

# GJAC COMPETITION RULES

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## Conditions of Competition, Code of Conduct, and Local Rules for the Girls Junior Americas Cup Team Matches



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### CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

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**Attire:** Competitors must abide by the GJAC Dress Codes. Proper golf attire is required for all Team uniforms including matching shirts and golf bags monogrammed with the State name (state or association logo is optional).

**Footwear:** All competitors must wear spikeless shoes. Shoes with traditionally designed spikes, regardless of composition (i.e., ceramic, plastic, etc.), or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal, when such metal comes in contact with the surface of the course, are prohibited. Penalty for breach is Disqualification.

**Equipment:** Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I, Part C, 1a and 1b are in effect.

**Electronic Devices and Cell Phones:** Team captains may carry cell phones (on silent mode) for emergency use only. For the use of cell phones by Team Members refer to Code of Conduct.

**Distance-Measuring Devices:** Competitors may not obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance during the competition rounds. Competitors may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only during the practice round. Penalty for breach is Disqualification.

**Scoring:** Scorecards must be returned as soon as possible after the completion of the round with both the competitor's and the marker's signatures. **Any competitor who leaves the golf facility without turning in their scorecard to the Committee will be Disqualified.** A scorecard is considered to be returned when the player has left the official scoring area.

**Ties:** In the event of a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place, ties will not be broken and duplicate medals are awarded (duplicates will be mailed). Additionally if there is a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place, the second place medal will not be awarded. If there is a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, the third place medal will not be awarded.

Ties for 4<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> place will be broken by counting all four scores of the final round to determine team finish.

**Open and Close of Competition:** Raising of the GJAC flag marks the official opening of the Matches. Lowering of the GJAC flag marks the official closing of the Matches.

**Automotive Transportation:** Prohibited, except when permitted by the Committee. *Note: Players may receive rides during practice round. Players may be transported by Rules Officials and/or Official Player Shuttles in order to speed up play.* Penalty for breach is Disqualification.

**Caddies:** Prohibited for the competition. Penalty for breach is Disqualification.

**Team Captains:** Team Captains may give advice to members of the team in accordance with the Note under Rule 8. Team Captains are not allowed on the green during the competition rounds. There will be the same Team Captain for each Team throughout the Tournament and the only one allowed to communicate with players. Team Captains must keep in mind the importance of maintaining pace of play when advising team members, undue delay could result in a warning and/or disqualification. A Team Assistant Captain may be appointed by the Team Captain to assist with errands and general Tournament support but they cannot give

advice to team members. The Team Captain and Team Assistant Captain (if applicable) must be identified to the Committee prior to the start of the competition.

**Spectators:** Spectators may not communicate with players during the practice round and competition rounds, unless to acknowledge good shots and give support to all players. Spectators must remain on cart paths and off the fairways at least 30 yards away from players. Spectators must keep up with the group they are following. Spectators are not allowed in golf carts. Spectators may not use cell phones on golf club property. At all times spectators are prohibited from practice areas.

## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

*Unless otherwise noted, penalty for breach of a Code of Conduct will result with a warning or disqualification at the discretion of the Committee.*

The Girls Junior Americas Cup Matches bring girls together from various states and countries to form new friendships and cultivate mutual respect. Team Members have the opportunity to develop pride in self, team, state and country. Participants accept the responsibility of conducting themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. They respect the tradition of the sport and the rules of the game. They show respect for both team members and opponents. They are polite, courteous and pleasant to all captains, tournament hosts, officials and volunteers. They show respect for the tournament course by picking up litter, replacing divots and repairing ball marks. They show respect of themselves by being positive in appearance, attitude and action. This Code of Conduct is applicable to behaviors both on and off the golf course from the moment of the teams departure to the tournament until the moment the teams arrives back home.

The following are examples, but are not limited to the only code of conduct violations:

- Use of cell phone on golf club property
- Cheating
- Disregard of golf etiquette
- Obscene, abusive or vulgar language
- Club throwing and/or other inappropriate behavior
- Disrespect to captains, tournament hosts, officials, volunteers, and/or fellow competitors
- Use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco products
- Abuse of golf course property, including not picking up litter, replacing divots and repairing ball marks
- Disrespect to host family or abuse of their property

Behaviors deemed seriously inappropriate by the Committee may also result in disqualification. The Executive Board shall determine circumstances subject to disqualification. A participant who is disqualified will be sent home early at the expense of the parent/guardian. The parent/guardian is responsible for reimbursing the State Association for all expenses incurred for the participant.

## **LOCAL RULES**

*Unless otherwise noted, penalty for breach of a Local Rule is two strokes.*

**Time of Starting (Rule 6-3):** Competitors must be present at their starting tee (ready to play) at the time laid down by the Committee. If a player does not start on time, refer to Rule 6-3a.

**Doubt as to Procedure (Rule 3-3):** When a competitor is doubtful of her rights or procedure, she may, without penalty, play a second ball. The competitor should, before taking further action, announce her decision to invoke this Rule and the ball with which she will score if the Rules permit. The competitor shall report the facts to the Committee before returning her scorecard. Failure to inform the Committee will result in Disqualification.

**Pace of Play (Rule 6-7):** It is the competitor's responsibility to play without undue delay (refer to host association Pace of Play Policy).

**Suspension of Play:** A *Dangerous Situation* is signaled by one prolonged note of air horn or siren; players must discontinue play immediately. All practice areas are closed during dangerous situation suspensions. All other suspensions of play are signaled by three consecutive notes of air horn or siren, repeated; players in between the play of two holes shall not begin play of the next hole; players in the process of playing a hole, may complete play of that hole only. For all suspensions, play is resumed by two short notes of air horn or siren, repeated. Failure to follow these suspension/resumption procedures will result in Disqualification.