



INTERNATIONAL PITCH & PUTT ASSOCIATION

CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE AND SANCTIONS 2019

DEFINITIONS

- **IPPA Competition Committee:** The International Pitch & Putt Association's Competition Committee consisting of three representatives and a Chairman.
- **Championship Committee:** The Championship Committee of the given IPPA event whose Chairman is a member of the IPPA Competition Committee.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The International Pitch & Putt Association (IPPA) takes great pride in the quality of its participants, host facilities and broad community involvement at each championship. In order to continue making IPPA Competitions enjoyable for everyone, all participants are required to adhere to the IPPA Code of Conduct. The following principles offer guidance on good practice for everyone involved in IPPA Competitions.

Players and other team members, such as captains or team advisors, must submit themselves to standards of behavior and ethical conduct at all times. They must act in the best interests of the IPPA and its sponsors, the hosting national federation/union/association and club and the game of golf. Players and other team members participating in IPPA Competitions should follow the principles of IPPA Competitions at all times - honesty, sportsmanship and courtesy whether on or off the golf course.

It is impossible to determine exactly the standard of conduct expected from players or other team members in IPPA Competition. It is also impossible to make a list of all the acts in violation of the standard of conduct. In most cases, common sense should tell the player or other team member the standard of behavior required of them. Anyone who is in doubt about the behavior that is expected of him/her should contact the **Championship Committee** at the event for guidance.

In most circumstances, the following examples of acts, omissions and negligence will be considered to be contrary to the Code of Conduct and will result in disciplinary action.

- Failure to comply with normally accepted standards of sporting behavior, dress code and golf etiquette at all times.
- Acting in a way that will hurt the championship, another player or the championship management.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages by players under the age of eighteen at the place of competition.
- Disrespectful criticism of the course, sponsors, rules officials, volunteers or the **Championship Committee**. Any complaints shall be addressed to the **Championship Committee** only.
- Failure to comply or cooperate with **Championship Committee's** investigation of an offence.
- Improper behavior on the course.
- Club abuse / smashing of tee marker.
- Not raking bunkers adequately.
- Audible obscenity.
- Any behavior viewed as unethical in the opinion of the **Championship Committee**.
- Failure to control temper anywhere within the official championship area (club house, golf course, practice facilities, hotel etc.).
- Failure to attend a prize giving ceremony. In an individual championship, players receiving medals must be present at the award ceremony. In a team championship, all players must be present at the award ceremony, unless otherwise permitted by the **Championship Committee**.
- Rules officials and fellow competitors have the right to report a breach of conduct. The decision rests with the **Championship Committee**.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE AND SANCTIONS

When a player or other team members in an IPPA championship are believed to have violated the Code of Conduct or the Rules of Golf and the offense can result in sanctions, the **Championship Committee** shall conduct an investigation. The investigation shall include an interview with the subject person, with his opponent, fellow competitors, marker, caddy and any others who have witnessed the offense, when the round is completed.

If the investigation indicates that a violation has occurred the **Championship Committee** can come to one of the following actions:

- a) Give a verbal reprimand/warning;
- b) Disqualify a player in accordance to Rule 1.2b

Serious breach of Code of Conduct or the Rules of Golf

According to Golf Rule 1.2b a player can be disqualified in the championship where a serious breach has occurred.

A player has committed a serious breach if he:

- Physically attacks or abuses in any way a player, an official or other person
- Verbally threatens or abuses a player, an official or other person
- Wrongfully damages the facilities, including the course and the clubhouse
- Wrongfully removes or damages property.
- Deliberately breaks a Rule (as defined in the Rules of Golf, Local Rules and Etiquette)
- Deliberately returns a false score card

In all cases of violations the Chairman of the **Championship Committee** shall send an Incident Report regarding the disqualification of or misconduct of a player or team member to the **IPPA Championship Committee**. The **IPPA Championship Committee** shall furthermore have the authority to:

- a) Take no further action;
- b) Refer the incident to the player's or team's national federation/union/association;
- c) Exclude the player or team from participation in one to several IPPA Competition where the player or team was otherwise eligible to participate.

Any action taken by the **IPPA Competition Committee** shall be final and not subject to appeal.

IPPA DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE for 2019 season:

- Antonio Vasconcelos – **IPPA Competition Committee** Chairman
- Jean-Luc Pannetier – **IPPA Competition Committee** Member
- Antonio Esteban – **IPPA Competition Committee** Member
- Viviana Albian – **IPPA Competition Committee** Member
- The **Championship Committee** Chairman having submitted the case to the Disciplinary Subcommittee.

*IPPA Competition Committee
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