



# COUNTY OF ERIE

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### ***Golf Course Spectator Policy***

- This policy applies only to competitive events. At all other times, spectators are NOT PERMITTED on the golf course.
- Spectators attend events at their own risk.
- Inappropriate, rude, disrespectful or disruptive behavior is not allowed at any time, including when focused on golf course or event staff. Continued inappropriate spectator behavior may result in ejection from the golf course.
- Cell phones must be silenced at golf events.
- Spectators must stay on cart paths or in the rough, and stay off fairways, greens, and tees.
- Spectators must stay a minimum of 50 feet away from the nearest player.
- Erie County Department of Parks does not allow spectator carts, except if the spectator has a permanent handicap placard and has paid for a cart rental. Handicap spectators must present their placard to the golf course Superintendent or their designee prior to renting a golf cart. Spectators will not receive a cart unless they have this official placard. Letters from doctors or visible injuries will not warrant a golf cart without a placard.
- Players and spectators are not permitted to ride on the back of a golf cart at any time during a golf competition.
- Spectators are not to pick up any golf balls on the course during the match.
- Officials must be the only individuals who give rulings to players.
- At no time may a spectator speak in private to a competitor. If a spectator speaks with a player, it can be construed as the giving of advice and a player penalty may result.
- Spectators are allowed to carry medicine, food, drinks, umbrellas, etc.
- For your personal safety, we ask you to exercise caution at all times. When inclement weather moves into the area, the Erie County Department of Parks will suspend play by sounding airhorns. Accordingly, you should seek shelter immediately. Erie County Parks golf course staff will evacuate players from the course first and then spectators.
- Any spectator found violating these rules will be first warned and then asked to leave the course.

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