

## **Code of Conduct**

Establishing and enforcing a Code of Conduct ensures that the integrity and traditions of the game of golf are upheld. Participants are required to adhere to the following Code of Conduct guidelines, and the Rules of Golf as stated by the Royal Canadian Golf Association, so that all Pepsi Junior Lobstick events are enjoyable and competitive for all participants.

**Attire** - Proper golf attire must be worn while at the host golf facility. We do not allow players to wear blue jeans pants, cut-offs, or tank-tops. Additionally, cell phones, pagers and headphones are restricted from on the course.

**Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs** - Pepsi Junior Lobstick endorses a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to alcohol, tobacco and drugs. Participants who abuse any of these substances may be subject to disqualification and/or suspension from Pepsi Junior Lobstick at the absolute discretion of the Lobstick Tournament Committee.

**Course Behaviour** - All participants are expected to act in a professional and courteous manner when playing in the Pepsi Junior Lobstick. A two-stroke penalty will be issued for any behaviour the Lobstick Tournament Committee deems unsportsmanlike, while a second or serious offence will result in automatic disqualification from the tournament and possible suspension from future Pepsi Junior Lobstick events. Violations include: disrespectful behaviour towards officials, volunteers, facility staff or spectators; abusive or inappropriate language; throwing or breaking clubs; any form of cheating; and abuse of the golf course in any way. (Divots and ball marks)

Caddies and use of automotive transportation during a round is prohibited.

**Off-Course Behaviour** - Players represent themselves and the Pepsi Junior Lobstick, which includes appropriate behaviour off the golf course, too. Participants will be subject to Code of Conduct penalties in the event of vandalism at a host hotel or to a host family's property or any other conduct not becoming of a Pepsi Junior Lobstick participant.

**Parents/Spectators** - Pepsi Junior Lobstick encourages parent and spectator support during tournament play. A distance of 30 feet from the player must be maintained at all times. Parents and spectators can cheer equally for all players, but cannot instruct or advise participants during play. Violation of these regulations will result first in a warning, followed by a 2-stroke penalty to the participant for a second offence. A third violation may result in the player being disqualified from the Pepsi Junior Lobstick event.

Penalties for Code of Conduct violations, based on the severity of misconduct, may include any or all of the following:

1. A Letter of Warning issued by Lobstick Tournament Committee to the player and parents, outlining the violation and action taken. This letter will become a part of the participants file and may be used to determine disciplinary actions in the event of reoccurring violations.
2. Two-stroke penalty on tournament play.
3. Disqualification from the tournament at which the violation occurs.
4. Suspension from future tournament(s).

The Lobstick Tournament Committee will be informed of all Code of Conduct violations and will be polled regarding further punitive actions. Appeals of suspensions can be made in writing to the Lobstick Tournament Committee.