

NYSGA Spectator Policy



Spectators at NYSGA championships are asked to abide by the following policies to ensure fair and safe play for all contestants in the field:

- Spectators attend NYSGA events at their own risk.
- Everyone on the course must follow and adhere to the NYSGA Code of Conduct.
- The use of electronic communication devices should be limited to areas where their use will not distract players on the course. Please be respectful of this policy for the benefit of the players. **KEEP YOUR PHONE ON SILENT AND DO NOT USE SPEAKERPHONE.**
- Spectators are expected to maintain a significant distance from the players and caddies to avoid the appearance that the spectator is imparting advice or assisting the player in any way. A spectator may approach a player to exchange clothing, food, beverages, medicine, umbrellas, etc., but they should not have prolonged conversations.
- Additionally, we ask that spectators:
 - Do not talk or move near a player while they are preparing for or playing a shot
 - Do not walk down the center of any fairway, or on any putting green, tee box or bunker
 - Do not pick up any golf balls they may find
 - Do not delay other groups by walking slowly
 - Do not position themselves on or near a player's line of play or,
 - Do not provide any rulings or advice.
- Please walk with or ahead of the group you are watching and stay in the rough or near the car path
- Spectators are to meet the dress code requirements for the course. Tank tops, t-shirts, cut-off, athletic or short shorts, and denim are not acceptable
- **SPECTATORS ARE PROHIBITED FROM USING GOLF CARTS.** The NYSGA does not permit spectators the use of golf carts during practice and competition rounds. Limited exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis for spectators with a disability who (1) complete and submit the 2025 NYSGA Golf Cart Request Form ([click here](#)) and (2) are approved by a member of the NYSGA staff.

If a spectator is found to violate this policy, they will be approached by an NYSGA official and asked to comply. If multiple violations occur, the spectator may be asked to leave the golf course.

If you have any additional questions, direct them to a member of the NYSGA staff or committee