



CODE OF CONDUCT & CHARACTER POLICY

The VCJGA is very thankful for the involvement of players, parents, volunteers, and the host facilities. Playing golf is a great privilege and the VCJGA has established rules and guidelines for both its participants and their families. We firmly believe that with privilege comes responsibility. It is required of all participants to adhere to the VCJGA Code of Conduct & Character and other policies found at vcjga.org while participating in a VCJGA tournament or event.

1. **Regarding Attire:** When you arrive at the golf course you are expected not only to act like a golfer but to look like one as well.
 - Dress to impress – Traditional golf attire is always best. Your appearance during the practice round and competition should be in keeping with the following: tank tops, tee-shirts, short shorts, denim shorts, and jeans are not acceptable.
 - During play, collared shirts or mocks must be always worn. Girls may wear sleeveless golf shirts. Soft spike golf footwear is recommended – Metal/ceramic spikes are prohibited.
 - If a hat, cap, or visor is worn, it shall be displayed in the proper manner and should be removed while indoors of the host clubhouse facility.
2. **Regarding alcohol, tobacco, and drugs:** The use of any of these substances on or off the golf course will be considered a violation of the VCJGA Code of Conduct & Character leading to disqualification of/or suspension from the VCJGA golf tournament or tournaments at the VCJGA's absolute discretion. **This includes parents/guardians that are spectating and/or volunteering at the tournament site.**
3. **Regarding etiquette and course behavior:** Any breach deemed to be serious by the VCJGA may result in disqualification under Rule 33-7 and/or suspended from play under VCJGA Tour Policy. A serious breach may include but is not limited to the following:
 - Abusive, obscene/vulgar inappropriate language or comments or motions. Disturbing others – throwing of clubs, conduct unbecoming (cheating) or inappropriate actions/etiquette.
 - Disrespect shown to the VCJGA Rules Officials, volunteers, course officials, or golf facility staff.
 - Note: Whether a good or bad round of golf has been played, it is in very poor taste to whine or complain about it in public – Champions take the good with the bad.
 - Notification of a VCJGA official is REQUIRED prior to leaving the golf course during a competitive round when withdrawing for any reason including medical.
 - Mistreatment of the golf course or facilities in any way will be considered a violation of the VCJGA Code of Conduct & Character
 - Spectators are required to follow the Spectator Code of Conduct Policy and Rules Officials Instructions.

The VCJGA knows that you, as a player, know that golf is a game of integrity. By joining the tour you are agreeing to the Code of Conduct & Character. You are indicating your desire to keep the game of golf a great game, and to abide by and accept this Code of Conduct & Character and the VCJGA Tour's enforcement of this code of Conduct & Character.