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“This policy is strictly enforced for the welfare of the players!” Parents and spectators are welcome and encouraged to attend all tournaments. Spectators and parents are asked to adhere to the following guidelines at all Suburban One golf events:

1. Spectators are asked to stay on the cart paths, or in the rough where cart paths are not accessible, and at least 30 yards away from the players. Do not walk in the fairways.
2. Spectators are permitted to walk the golf course. The use of motorized carts, or any motorized vehicle, by spectators at any Suburban One golf competition is strictly prohibited.
3. Always be aware of the group behind you.
4. Spectators are allowed to carry water, umbrellas, jackets, towels and food for the players.
5. **DO NOT** talk to the players as this action may be construed as giving advice, resulting in a penalty for the player. Spectators are not allowed to give advice to the players. Under rule 8 of the USGA rules, the definition of advice is:

*“Advice is any counsel or suggestion which could influence a player in determining his/her play, the choice of club or method of making a stroke.”*

**Penalty for breach of Rule 8:**

**Match Play = Loss of Hole**

**Stroke Play = Two Strokes**

1. The player is responsible for the actions of his/her spectators and may be subject to penalty.
2. Spectators may not carry a player’s golf bag and/or clubs.
3. The use of cellular phones, beepers, radios, and other like devices is discourteous and distracting to player’s and fellow spectators. All spectators and parents are advised that the use of any such device is prohibited. If you are expecting a call, please use the Pro Shop number. If you receive an emergency call, the Suburban One coaches, and Pro Shop, will do their best to see that you get the message.

Parents and spectators will receive one verbal warning if any of the above guidelines are not adhered to. A second action will result in a penalty for the player and the removal of the spectator from the golf course to the scoring area.