



Future Champions Golf Tour MEMBERSHIP COVENANT FOR THE 2012 SEASON

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

The FCGT takes great pride in the quality of its players, parents, host facilities and broad community involvement at each tournament. Its purpose is to help FCGT participants grow and mature by understanding and accepting the consequences of their actions. In order to continue making the FCGT experience enjoyable and rewarding for everyone, FCGT requires all members and their families to adhere to these rules and guidelines.

Any of the following actions by an FCGT member at an FCGT event, non-FCGT event or toward another FCGT member anywhere, constitutes a violation of the FCGT Code of Conduct:

- 1- **Dress Code:** When you arrive at the golf course you are expected not only to act like a golfer, but to look like one as well. Proper attire is required at all times at the host golf course, including award ceremonies and other official activities.
 - a. **Required Dress at the Golf Course:**
 - Hats/visors must be worn with brim forward; males must remove hat/visor while indoors
 - Collared shirts or mock turtlenecks (host golf course permitting) must be worn and tucked in at all times
 - Women's fashion shirts without a collar must have sleeves
 - Women's fashion shirts must not rise above the belt line at anytime during the golf swing
 - Women's shorts must be no more than 5" above the knee OR the inseam of the shorts must measure at least 5"
 - b. **Prohibited Dress at the Golf Course**
 - Tank tops, T-shirts
 - Denim shorts, short-shorts, cut-off shorts, gym shorts, jeans
 - Earrings (males)
 - Body piercings
 - Tattoos (must be covered)
- 2- **Regarding alcohol, tobacco, and drugs:** The use of any of these substances on or off the golf course will be considered a violation of the FCGT Code of Conduct leading to disqualification of/or suspension from the FCGT golf tournament or tournaments at the FCGT's absolute discretion.
- 3- **Regarding etiquette/course behavior:** Any breach deemed to be serious by the FCGT may result in disqualification under Rule 33-7.
 - a. Serious Breaches may include but are not limited to:
 - i. Abusive or inappropriate language,
 - ii. Disrespect to volunteers, officials, golf professionals or fellow competitors,

- iii. Repetitive violations of the USGA Rules of Golf,
- iv. Club throwing,
- v. Abuse of golf course property,
- vi. Notification to an FCGT official is required prior to leaving the golf course during a competitive round when withdrawing for any reason including medical, will be considered a violation of the FCGT Code of Conduct.

- 4- **Regarding Off Course Behavior:** Violation may bring a letter of warning to parents and player, a suspension from the tournament where the violation occurred, and/or suspension from future events and/or suspension as an FCGT player altogether.
- a. Abusive or inappropriate language,
 - b. the use of/or association with drugs, alcohol, smoking, or chewing tobacco products,
 - c. Vandalism at the host hotel, host facility or abusive behavior to host family or property,
 - d. Physical abuse, threat of physical abuse, verbal abuse, slander or libel towards other players, parents, coaches, sponsors, host golf course staff or members, FCGT staff or volunteers in any medium,
 - e. Conduct not becoming of an FCGT player, such as acting in anger or creating other distractions will be considered a violation of the FCGT Code of Conduct.
- 5- Regarding International players: whether English is your first language or NOT, you are requested to speak English during your entire round of play. This includes, but is not limited to, questions during play regarding rulings, conversations in the scoring area, etc. If a player needs assistance with the language, he/she may request that his/her translator be present when speaking with a rules official.

A flagrant violation at the tournament and/or site may result in immediate disqualification or suspension without benefit of review. The FCGT may assess disqualification and/or suspension based on violations of one or more of the above depending on the seriousness of the violation. If disqualification and/or suspension is necessary, the player, his/her parents, and the FCGT tournament staff will be advised to submit a written account of the circumstances and violation(s) in question to the FGWT Executive Committee within 24 hours of the notice of disqualification and/or suspension. After review, the possible disqualification and/or length of the suspension will be decided.

The FCGT Junior Golf Tour realizes that you, as a player, know that golf is a game of integrity. By signing this Code of Conduct, you are indicating your desire to keep the great game of golf a great game, and to abide by and accept this Code of Conduct and the FCGT Junior Golf Tour's enforcement of this Code of Conduct.

Release Signatures

The signatures below indicate an agreement to abide by all tournament regulations and the FCGT Code of Conduct and with the understanding that tournament entry fee deposits are non-refundable. Tournament players and their parents/guardians release the host facility and The FCGT from any liability relating to the player's participation in an FCGT event. In case of medical emergency at an FCGT event, the tournament participant and parent/guardian signed below authorize any and all appropriate treatments as determined by qualified and licensed medical personnel.

Player's Name (print)	Signature of the Player	Date
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Parent/Guardian Name (print)	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
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Parents and Spectators Code of Conduct

The Future Champions Golf Tour appreciates the support provided by parents, grandparents, and other spectators who attend our events. "In golf, customs of etiquette and decorum are just as important as rules governing play." It is appropriate for parents and spectators to applaud successful strokes, but in order to run our tournaments in the most effective manner and provide enjoyment for all involved, we need all non-players to abide by the following guidelines throughout the tournament experience: (Please note that if any of the following guidelines are perceived as broken by an FCGT official, the player may be subject to penalty.)

1. Please remain on the cart paths, in the rough, and at least 30 yards away from those playing throughout the course of the event. Please do not walk in the fairways.
2. Advice (Rule 8) is any counsel or suggestion which could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of a club or the method of making a stroke. In addition, any conversation between player/spectator may be construed as advice. This includes any conversation between player/spectator in their native language. In either instance, penalty for breach of this rule is two strokes. Players are responsible for the actions of their relatives and spectators in regards to this rule.
3. Keeping the above statement in mind, please keep your conversation with the player to words of encouragement as long as advice is not given.
4. Spectators attend FCGT events at their own risk.
5. Spectators need to be aware of other players on the course. Please do not lag behind which prevents the group behind from playing their shots.
6. Please turn off all cell phones at FCGT events.
7. **Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on the golf course**
8. All players and spectators are not permitted to ride on the back of a golf cart at any time during FCGT competitions.

9. Spectators should stay one shot ahead of the group they are following. This allows spectators to follow errant shots and help identify where the ball comes to rest. Spectators are allowed to aid in the search for lost golf balls, and come up to the rough surrounding the green to watch when the players are putting.
10. Spectators should not give rulings. Please allow the Rules Officials to make the ruling. If the Rules Official requires your input, they will approach you. Please seek an FCGT rules official if the need arises.
11. Spectators are allowed to carry medicine, drinks, food, umbrellas, etc.
12. The FCGT staff may assess a penalty to the player based on the severity of the spectator violation. If a serious breach has occurred, the spectator may be asked to leave the facility or the spectator may not be permitted to attend another FCGT event.
13. For your personal safety, we ask you exercise caution at all times. When inclement weather moves into the area, the FCGT will suspend play by sounding air horns. Accordingly, you should seek shelter immediately. The FCGT staff will evacuate players from the course first and then spectators.

The signatures below indicate an agreement to abide by all tournament regulations and the FCGT Spectator Code of Conduct

Parent/Guardian Name (print)	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
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Proof of Age

For the 2012 Season, ALL participants of the FCGT will be required to provide acceptable proof-of-age documentation (Birth Certificate, Passport or Valid Driver's License) prior to the first tournament played for the 2012 season. FCGT will **NOT** retain a copy of the documents; FCGT will make a note in the players file as to age and document used to prove age. FCGT reserves the right to accept or reject any proof-of-age documentation not listed above.

General Conditions

Failure to sign and comply with the above document is reason enough to ban a player from participating in the 2012 FCGT Series. All players must retain a copy of their signed Membership Covenant in their personal file. Players must return this signed form (which covers all events for the 2012 season) and provide proof of age documentation prior to registration at the first tournament.