



MOBILE PHONE & ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY (JUNIOR JUG)

Rationale

Mobile phones are important communication tools, essential in providing a safe and effective environment. Golf Central Highlands realise that many parents support and encourage their children to carry a mobile phone. A mobile phone or electronic device can be a great form of communication between friends and family and also act as a protection from danger. Mobile phones or electronic devices, however, can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and therefore must be effectively managed.

Aim

To utilise the benefits of mobile phones or electronic devices whilst managing the problems they can potentially cause.

Procedures

Officials use of mobile phones

The team manager and team captain must ensure that they carry a mobile phone at all times.

The team manager and team captain are not permitted to use personal mobile phones on the golf course except in cases of emergency. Mobile phones are to be switched off during this time.

Golf Central Highlands does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged mobile phones.

Player use of mobile phones & electronic device

Players are able to bring personal mobile phones or electronic devices on official trips for health, safety or personal reasons that justify the player being in possession of such devices.

Once a player makes a move towards the first tee mobile phones are to be switched off. The use of a mobile phone on the golf course is prohibited, except in the case of a medical emergency or to call a Rules Official. Using a mobile phone without an opponent's consent is a serious breach of etiquette (Rule 33-7). Penalty for use of a mobile phone without consent is disqualification. If a time arises that a Rules Official needs to be called, both players must seek agreement before the mobile is switched on and the official called.

At the end of day's play players are able to check their messages or contact friends and family. Prior to lights out, at a time determined by the team manager and team captain, mobile phones and electronic devices are to be collected by the team manager and returned to players the next morning.

The team manager and/or team captain may revoke a player's privilege of bringing or using a mobile phone or electronic device at any time. If a player uses a mobile phone or electronic device contrary to this policy, it will be confiscated and held by the team manager until after the next day's play. Examples of unacceptable mobile phone or electronic device use include using a device after lights out, using a device at team meetings and/or any other organised activities where the team manager requests devices are not to be brought with them.

If a player re-offends the mobile phone or electronic device will be confiscated and retained until the end of the tournament. Parents will be contacted to inform them of the phone's confiscation. Player's will still be able to contact their parents after each day's play at a suitable time arranged by the team manager/team captain with the parents.

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