

NYSGA CODE OF CONDUCT

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The NYSGA Code of Conduct applies to all NYSGA competitions, including the USGA qualifiers they conduct. For the purposes of this document, 'NYSGA' refers to the New York State Golf Association and its allied regional associations including Buffalo (BDGA), Capital Region (CRGA), Triple Cities (TCGA), and Syracuse (SDGA).

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.

Conduct or actions deemed to be detrimental to the image of the NYSGA/allied association or the "Spirit of the Game" are grounds for removal and suspension from future NYSGA/allied association competitions. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Threatening, disruptive, or disrespectful behavior** of any kind toward fellow competitors, spectators, NYSGA staff, volunteers, or host club personnel — including but not limited to loud outbursts, profanity, throwing equipment, or impairment due to alcohol or substance use.
- **Any action that endangers** or has the potential to endanger any person
- **Intentionally damaging any property** at the host club, including the golf course, or competition equipment.
- **Using cell phones/electronic devices** for purposes other than those permitted by the Rules, or in a manner that is distracting to other players or impedes pace of play.
- **Failing to comply with the NYSGA's Policies & Procedures**, including live scoring requirements and any event-specific policies listed in the Terms of Competition or Memorandum to Players.
- **Any other conduct deemed inappropriate by the NYSGA**

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 also be subject to disqualification from future NYSGA/allied association competitions for a Serious Breach of the NYSGA Code of Conduct.

