



CODE OF CONDUCT

Under the terms and for the provisions of Rule 1.2 of the Rules of Golf, this Code of Conduct is enforced as a Local Rule of the National Association of Seniors of Golf of Portugal (ANSGP).

I. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

The Code of Conduct applies to all players participating in national and international competitions organized by ANSGP.

II. INFRINGEMENTS

Infringements of the code of conduct are classified as serious misconduct and very serious misconduct.

The following are serious misconduct:

- Inappropriate language or behavior, namely:
 - a) Deliberately causing a distraction to other players who perform a shot, such as using the phone in sound mode;
 - b) Incorrectness towards other players, field staff, members of the organization, spectators, or referees;
 - c) Wearing inappropriate clothing, such as beach shorts and slippers or t-shirts.
- Misuse of the equipment, namely:
 - a) Throwing or breaking golf clubs or any other equipment;
 - b) Break, damage, or change the location of any material in the installation, including OB (Out of Bounds) stakes, tee markers, flags, information signs, advertising boards, and rakes;
 - c) Break or damage course equipment and furniture;
 - d) Not returning golf clubs found abandoned on the course.
- Lack of care in preserving the golf course and maintaining good playing conditions, namely:
 - a) Intentionally causing damage to the greens;
 - b) Not repairing pitch marks or divots;
 - c) Not raking the bunkers;
 - c) Throw the flag on the green;
 - d) Deliberately damage trees and plants;
 - e) Not following the instructions of the Technical Commission promptly;
 - f) Failure to protect the interests of the other players in the competition (R.20.1c): knowing or believing that another player has broken the Rules and the latter ignores it, you must immediately tell that player, scorer, or Technical Committee of the competition, before handing over the results card.



The following are very serious misconduct:

- Intentionally grossly violating the Rules of Golf, such as unlawfully improving the position of the ball or the results on the scorecard;
- Use a handicap that was built to obtain an unfair advantage or use the competition being played for the same purpose;
- Endanger the safety or verbally or physically offend any other person;
- Violate the "Amateur Status Rules" approved by the R&A and USGA effective January 1, 2022;
 - Note 1: There is no time limit to the retroactive effects of the violation;
 - Note 2: Non-amateur ANSG Members may participate in the competitions but do not compete for the classifications or the respective prizes.

III. PENALTIES

The penalties applicable in case of violation of the Code of Conduct are.

- Verbal notice
- General penalty
- Disqualification

In the case of serious misconduct, the following penalties shall apply: First offense: Verbal warning; Second offense: General penalty; Third offense: Disqualification.

In the case of very serious misconduct, the applicable penalty is the player's immediate disqualification. In addition to disqualification, the ANSGP Board may apply disciplinary penalties.

III. COMPETENCE

In the case of a serious infraction, the penalties for the first and second offenses may be applied by any appointed referee or by the Technical Committee of the competition. The penalty of disqualification for serious infractions will be applied by the Technical Committee of the competition and communicated by it to the player.

In the case of a serious infraction, the penalty of disqualification can be applied by the Technical Committee of the competition and taken into consideration to the ANSGP Board by the Association's Technical Committee. The Board may apply disciplinary penalties, in particular the penalty of disqualification in the clearance that is in question, or the inhibition of participation of the player (a) in one or more events of the ANSGP calendar.

IV. FINAL PROVISIONS

The infractions and the corresponding penalties applied to a player are cumulative throughout the round or turns of the competition or the qualification, even when these occur on different days. In case the caddie commits the infraction, the penalty is applied to the respective player.

The application of any penalty by an appointed referee, the Technical Committee, or the ANSGP Board under the Code of Conduct is independent of the player's disciplinary, civil, or criminal responsibility.