The NYSGA Code of Conduct applies to all NYSGA competitions and those of allied associations, which includes USGA qualifiers and competitions sponsored by the Buffalo, Capitol Region, 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:

- 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
- Use of language/gestures towards any person that is deemed inappropriate, derogatory, or abusive
- Any behavior deemed to be disruptive or distracting, including (but not limited to) loud outbursts, using profanity, throwing equipment, and the playing of music/sport broadcast, etc. in any manner except using earbuds
- Intentionally damaging the golf course, golf course property or club/association signage and equipment
- Any other actions that can be construed as threatening or that can potentially endanger any person
- Using cell phones/electronic devices for purposes other than those permitted by the Rules
- Failing to comply with electronic ‘live’ scoring requests
- Any unbecoming or inappropriate conduct as determined by the NYSGA/allied association

**Offense Procedure for Breach of Code of Conduct**

1<sup>st</sup> Breach – Warning
2<sup>nd</sup> Breach – 2 Stroke Penalty
3<sup>rd</sup> Breach – Disqualification

Serious Breach – Disqualification

The NYSGA/allied association Committee is the authority responsible for determining when a breach of the Code of Conduct occurs.