



Philadelphia Junior Tour

Caddie Code of Conduct

Purpose

The purpose of the Philadelphia Junior Tour caddie program is to enhance the enjoyment of PJT Tournaments for both parents and juniors in the 12 & Under Division ONLY. Caddies will help players maintain the pace of play and help juniors navigate the course in a fast and safe manner. The #1 goal of the caddie program is to help junior golfers have more fun!

Rules of Golf

Prior to caddying on the Philadelphia Junior Tour, please become familiar with the USGA Rules of Golf pertaining to caddies. Please use the information below as a guide, but we strongly encourage you to read the relevant Rules referenced below.

The USGA Rules of Golf define a caddie as “Someone who helps a player during a round, including in these ways: Carrying, Transporting or Handling Clubs & Giving Advice.” Rule 10.3 states “Player Allowed Only One Caddie at a Time.” A player gets the general penalty (two-strokes) for each hole during which he or she is helped by more than one caddie at one time. A player must not ask for advice from anyone except his or her caddie (Rule 10.2). When a player begins taking a stance for a stroke and until the stroke is made, the player’s caddie must not deliberately stand in a location on or close to an extension of the line of play behind the ball for any reason (Rule 10.2b). During a stipulated round, for any breach of a Rule by his caddie, the player incurs the general penalty (two-strokes) for breaching Rule 10.2. A player and his or her caddie are responsible for knowing the Rules.

Caddies cannot make final decisions on rulings. If the advice of a caddie leads to a breach of the Rules, the player will incur the applicable penalty. We encourage you to become familiar with Rule 20.1c and help juniors through this process when there is a rules issue on the golf course where the players are uncertain what to do.

Caddie Dos/Don'ts

We encourage caddies to offer assistance but ultimately allow players to make their own decisions and develop their golf skills independently. On-course golf swing instruction should be kept to a minimum. We strongly believe in golf’s values and tradition of sportsmanship, integrity, and honesty. We expect all caddies to abide by these values and traditions. Most importantly, we hope caddies do their best to ensure all competitors are having fun! In the end, golf is just a game!

Caddies CAN do the following:

- Give advice and assistance with yardages, club selections and reading greens
- Help ALL juniors in the group play at a good pace and get around the golf course in a safe manner by:
 - Assisting with ball searches
 - Helping players place their bags in the proper position on tee boxes and greens
 - Encouraging ready golf
 - Helping juniors know when it is their turn to play, etc.
- Give guidance on relief options and drops.
- If a player has a rules issue where they are uncertain what to do, encourage them to use Rule 20.1c and find a Rules official after the round to clear up the situation.
- Rake bunkers, replace divots and attend the flagstick.
- Repair old hole plugs and ball marks
- Clean the player’s golf ball within the Rules of Golf (Rule 14.1c)
- Use a push cart
- Help explain issues/incidents on the golf course to PJT Staff
- Touch the putting green to indicate where juniors should putt

Caddies CANNOT do the following:

- Ride in a golf cart or have golf clubs transported in a golf cart unless it is authorized by PJT Staff
- Use smoking or chewing tobacco products and/or alcohol
- Drop the ball for the player during free and penalty relief

Sometimes a well-intentioned caddie will go beyond what a caddie is supposed to do. If you see this happen, please notify a PJT Rules Official as soon as possible. The PJT Staff will address this concern with the caddie and will make note of the violation. If another complaint is made at that event or at any future PJT event, the individual will lose their caddie privileges. Caddie complaints will be kept on-file at the Philadelphia Section PGA Office.

The opportunity to caddie at a PJT is tournament is a PRIVILEGE, not a RIGHT! The Philadelphia PGA reserves the right to ban any individual from caddying at any and all PJT events.

Agreement

I have read and agree to the PJT Caddie Code of Conduct and promise to abide by all the rules and regulations stated above. I will do my best to ensure all players in the group I am caddying for have a fun and enjoyable experience at PJT tournaments.

Signed: _____

Print: _____ Date: _____