



SDGA



SDGA Code of Conduct

The Syracuse District Golf Association (SDGA) and its member clubs believe that participation in SDGA amateur events is a privilege that carries responsibilities. In order to enter an SDGA event, a player must be an amateur golfer and be a member in good standing at an SDGA member club or Associate member. He or she must adhere to all SDGA tournament requirements, including possession of a USGA Handicap Index, age and/or gender requirements for selected events, wearing appropriate golf attire, mandatory use of riding carts at selected events, and obey local host club rules that may apply to players during a competition.

The most recent edition of the USGA Rules of Golf will govern all play in SDGA events, along with the SDGA Notice to Players and any Local Rules that may be put into effect for selected events. All players must familiarize themselves with the provisions of Rule 1.2 of the USGA Rules of Golf and conduct themselves accordingly, i.e. by playing in the spirit of the game, acting with integrity, showing consideration for others, and taking good care of the golf course, as those concepts are described in Rule 1.2a.

In accordance with Rule 1.2b of the USGA Rules of Golf, the SDGA has adopted this Code of Conduct to apply to all players in SDGA events. In the discretion of the SDGA Rules Committee, a player may receive the General Penalty (loss of hole in match play or 2 strokes in stroke play) for conduct that breaches this Code. A penalty of Disqualification may be applied for any serious misconduct that occurs. Examples of "serious misconduct" include, but are not limited to: deliberately damaging a putting green, deliberately moving tee markers or boundary stakes, deliberately distracting other players, refusing to follow the Rules of Golf, repeated use of vulgar or offensive language, throwing clubs, not following cart signs or showing disrespect to a Rules Official.