MGA Player Conduct Policy

By submitting an entry, or by participating in any MGA competition, the player understands that his/her participation is at the sole discretion of the MGA. The player’s entry may be rejected for any event, at the discretion of the Official in Charge, at any time before the close of the competition (as defined in the USGA Rules of Golf Book-Rule 34-1b). Likewise, the player’s entry may be rejected, at the discretion of the Committee for reasons deemed necessary, at any time after the close of the competition.

Unbecoming conduct or actions at any MGA event, or state, national, or international event, or conduct or action deemed detrimental to the MGA, the spirit of the game, or to the host facilities are grounds for such rejection.

These include, but are not limited to:
1. Cheating
2. Willful destruction of golf course or MGA property
3. Abusive language or conduct towards MGA and/or host facility, staff, volunteers, or other players
4. Abusive or derogatory criticism of the MGA and/or host facility staff, volunteers, or other players
5. Club throwing and/or physical endangerment of others
6. Offensive or excessively loud behavior
7. Alcohol and/or substance impaired behavior
8. Repeated withdrawals or no cards during or after completion of a round
9. Inappropriate golf attire
10. Other conduct deemed to be unbecoming

Should such an incident occur, the Official in Charge must submit a report to the Tournament and Rules Committee. Future sanctions may range from suspension from future MGA events to not being eligible for MGA team competitions and/or player awards. This may include losing exempt status for future year(s).

The decision to reject an entry during an event by the Official in Charge is final. However, any further sanctions imposed by the Tournament and Rules Committee may be appealed to a Tournament Players’ Board. The decision of this board may be appealed to the MGA Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final.