

NYSGA Code of Conduct

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The NYSGA Code of Conduct applies to all NYSGA and allied association competitions, which includes USGA qualifiers and competitions sponsored by the Buffalo, Capitol District, and Syracuse Golf Associations.

By submitting an entry for a NYSGA/allied association competition, the contestant understands that their participation is at the sole discretion of the organizing Committee. A contestant may be removed from any competition (at any stage) at the sole discretion of the NYSGA/allied association Committee. Incidents of unbecoming conduct or actions deemed to be detrimental to the image of the NYSGA/allied association or the “Spirit of the Game” is grounds for such removal and suspension from future NYSGA/allied association competitions. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Abuse or disrespect of any kind**, directed at NYSGA staff, volunteers, club staff, or other players
- Any **unbecoming or inappropriate conduct** as determined by the NYSGA/allied association
- **Any other actions** that can be construed as threatening or that can potentially endanger any person
- Any **behavior** deemed to be disruptive or distracting, including (but not limited to) loud outbursts, using profanity, throwing equipment
- **Intentionally damaging** the golf course, golf course property or club/association signage and equipment
- Using **cell phones/electronic devices** for purposes other than those permitted by the Rules
- Failing to comply with **electronic ‘live’ scoring**
- Violating any NYSGA/allied association **tournament policies or procedures**, including the NYSGA COVID-19 Guidelines for Competitions and any event specific policies listed in the Memorandum to Players

Offense Procedure for Breach of Code of Conduct

1st Breach – Warning

2nd Breach – 2 Stroke Penalty

3rd Breach – Disqualification

Serious Breach – Disqualification

The NYSGA/allied association Committee determines when a breach of the Code of Conduct occurs.

A player may be subject to disqualification from future NYSGA/allied association competitions for a Serious Breach.

