Spectator Rules

The NAIA welcomes spectators and encourages their attendance at the Men’s Golf National Championship. However, spectators **MUST** follow these rules to ensure the safety of players, coaches and spectators.

1. Spectators must stay in the rough or on the cart paths and a minimum **30 yards** away from the players. Spectators must be aware of and stay out of the way of all playing groups on the golf course. 1st Offense – warning; 2nd Offense – asked to leave golf course property.

2. Clubs, umbrellas, rain gear, etc. **cannot** be given to spectators by players and then retrieved later in the round by players.

3. Spectators are **not allowed** to give advice to the players. 1st Offense – warning; 2nd Offense – asked to leave golf course property. Players may be penalized or disqualified for this violation.

4. Spectators are **not allowed** to have conversations with players. This action could be construed as **advice** by Rules Officials or the Tournament Committee. 1st Offense – warning; 2nd Offense – asked to leave golf course property. Players may be penalized or disqualified for this violation.

5. Spectators are **not allowed** to carry a player’s golf bag and/or clubs. Spectators with golf carts are **not allowed** to offer rides to players.

6. Spectators must not use **cellular phones** during championship play. Spectators must place all cellular phones in the OFF position during the championship while they are on the golf course. 1st Offense – warning; 2nd Offense – asked to leave golf course property. Players must not use any spectator’s cellular phone during the championship. Violation of this rule may result in the player being penalized or disqualified.

7. **NO** alcohol or tobacco products may be consumed on the golf course.