

## The use of Caddies in Junior Golf:

- *12 Years and Over (no bag pushers / helpers)*
- *11 Years & Under (bag pushers / helpers allowed to help speed of play)*

We have aligned this with Jack Newton Junior Golf to allow kids to go out and enjoy their time together. We encourage the kids to score their own holes as well as discuss and agree to the rules of golf themselves. i.e. while we understand it can be frustrating to watch a wrong decision, please let them work it out themselves during the round and chat to them after the round encouraging them to look up the rules for themselves and learn more about them. The randa.org website and usga.org website have fantastic images explaining the rules.

## JACK NEWTON JUNIOR GOLF SPECTATOR AND BAG PUSHER GUIDELINES:

*JNJG will not enforce an "exclusion zone" or ban parents and spectators from being within a certain distance of the players on the course, provided the following rules and guidelines are followed:*

- *Parents and spectators are to stay on the designated paths or walk along the tree line of a particular fairway to watch the players.*
- *Parents and spectators are encouraged to act as additional spotters for errant shots or help search for lost balls in long grasses and hazards.*
- *Parents and spectators are not to walk onto any teeing ground, in the middle of the fairway with the players, or onto the green for any reason.*
- *Parents and spectators are not to push a player's golf bag, offer any advice or coaching throughout the round, or get involved with any rulings or scoring disputes.*

*There will be on course marshals, tournament staff, and designated rules officials available to assist and deal with any problems arising on the golf course.*

*Parents and spectators who are found to be crossing the clearly defined guidelines above will be given an official warning and may be asked to leave the course if the behaviour continues.*

***The exception to these rules above is for all players competing in the new 11 Years and Under Divisions at JNJG Tour Events.***

*These players in the new 11 Years and Under Divisions do have the option to use a "bag pusher" to help them get around the golf course. Bag pushers are purely there to help each golfer in the group with pace of play and help the entire group keep up with the group in front.*

*The bag pushers are not permitted to coach the players throughout the round, stand behind the players to line up shots or go onto the green to line up putts. The bag pushers can rake bunkers or attend the flag on the green, to help with the pace of play. The bag pushers are not rules officials and we don't want anyone getting into arguments with other parents and spectators following a particular group about any on course rulings or scoring.*

*Any bag pusher found to be crossing these clearly defined guidelines above will be given an official warning and may be asked to leave the course if the behaviour continues.*