERY MEMBERS may rent golf carts; a maximum of 2 individual riders per cart. All arrangements are to be made with the host professional. Golf carts must remain on the cart path if paths are provided; otherwise they must remain in the rough cut of the hole being played.

If advice is offered to a player they will be disqualified (Rule 8-1) and the offending Gallery Member will be asked to leave the golf course.

Those wishing to participate as a “Gallery Member” at a JAG tournament must obtain and wear a JAG “Gallery Pass”. Passes must be visible at all time while the gallery member is on the course.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS POLICY MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OF THE PLAYER(S) AND GALLERY PRIVLEDGES BEING REVOKED.

CADDIES

No JAG Tournament entrant, except for the 10 and under divisions, is allowed the use of a caddie. All players are required to manage their own clubs and game. This includes club selection.

TOURNAMENT TIES **USGA Rule 33-6-USGA Appendix 1** **JAG Policy**

All ties will be determined by a score card playoff. In the event of a tie for first place, a sudden death playoff will be conducted at the JAG Match Play tournament only. POINTS and AWARDS will be given based on the playoff results. The playoff hole(s) will be determined by the Head or Assistant Pro at each host golf course. All players should be aware of this prior to the beginning of the tournament.

USGA RULES

JAG supports and implements the USGA Rules of Golf. All players are expected to comply with the rules in all matters; this includes the use of conforming golf equipment.

***The JAG Rules and Policies have been adopted from the UJGA.**