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To: All State Golf and Junior Golf Associations, PGA Sections, Junior Golf Tours,
Independent Junior Golf Tournaments.

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Subj: Guidelines for Reporting and publishing of player DQ's, WD's, NS's and NC's

In order to achieve consistency throughout the sport, we have encouraged you all in the past, to voluntarily consider adopting the policies outlined below. This could relieve tournament officials from trying to determine the reason or cross-examining players as to why they are not finishing an event. **It places the burden on the player to explain the reason to whomever might ask them later about their reason for not continuing play.**

We do recognize that no-cards (NC's) are sometimes the most problematic but, it is the number one complaint that we get from parents whose children they have taught to finish. When they see competitors quitting in the middle of a round, it gives the perception those families are "gaming the system".

Please take time to review the chart attached. Please also note that your decisions about a player's status are yours alone and are final. We will forward all questions about a particular player or situation to your organization.

In addition, both college golf coach associations (GCAA and WGCA) have issued a joint letter written to the junior golf community about coaches' attitude towards junior golf withdrawals. That letter is attached for you to use as you see fit. You are permitted and encouraged to publish that letter and this one or copy any portion for your "tour policies" on your website and/or to distribute copies to your players or members in membership materials or at tournaments.

Please see the chart below that outlines the use and guidelines of DQ, WD, NS and NC. These were designed as a result of the conversations we mentioned.

Please feel free to call with any questions. Your input is welcome. All final decisions rest with your tournament officials or tour/event staff or committee.

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Category name	Designation	Explanation	Report to <i>Junior Golf Scoreboard</i>
No show before competition begins	DNS please get your provider to add DNS to your codes	Those players who do not come to the tournament at all	NO Each organization handles internally
Disqualified	DQ	<i>Reserved for actual USGA rules infraction that occurs without a deliberate or managed intention. NOTE: FAILURE TO APPEAR AT ALL FOR A TEE TIME AT ALL IS NOT A DQ. SEE “no show” below.</i>	YES + any official scores
Withdrawal	WD	<i>Reserved for a deliberate voluntary action or decision not to continue play after having started a competition notified an official, and turned in an official score for the stipulated round(s). OR</i> <i>Reserved for a player stopping play mid-round who has a compelling visible, verifiable or an extremely very special reason – vomiting, cuts, swollen ankle, bee stings, death in the family, for example – otherwise see NC below. (Hurt wrist bad back, don’t feel well would not be considered visible or verifiable) IOf course – your decision)</i>	YES + any official scores
No show	NS	<i>Completed one or more rounds – fails to report for tee time and previously has not notified anyone</i>	YES + any official scores
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No card (worst action by	NC	<i>After having begun competition – a</i>	YES + any official scores

player)		<i>deliberate decision not to sign or turn in a card, walks off the course, etc</i> Clarification 2022 - Proof of medical treatment can change NC to WD if tournament decides. Then call us. Always your decision.	We ask that if a player tees off, you include that player with the appropriate mark. Do not send in incomplete round scores, but instead send us the mark given. Ex: A player finishes Round 1 with a 75 but quits mid-round in Round 2 on Hole 9 with a score of 50, and quits without signing a scorecard: Send that in as a 75-NC.
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Examples:

- 1) Player does not come to tournament at all – *handled by tournament organization – **do not report***
- 2) Player tees it up, plays a complete or partial stipulated round, walks off without turning in scorecard for any reason - *NC (Deliberate decision by player)(report all scores for rounds completed)*
- 3) Player tees it up, plays, signs card, does not call or speak to an official, fails to show for next round – *NS (Deliberate decision by player by not coming to course, calling or speaking to an official)(report all scores)*
- 4) Player plays, signs card, actually comes to course reports late for tee time or calls to acknowledge being late, – *DQ (While this might be deliberate, giving benefit of the doubt)*
 - 4a) Calls to say they are sick – *WD*
- 5) Player tees it up, plays, signs card, notifies official that they will not be playing next round, **for any reason** – *WD (Deliberate decision by player to withdraw)(report all scores)*
- 6) Player unintentionally fails to sign scorecard – *DQ (Unintentional action by player)*
- 7) Player fails to sign card after being given an opportunity to do so – *NC (Deliberate decision by player)(report all scores)*