

U.S. National Development Program

State Program Code of Conduct

Effective January 1, 2025

This Code of Conduct shall govern the conduct of all athletes and coaches participating in the U.S. National Development Program ("USNDP"), including athletes and coaches participating in the State Junior Team Program ("State Program"), as well as parents and family members of athletes participating in the USNDP. As representatives of the USNDP, all such persons are expected to conduct themselves and interact with others in a respectful and courteous manner, in accordance with standards of good citizenship and moral character, and with the utmost sportsmanship and etiquette as generally expected in the game of golf.

All athletes, coaches, and athletes' parents/family members are prohibited from engaging in inappropriate behavior, at all times, whether on or off the course. This includes conduct directed towards others, such as athletes, caddies, marshals, officials, volunteers, spectators, staff, club staff, host families, or other persons connected to the USNDP. If an athlete, coach or parent/family member engages in conduct that is deemed abusive, derogatory, aggressive, prejudicial or detrimental to the integrity and image of the USNDP, Team Nevada, the USGA or the game of golf, then Team Nevada may, in its sole discretion, revoke any invitation to the State Program, or suspend or remove any person from the State Program or State Program events or activities, including, but not limited, revocation of any financial awards or funding provided through the State Program, or suspension or removal from any teams, tournaments, events, camps, training sessions or other opportunities provided through the State Program.

With respect to athletes, coaches, and athletes' parents/family members, such conduct may include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Damage to real or personal property, including, but not limited to, the golf course, club facilities, an athlete's equipment, lodging, and hosting facilities.
2. Verbal or physical abuse of any athlete, teammate, coach, spectator, official, volunteer, State Committee members, the Team Nevada staff, or club staff, or any other person.
3. Any form of bullying, harassment, discrimination, disparagement, or threatening conduct towards others. This includes conduct off the course, such as social media activity on personal accounts.
4. Blatant or excessive use of profanity or other offensive or lewd language.
5. Making derogatory, disparaging, or insulting remarks about other persons, the State Program, the NEVADA TEAM, the USGA, other golf organizations, or host venues.
6. Disorderly behavior.
7. Conduct which is disruptive to competition, including, but not limited to, distraction to athletes.
8. Conduct which could result in an unfair advantage to an athlete or disadvantage to another athlete.
9. Failure to abide by club and/or host venue rules.
10. Misuse or misappropriation of State Program funds or other items provided through the State Program (e.g., equipment, apparel, etc.).
11. Any other unbecoming conduct as determined by the State Committee or Team Nevada.

With respect to athletes and coaches, such conduct may include, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Unsportsmanlike conduct, such as club throwing, club breaking, or disrespect towards any volunteer, marshal, referee, official, NEVADA TEAM staff, club staff, athlete, coach, or spectator.
2. Violation of any applicable State Program policies.
3. Breach of curfew and accommodation policies applicable to any State Program events, such as camps, training sessions, and/or tournaments.
4. Possession or consumption of any illegal substances.
5. Possession or consumption of alcohol, cannabis, or tobacco products (smoking, vaping, or chewing) by any athlete during any State Program sponsored or sanctioned event or activity.
6. Failure to give best efforts during competition.
7. Intentional failure to comply with the Rules of Golf, local rules, or conditions of competition.