

WGTF / USGTF CODE OF ETHICS FOR TOURNAMENT PLAYERS

WGTF and USGTF members are teaching professionals whose conduct reflects upon the game, the profession, and the organizations they represent. The US Golf Teachers Cup is founded on camaraderie, competition, sportsmanship, and professionalism, and all participants are expected to uphold these values while protecting the integrity and credibility of the profession and tournament play. By participating in WGTF and USGTF events, players accept the responsibility to uphold these standards at all times.

Code of Ethics

1. **Respect** – Players will treat course employees, volunteers, tournament officials, spectators, caddies, and fellow competitors with professionalism and respect at all times.
2. **Punctuality** – Players must arrive at their starting location a minimum of five (5) minutes prior to their scheduled tee time or designated shotgun start.
3. **Pace** – Players will maintain an acceptable pace of play without undue delay and are expected to set a positive example as ambassadors of the game.
4. **Compliance** – Players will compete strictly in accordance with the Rules of Golf as established by the R&A and USGA, together with all applicable Local Rules and tournament conditions.
5. **Rulings** – Rules disputes arising during play should be addressed through a referee or Tournament Committee member whenever possible. If an immediate ruling is unavailable, players shall proceed under the Rules of Golf and seek an official ruling after the round.
6. **Etiquette** – Players will observe proper golf etiquette before, during, and after play and conduct themselves in a manner becoming of credentialed teaching professionals.
7. **Knowledge** – Players are expected to know the Rules of Golf and comply with all rulings made by tournament referees and the Tournament Committee.
8. **Communication** – Concerns regarding tournament administration or operations shall be addressed respectfully and privately with tournament officials.