

DEFINITIONS:

- **EGA Championship Committee:** The European Golf Association's Championship Committee consisting of three representatives from each EGA Zone and a Chairman.
- **Championship Committee:** the Championship Committee of the given EGA event whose Chairman is a member of the EGA Championship Committee.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The European Golf Association (EGA) takes great 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 Code of Conduct. The following principles offer guidance on good practice for everyone involved in EGA Championships.

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

It is impossible to determine exactly the standard of conduct expected from players or other team members in EGA Championships. It is also impossible to make a list of all the acts in violation of the standard of conduct. In most cases, common sense should tell the player or other team member the standard of behaviour required of them. Anyone who is in doubt about the behaviour that is expected of him/her should contact the **Championship 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 Code of Conduct and will result in disciplinary action.

- Failure to comply with normally accepted standards of sporting behaviour, dress code and golf etiquette 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 **Championship Committee**. Any complaints shall be addressed to the **Championship Committee** only.
- Failure to comply or cooperate with **Championship Committee's** investigation of an offence.
- Improper behaviour on the course.
- Club abuse / smashing of tee marker.
- Not raking bunkers adequately.
- Audible obscenity.
- Any behaviour viewed as unethical in the opinion of the **Championship 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 at the award ceremony. In a team championship, all players

must be present at the award ceremony, unless otherwise permitted by the **Championship Committee**.

- Rules officials and fellow competitors have the right to report a breach of conduct. The decision rests with the **Championship Committee**.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE AND SANCTIONS

When a player or other team members in an EGA championship are believed to have violated the Code of Conduct or the Rules of Golf and the offense 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 offense, when the round is completed.

If the investigation indicates that a violation has occurred the **Championship Committee** can come to one of the following actions:

- Give a verbal reprimand/warning;
- 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 **EGA Championship Committee**. The **EGA Championship Committee** shall furthermore have the authority to:

- Take no further action;
- Refer the incident to the player's or team's national federation;
- Exclude the player or team from participation in one to several EGA Championships where the player or team was otherwise eligible to participate.

Any action taken by the **EGA Championship Committee** shall be final and not subject to appeal.

EGA DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE for 2017 season:

- John Roger Jones – **EGA Championship Committee** Chairman
- Santa Puce – **EGA Championship Committee** Member
- Stefano Sardi – **EGA Championship Committee** Member
- The **Championship Committee** Chairman having submitted the case to the Disciplinary Subcommittee