

GENERAL RULES & CODE OF CONDUCT

Lahaina Junior Golf Association

All members, families and spectators are required to adhere to the General League Rules & Code of Conduct for events conducted by the Lahaina Junior Golf Association (LJGA). The infractions listed below are considered violations of the General League Rules and Code of Conduct. Parents will be notified by a letter and the resulting consequence(s) will be enforced. All disciplinary matters will go before the Association's authorized executive committee.

1. USGA Rules of Golf shall govern all league and tournament play. Local rules will be announced and followed.
2. In the case of expulsion, a junior may apply for readmission to the LJGA after the passage of one (1) year from the time of the expulsion.
3. No refunds will be issued for disqualifications or expulsion of juniors due to noncompliance issues.
4. Infractions must be reported to the association's authorized chairperson, committee, or representative before the close of competition or before juniors are either off the course premises or have been released from the control of the LJGA. The LJGA's General League Rules and Code of Conduct are in effect while members are on any premises for an LJGA event. This includes practice rounds, all team events, while juniors are being housed or are traveling under LJGA sponsorship or on any transportation vehicle provided by the LJGA. Any violation which occurs after the close of competition will be applied to the next event or as otherwise noted. All violations will be active and on file in the LJGA office for one year from the date of the infraction.
5. Parent Volunteerism. At least one (1) parent or adult proxy of the junior player is expected to volunteer his/her time for at least fifty percent (50%) of the association's scheduled league matches or events. An infraction of this could result in the junior's expulsion from the league.
6. Commitment to Play All League Matches. Participation in the league is limited to a certain number of players, therefore, the junior must have a serious commitment to attend and play all his/her scheduled league matches. Any unexcused absences may result in the junior's expulsion from the league. Moreover, an excessive amount of absences may result in the same consequence.
7. Notice of Absences. If the parent or junior becomes aware that the junior will not be able to play at his/her scheduled league time and date, he/she must NOTIFY the league chair or authorized association representative as soon as possible no later than 48 hours in advance. Notwithstanding any unforeseen or emergency events, notice shall be required.
8. Junior Players and Spectators Must Sign-In. Prior to the first tee time of any scheduled league match, the junior player shall report to and sign-in with the committee chair or authorized association representative at least 20 minutes before the start of the first tee time. Failure to do so may result in deduction of points or (2) stroke penalty. If it appears that the junior player will be tardy/ late, then he/she must notify the association as soon as possible. Additionally, any spectator connected with a junior player shall also sign-in, and if he/she has not already done so, he/she must complete a waiver and release of liability form for that particular golf course; Failure of spectator to do so shall result in removal from the course.
9. Caddies and Carts. Caddies and carts (excluding non-motorized pull carts) are prohibited. Players must walk and carry or pull/push their own bags. League approved shuttles may exist at

certain sites. There will be a limitation as to the availability of motorized carts provided for LJGA's volunteer staff (marshals, scorers, timers, supervisors ...etc.), thus, Spectator carts are limited or not allowed (See league chair for exceptions). Spectators may rent carts at their own expense.

10. Signing and Returning Scorecards. Rule 6 in the USGA Rules of Golf indicate that the players are responsible for the accuracy on their scorecards regardless of age. After completion of the round, the player should check his/her score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the committee. The player must sign the scorecard and return it to the committee as soon as possible. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

11. Additional Infractions and Resulting Consequences:

Use of Alcohol/Drugs	1st offense	Expulsion from program
Cheating, Gambling, Stealing, Abuse of Course*, Fighting, Smoking	1st offense	Disqualification, Deduction of Points, or stroke penalties
	2 nd offense	Expulsion from program
**"Abuse of Course" will be determined by the League chair or committee in consultation with personnel from the site in question.		
Club Throwing, Abusive Language, Insubordination	1st offense	Warning
	2 nd offense	Deduction of points or stroke penalties
Divots not repaired, Bunkers not raked, Ball marks not repaired, Discarded trash not placed in proper receptacles, Horseplay or any other conduct not becoming of an LJGA member	1st offense	Warning
	2 nd offense	Deduction of points or stroke penalties

12. Violations of the Code of Conduct are subject to the following: deduction of points, disqualification or suspension for a period of time as deemed by the LJGA League Committee. All violations will be written up and shall be reviewed by the LJGA authorized Committee. Parents will be notified and a conference may be requested.

13. A section of Rule 33-7 in the USGA Rules of Golf reads as follows: "If a Committee considers that a player is guilty of a serious breach of etiquette, it may impose a penalty of disqualification under this Rule." The LJGA will observe this rule at the discretion of the event's Committee.

14. Dress Code. It is very important to remember that the LJGA members are guests of each facility and golf course. Juniors should be responsible and dress appropriately in proper golf attire at all times at all LJGA league matches, tournaments, practice rounds, events and/or functions. The dress code prohibits: surfer, swim, basketball, running gym shorts or short shorts (shorts length must be beyond fingertips when arms are hanging to the side), tank tops, halter tops, and raggedy or grungy T-shirts. Parents, relatives, friends and members not involved in the event and/or spectators are asked to abide by the LJGA dress code and may be asked to leave the premises if they are in violation of the policy. The dress code will be observed before, during and after the round at the host club. Any player in violation of the dress code policy at any time will be warned for a first offense and may be penalized by deduction of points for their second violation.

Also, upon the discretion of the committee, the Players may not be allowed to tee off until they are in compliance with the LJGA dress code.

15. Footwear. It is the condition of the competition at all tournament sites that shoes with metal or traditionally designed spikes are prohibited. Penalty for breach of this condition: DISQUALIFICATION.

16. Electronic Devices. Range Finders or any device that measures distance is PROHIBITED. The use of electronic devices (Range Finders, I Pods, cellular telephones, MP3 players, etc.) is prohibited during stipulated rounds except cellular telephones to call for a rules official or for cases of emergency. While every possible "emergency" cannot be listed specifically, the intent is that the use of these devices be limited to cases such as an illness involving the player, a fellow competitor or a member of their family. A player in violation will receive one (1) warning (except for the use of range finders, any violation during a stipulated round will result in disqualification). All violations thereafter will result in point deductions per violation.

17. Inclement Weather. Any decision regarding weather delays and/or cancellations will be made on-site, the day of each event, by the event's Committee in conjunction with the Golf Course Superintendent, Golf Professionals and current weather forecasts. In case of extreme weather conditions, information regarding cancellations or postponement will be sent by email or obtained by calling the LJGA committee chair.

18. Spectator General Rules. The LJGA will allow spectators to follow players on the course. Spectators must remain at least 30 yards away from any player and must keep up with the group they are following. All spectators are asked to follow the same dress code as juniors. During tournament or league play, all verbal communication must be in English and must be heard by other spectators. Any verbal or non-verbal (signal) contact between a spectator and a participant may be construed as giving advice in violation of Rule 8 of the Rules of Golf. However, a spectator may compliment a player on his/her shot, but any contact beyond that can be considered advice and the player(s) involved may be penalized. A spectator may hand food items, umbrellas and/or jackets to players. Spectators should not interfere or distract players with the use of cameras, cellular phones or beepers. Cellular phones and/or beepers must be on "vibrate" or silent ring when on the golf course. Penalties for spectator infractions may result in 1st offense –Warning; 2nd offense –Removal from the golf course; and 3rd offense- point deduction or penalty strokes for junior involved and/or a one (1) year suspension for spectator from the time of the infraction.

19. Spectator Inappropriate Behavior. Any person who shows lack of respect for participants, volunteers, rules officials or the LJGA staff may be asked to immediately leave the golf course and the clubhouse area. In addition, LJGA may suspend a spectator's privileges for a period of time to be determined by the MJGA committee. Any person who utters obscene, abusive or vulgar language towards a participant, volunteers, rules officials or LJGA staff shall be immediately suspended of spectator privileges for a period of time to be determined by the LGJA Executive Committee. Any person who has physical contact with a participant, volunteer, rules official or LJGA staff shall be immediately suspended of spectator privileges for a period of time to be determined by the LJGA committee. A spectator's failure to abide by the foregoing rules may result in removal from the golf course and/or disqualification or expulsion of the junior participant.