HERTFORDSHIRE GOLF LIMITED

PARENTAL & SPECTATOR GUIDANCE FOR JUNIOR PLAYERS IN HERTFORDSHIRE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS, COUNTY MATCHES & JUNIOR OPENS

While there is no doubt that representing their Club or County for any offspring is an occasion of great pride to both parents and player, parents may also feel a little apprehensive on behalf of their child. This can sometimes lead to an over-involvement in the game, so to avoid any accusations of giving advice, or influencing players, parents and spectators are requested to abide by the following guidelines:

- **During matches parents/spectators should not get at all involved with competitors or players, or with any game, or opponent(s), or their game(s), including giving any rulings. Rulings MUST either be resolved by the players or by a Rules Official or Team Manager.**
  (It is recommended that if parents/spectators want to follow or watch a game or match they should walk ahead of the game/match and act as "ball spotters" for all players.)

- **Please stay at least 50 yards from players/competitors at all times during their play, and do not encroach onto tees or greens. This guideline may be dispensed with when helping to search for a ball, but please be mindful of any discussions with players.**

- **Please do not converse with players at any time whilst the game or match is in progress – applause and gentle encouragement are fine though.**

- **Please show equal respect and appreciation for good shots to all competitors/players.**

- **Please do not make any contact (other than the usual pleasantries) with any playing opponents or fellow competitors either before or during the matches.**

- **Ensure all players, including their own offspring, are given some 'space' before tee-off to compose their thoughts. The County Managers/Tournament Organisers will make sure they have everything they need in relation to their game/match.**

If parents or spectators have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to the Team Manager or a member of the Tournament Committee.

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