

CODE OF CONDUCT

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Introduction

EDGA tournaments, championships and events will be held in accordance with the Rules of Golf as established by the R&A Rules Limited and the United States Golf Association together with the Modifications of the Rules of Golf for Golfers with Disabilities and Local Rules as established by the tournament Organising Committee

Conduct

1. Players, caddies and officials are obliged to comply with all requests for information from EDGA and/or the Organising Committee as expeditiously as possible; to abide by the requests regarding availability for media interviews etc; to participate in all official functions organised by Sponsors/ Organising Committee and/or EDGA to which you are invited. Any costs incurred by EDGA due to your failure to comply/ attend will be passed to you directly.
2. In the course of their business as EDGA participants, players shall dress smartly and be well presented at all times, in order to portray a favourable impression of EDGA. Permitted clothing, long or tailored short trousers, no shorter than just above the knee, shirts with short sleeves and collar or with long sleeves and collar. Acknowledged golfing attire is permitted.
3. Players and caddies, during the duration of a tournament will not be permitted to wear or display any advertising matter, which in the opinion of the Organising Committee may embarrass a Sponsor or place in jeopardy the future sponsorship of a tournament.
4. Players behaviour should be acceptable both on and off the golf course to ensure that the good name of EDGA is not brought into disrepute and to reflect favourably on the Sponsors, Organising Committee and EDGA. Failure to do so will automatically lead to a disciplinary procedure.
5. It is the players responsibility to be punctual for starting times, tournament meetings and interviews that you have accepted.

6. If a player has a grievance against EDGA or an individual Committee Member or the Organising Committee, or another person, these matters should be dealt with in a reasonable manner. EDGA will not tolerate any disparaging comments being made in public, without all reasonable efforts first being exhausted to clarify the issue. Failure to comply with this request will lead to a disciplinary procedure.
 - a. The following conduct is considered to be against the spirit of the sport and jeopardise the good standing of EDGA, such actions are not permitted during an EDGA badged tournament/event (on or off the golf course) or when representing EDGA. Such breaches, may result in disciplinary action being taken.
 - Bad language.
 - Rowdy behaviour at anytime (even when celebrating a victory).
 - Indulgence in the use of any banned substance, random drug tests will be performed. Any individual who fails such a test or refuses to take a test if requested to do so, may be disqualified.
 - Any form of physical fighting.
 - Any form of verbal abuse. .
 - Negative influences on fellow participants.
 - Any form of political, religious or racial propaganda or demonstrations.
 - b. To ensure fair and equal competition the following will be agreed upon.
 - To observe and comply with the anti-doping provisions referred to in the WADA list of banned substances; not to have in possession or attempt to have in possession any drug or medication which have not been approved in writing by a medical person.
 - To submit to doping control whenever and wherever requested by officials and to hand over all the relevant forms regarding doping control to the Organising Committee for safe keeping.

For more information go to www.dopingautoriteit.nl (choose your language) or contact your national doping authority.

General Rules

1. Players are responsible for familiarising themselves with the Conditions of the Competition, "Local Rules" and any "Additional Local Rules" as posted on the tournament noticeboards.
2. Mobile telephones may neither be switched on, nor used on the golf course during tournament play, except in the case of a medical emergency or for matters of personal safety.
3. The use of motorised carts is permitted for all competitors.
4. Only accredited caddies/helpers will be allowed to support players during tournament play; it is essential that you make your requirements clear to the Organising Committee on your entry form.
5. The Referees and Marshals will monitor the "Pace of Play" in accordance with the "Pace of Play" rules.
6. The Organising Committee is responsible for the times of starting and for arranging the groups in which the competitors shall play.
7. The player is personally responsible for knowing his/her own starting time.
8. The Organising Committee reserves the rights to alter starting times if deemed necessary.
9. The player should arrive at the appropriate tee, ten minutes before their starting time.
10. The Organising Committee reserves the right to suspend play and/or cancel a round in case of potentially dangerous weather conditions. Players must familiarise themselves with the signals in use for "Suspension of Play" as detailed in the tournament rules.
11. A player is permitted to stop play if he/she believes there is danger from lightning, or if there is some other good reason such as sudden illness. He shall report to the Organising Committee as soon as practicable to explain the reason for stopping play.
12. Etiquette is an important part of the game and in the case of a serious breach of etiquette the Disciplinary Committee has the authority to disqualify a player.

Disciplinary Procedures / Disputes

The sections on Conduct and General Rules above will be strictly enforced by the Organising Committee with a zero tolerance attitude. A Disciplinary Committee will be formed to deal with all contraventions of the above, major or minor. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee shall be final.

The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the following;

- Chairman of the Organising Committee.
 - EDGA Executive Committee Member, General Secretary or nominated replacement.
 - Chairman of the EDGA Medical Committee or nominated replacement.
 - Chairman of the EDGA Sport Committee or nominated replacement.
1. Transgressors will be notified in writing, the notice will include the time and place of any disciplinary hearing, and they will be requested to sign the notification as an acknowledgement of receipt. Failure to attend the meeting will be taken as an acknowledgement of guilt.
 2. Representations will be allowed but the decision of the Disciplinary Committee will be final.
 3. Your signature on the Entry Form is an indication that you have read the above and agree to abide by the content.