



SLOVAK GOLF ASSOCIATION CONDUCT GUIDELINES AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

CONDUCT GUIDELINES

The Slovak Golf Association (SKGA) takes pride in the quality of its participants, host facilities and broad community involvement at each championship. In order to continue making EGA Championships enjoyable for everyone, all participants are required to adhere to the EGA Conduct Guidelines. The following principles offer guidance on good practice for everyone involved in SKGA events.

Players and other team members, such as captains or advice givers, must submit themselves to standards of behaviour and ethical conduct at all times. They must act in the best interests of the SKGA and its sponsors, the hosting club and the game of golf. Players and other team members participating in SKGA events should follow the principles of SKGA events at all times - honesty, sportsmanship and courtesy whether on or off the golf course.

Anyone who is in doubt about the behaviour that is expected of him/her should contact the **Committee** at the event for guidance.

In most circumstances, the following examples of acts, omissions and negligence will be considered to be contrary to the Conduct Guidelines and will result in disciplinary action.

- Failure to comply with normally accepted standards of sporting behaviour, dress code and spirit of the game at all times.
- Acting in a way that will hurt the championship, another player or the championship management.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages by players under the age of eighteen at the place of competition.
- Disrespectful criticism of the course, sponsors, rules officials, volunteers or the **Committee**. Any complaints shall be addressed to the **Committee** only.
- Failure to comply or cooperate with **Committee's** investigation of an offence.
- Improper behaviour on the course.
- Club abuse / smashing of tee marker.
- Not taking good care of the course - for example, by not replacing divots, not smoothing bunkers, not repairing ball-marks and causing unnecessary damage to the course.
- Audible obscenity.
- Any behaviour viewed as unethical in the opinion of the **Committee**.
- Failure to control temper anywhere within the official championship area (club house, golf course, practice facilities, hotel etc.).
- Failure to attend a prize giving ceremony. In an individual championship, players receiving medals must be present

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE AND SANCTIONS

When a player or other team members in an SKGA championship are believed to have violated the Code of Conduct or the Rules of Golf and the offence can result in sanctions, the **Championship Committee** shall conduct an investigation. The investigation shall include an interview with the subject person, with his opponent, fellow competitors, marker, caddy and any others who have witnessed the offence, when the round is completed. If the investigation indicates that a violation has occurred the **Committee** can come to one of the following actions:

- (a) Give a verbal reprimand/warning;
- (b) Disqualify a player in accordance to Rule 33-7

Serious breach of Code of Conduct or the Rules of Golf

According to Golf Rule 33-7 a player can be disqualified in the championship where a serious breach has occurred. A player has committed a serious breach if he:

- Physically attacks or abuses in any way a player, an official or other person
- Verbally threatens or abuses a player, an official or other person
- Wrongfully damages the facilities, including the course and the clubhouse
- Wrongfully removes or damages property.
- Deliberately breaks a Rule (as defined in the Rules of Golf, Local Rules and Etiquette)
- Deliberately returns a false score card

In all cases of violations the Chairman of the **Championship Committee** shall send an Incident Report regarding the disqualification of or misconduct of a player or team member to the **SKGA**

The **Committee** shall furthermore have the authority to:

- (a) Take no further action
- (b) Refer the incident to the player's or team's national federation

