



### **LINKSTER CADDIES SERIES PILOT PROGRAM**

**We acknowledge that the area has been underserved when it comes to providing Youngsters and opportunity to start competing in golf or who may not be ready to travel to compete in golf. As such, we are launching a regional pilot program to grow the game, grass roots initiative to gauge participation and provide a venue for parents and grandparents to support their kids and the love for the game through our Linkster Caddie Series. Please see below the general guidelines as published by Golf Canada.**

#### **Rules of Golf - Caddies:**

A rules violation by a caddie is the same as a rules violation by a player. A Player must be aware of the rules and assist his or her player in accordance with the rules.

**Rule 14-2b** – states that in “making a stroke,” a player shall not allow his caddie to position himself on or close to an extension of the line of play or the line of putt behind the ball. A caddie may position himself in this manner before the player commits to beginning his swing but must move away once the player is set to begin his swing. Failure to do so will result in a two-stroke penalty.

**Rule 8-2b** – states that when a player’s ball is on the putting green, the player or his caddie may before, but not during the stroke, point out a line for putting, but in doing so the putting green shall not be touched. No mark shall be placed anywhere to indicate a line for putting. Violation of this rule will result in a two-stroke penalty.

**Rule 8-1** – states that a Caddie is one who carries or handles a player’s club during play and otherwise assists him in accordance with the rules. A player may only have one caddie at any given time. A caddie may be replaced or eliminated at any time by the player. No other person may offer advice or help to a player other than his caddie

## **CADDIE CONDUCT**

THE NJGT is committed to maintaining a competitive environment that at the same time remains fun & educational for participants. Parents are encouraged to caddie for their players to help them play their best and ensure that the environment remains enjoyable for all involved. The NJGT will not tolerate caddies or spectators who are abusive towards their players or other players in the field, please familiarize yourself and adhere to the following rules of conduct for caddies.

1. If a caddie becomes disruptive to the point of receiving a formal complaint from an official, volunteer, competitor or caddie, he or she will be given a warning upon validation by the NJGT.
2. After a second offence, the caddie will be placed on probation and required to attend a meeting with NJGT officials to review the complaints levied against them.
3. Upon a third offence, caddie privileges will be suspended indefinitely

Violations include profanity, abusive language, club throwing, cheating, disrespect for volunteers, competitors, or officials, abuse to the golf course or the facilities, littering, or any other conduct unbecoming of a caddie. The NJGT reserves the right to dismiss any caddie at any time for an egregious offense.

## **BEFORE THE ROUND**

- Motorized carts are strictly prohibited
- Arrive at the golf course about an hour before your player's tee time, depending on how long he or she needs to warm up.
- Find the Player Registration table and check-in with the NJGT volunteers
- Visit the Pro-Shop and purchase driving range balls. Spectators may also rent push carts from the Pro Shop (if available)
- Make sure you have snacks, drinks, and sunscreen for you and your player during the round.
- Ensure that the player's bag has the necessary tees, golf balls, divot repair tool, a pencil and a coin or ball-marker.
- Arrive at your designated Starting tee at least 10 minutes before the player's tee time. The player's starting hole will be indicated on the list of tee times.
- Introduce yourself & your player (encourage them to introduce themselves) to the other caddies and players on the group.

## **DURING THE ROUND**

- Carry (or push) your player's bag and enjoy your time walking with them.
- Get to know all the players and caddies in your group.
- You may help players look for their golf ball, determine distance to the hole, rake bunkers, fix divots in fairways, repair ball marks on the greens, and remove/replace the flagstick on the green.
- After every hole, assist your player with recording their score and the player he/she is keeping score (marking) for.

- Encourage your player after both good and bad shots, and make sure (most importantly) that he/she is having fun and learning from the experience.

### **AFTER THE ROUND**

- Immediately proceed to the scoring area with the other player(s) in your group
- Check your scorecard and verify that the scores for each hole are correct.
- Each player must sign two scorecards: his/her official scorecard, and the scorecard he/she kept for another player in the group.