

Garden State **2005 DISC GOLF OPEN** 30-31 July Whittlesea, Melbourne

Code Of Conduct

Whittlesea Golf Club and the Garden State Open takes pride in the quality of its players, host facilities and broad community involvement at each tournament. In order to continue making tournaments enjoyable for everyone we require all members to adhere to a set of guidelines known as the Code of Conduct. Its purpose is to create a safe environment for players and to instil a sense of professionalism that will project a positive image of our sport to the broader community and to potential sponsors. The Code of Conduct is to be followed throughout the participant's stay at the tournament.

Personal Conduct

- Competitors are expected to demonstrate respect for other tournament participants, club staff and members, employees, spectators, tournament officials, volunteers and all others by exhibiting decorum consistent with the expectations of golf competitors.
- Violations include abusive language; abuse of the golf course or golf property; cheating; bag kicking; vandalism; display of bad temper; disrespect of fellow competitors, spectators, volunteers and officials and other conduct that is considered detrimental to the best interests of the game.
- Use of illicit drugs by a competitor or caddie during a stipulated round is prohibited.
- Use of alcohol by a competitor or caddie during a stipulated round is prohibited.
- Cell phones, audible beepers, or other electronic equipment are prohibited during competition.

Health And Safety

- Players must take due care when throwing a disc that their throw will not threaten another person's safety.
- If a disc throwing situation presents a threat to another person's safety, then steps must be taken to eliminate the threat or wait until the threat is no longer.
- If in doubt, don't throw the disc.
- Whilst out on the course, players should be aware that there are natural and man-made hazards that can cause injury if a player shows a lack of care and attention. Examples of these hazards are, but not limited to, rabbit holes, snakes, spiders, rocks, over hanging branches, slippery ground, fences and water hazards.
- You are advised to wear footwear that will protect and support the foot and ankle.

Cheating

Cheating is defined as a wilful attempt to circumvent the rules of play. All tournaments use the latest edition of the P.D.G.A. rulebook. It is the player's responsibility to know the rules of play.

Drug and Alcohol Usage

As stated in the Personal Conduct above, use of drugs and/or alcohol during a stipulated round is prohibited. Players may responsibly consume alcohol prior to or upon completion of their round(s) for the particular day. However, abuse of alcohol after play and on course property is considered professional misconduct and is subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

Dress Code

Please respect the dress code for the Whittlesea Golf Club and its members. Golfers of both codes are expected to dress in a smart manner. This applies on the course and in the clubhouse. Acceptable apparel is collared T-shirt/polo with minimum logo representation. Dress trousers/plain sports trousers. Dress shorts, long socks or short sports socks with suitable footwear for play.

No T shirts, jeans, footy shorts, track suit pants, or apparel that can be deemed 'untidy and/or unsuitable by the committee.

Violations of the Code of Conduct

If a violation occurs prior to or during an event, the individual must immediately comply with the code. This must be done without undue delay and the code must thereafter be maintained. The Tournament Director may assess a penalty depending on the severity of the violation.

Penalties

Here is an excerpt of rule 804.05 the the P.D.G.A. rulebook:

A. A player may be disqualified by the director for meeting any of the necessary conditions of disqualification as set forth in the rules, or for any of the following:

- (1) Unsportsmanlike conduct, such as; loud cursing, throwing things in anger (other than discs in play), or overt rudeness to anyone present.
- (2) Willful and overt destruction or abuse of plant life, course hardware, or any other property considered part of the disc golf course/facilities.
- (3) Cheating: a willful attempt to circumvent the rules of play.
- (4) Activities which are in violation of the law or disc golf course rule, including the illegal consumption of drugs or alcohol. Directors are granted the discretion to disqualify a player based on the severity of the offending conduct. An official warning of disqualification may be issued by a director where appropriate.

B. Disqualified players shall forfeit any prize money and shall not receive a refund of entry fees.