



## **MGA Player Conduct Policy**

By submitting an entry, or by participating in any MGA competition, the player understands that his/her participation is at the sole discretion of the MGA. The player's entry may be rejected for any event, at the discretion of the Official in Charge, at any time before the close of the competition (as defined in the USGA Rules of Golf Book-Rule 34-1b). Likewise, the player's entry may be rejected, at the discretion of the Committee for reasons deemed necessary, at any time after the close of the competition.

Unbecoming conduct or actions at any MGA event, or state, national, or international event, or conduct or action deemed detrimental to the MGA, the spirit of the game, or to the host facilities are grounds for such rejection.

These include, but are not limited to:

1. Cheating
2. Willful destruction of golf course or MGA property
3. Abusive language or conduct towards MGA and/or host facility, staff, volunteers, or other players
4. Abusive or derogatory criticism of the MGA and/or host facility staff, volunteers, or other players
5. Club throwing and/or physical endangerment of others
6. Offensive or excessively loud behavior
7. Alcohol and/or substance impaired behavior
8. Repeated withdrawals or no cards during or after completion of a round
9. Inappropriate golf attire
10. Other conduct deemed to be unbecoming

Should an incident occur, the Official in Charge will submit a report to the Tournament and Rules Committee. If the Committee deems further action may be necessary, it will create a Sub-Committee for the purpose of reviewing the incident and interviewing all involved individuals. The Sub-Committee will be made up of the MGA President, MGA Tournament & Rules Committee Chair, MGA Executive Director, MGA Tournament Director (unless involved in the incident) and three (3) at-large members who are the peers of the player under review. The Sub-Committee will render a ruling that may include sanctions ranging from suspension from future MGA events to not being eligible for MGA team competitions and/or player awards. This also may include losing exempt status for future year(s).

If additional sanctions are imposed, the player has the right to appeal the decision to the MGA Executive Committee, whose decision is final.