



# Utah PGA Junior Series

## CADDIE POLICY

*The Utah PGA Junior Series will be allowing caddies this season.*

The purpose of allowing caddies is to support the Utah PGA Junior Series main goal of providing a FUN experience for the players. Caddies will help facilitate play, and help their juniors around the course in a fast and safe manner. Having a FUN EXPERIENCE is the number one GOAL.

### **Caddie Policies/Guidelines:**

An individual acting/serving as a caddie for a junior golfer SHOULD be eighteen years of age or older.

### **Our Definition:**

A caddie is one who carries or handles a player's clubs during play and otherwise assists him/her. A player may only have one caddie at any given time. (Rule 10.3) The player is responsible for the caddie's actions. 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/her caddie (Rule 10.2).

**Restriction on Caddie Standing Behind Player.** When a player begins taking a stance for the stroke and until the stroke is made: The Player's caddie must not deliberately stand in a location on or close to an extension of the line of play behind the ball for any reason (Rule 10.2b (4)).

A caddie agrees to abide to all code of conduct/dress code policies that are in place by the Utah PGA Junior Series and the host sites of our events.

Note: The player and his caddie are responsible for knowing the Rules. During a stipulated round, for any breach of a Rule by his caddie, the player incurs the applicable penalty.

### **CADDIES CAN DO THE FOLLOWING:**

- Provide advice and assist with yardages and club selection
- Help ALL juniors in the group play at a decent pace and get around the course in a safe manner.
- Caddies ARE allowed on tee boxes, in fairways and on greens. Spectators should not be in these areas. Spectators should be on cart paths and in the rough.
- Guide the juniors. Directing when/whose turn it is to play. Order of play. Encourage READY GOLF.

### **CADDIES CAN DO THE FOLLOWING (continued):**

- On the putting green: help direct the junior who is to play first. Help guide juniors who is up next so when it is their turn, they are ready to putt out.
- Give guidance on relief options/drops. However the player(s) must make their own decision if options are involved. If a player(s) has a question on a ruling(s), confer with the other players in the group, and then discuss incident with PGA Junior Series On-Site Administrator(s)/staff.
- Help with oversight in scoring and the recording of score(s). We highly recommend that scores from the past hole be discussed as the group is walking from putting green to next tee box/scoring area. Score(s) must be recorded on official scorecard.
- Just like spectators, caddies are encouraged to help with location of golf balls, searching for lost golf balls.
- Caddies can rake bunkers, replace divots and attend flagstick.
- Caddies can repair old hole plugs, ball marks and other damage on the putting green.
- Caddies can clean the player(s) golf ball which is within the rules of golf.
- Caddies just like a junior golfer can use pull carts.
- Help with the explanation of an issue/incident to Utah PGA Junior Series On-Site Administrator(s)/staff.

### **The following actions SHOULD NOT be done by a caddie:**

- Caddies are NOT allowed in the designated scoring area/table.
- Caddies should not spend excess time attempting to retrieve golf balls in penalty areas.
- Caddies CANNOT ride or have golf clubs transported in golf carts except in between holes or when authorized by the Utah PGA Junior Golf staff.
- Use smoking or chewing tobacco products and/or alcohol.

Sometimes well intentioned caddies may disrupt others during play and/or go above and beyond the actions of what a caddie is SUPPOSED to do. If this happens, a VERBAL COMPLAINT should be filed with the on-site administrator(s)/staff at the event that this is taking place/took place. This complaint should be done as soon as possible. The on-site administrator(s)/staff will make a note of this and the caddie upon who the complaint is being made upon will be addressed. If another complaint is made at that event or any future event(s) the individual will lose their caddie privileges. Complaints/incidents will be kept on file at the Utah Section PGA Office.

### **REMEMBER – PLAYING GOLF SHOULD BE FUN, FUN, FUN!**

Ages 4-8 are required to have a caddie.

Ages 9-10 are encouraged to have caddie.

Ages 11-18 MAY compete without a caddie. It is NOT mandatory to have a caddie!

Caddies are encouraged to let players make their own decisions and develop their golf skills independently. On-course swing instruction by caddies should be kept to a minimum. The Utah Section PGA firmly believes in upholding the traditions golf teaches, including, most importantly, the values of sportsmanship, integrity and honesty. We expect that caddies to uphold these traditions and teachings as well and to make sure that players are having fun. Golf, in the end, is just a game. The opportunity to caddie is a PRIVILEGE not a RIGHT! The Utah Section PGA reserves the right to ban any individual from caddying at any/all events.