

Queensland Disc Golf Inc.'s Player's Code of Conduct



As the official committee for Disc Golf in Queensland, Queensland Disc Golf Inc. (QDG) strives towards the following objectives:

- Supporting the growth of the sport in Queensland;
- Maintaining a positive spirit of the sport so that tournaments and league days are an enjoyable experience for everyone involved;
- Player and public safety;
- Ensuring player professionalism so as to maintain and promote a positive image of the sport towards the broader community and potential sponsors.

AFFILIATED CLUBS

Brisbane DGC
Gold Coast DGC
Granite Mountain DGC
Logan City DGC
Pine Rivers DGC
Sunshine Coast DGC
Swich City DGC
Toowoomba DGC
Whitsundays DGC

To meet these objectives, all players participating in QDG affiliated tournaments must adhere to the QDG Player's Code of Conduct. Additional to this, as all QDG tournaments are Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA) and Australian Disc Golf (ADG) sanctioned events, players must also adhere to the PDGA's *Player's Code of Conduct* and ADG's *Players Code of Conduct*.

The QDG Player's Code of Conduct is a set of guidelines for players to follow to ensure safe and professional conduct, a positive experience for all players and subsequent growth of the sport. The QDG Player's Code of Conduct relates to the behaviour and conduct of competitors both on and off the course, including in person and online. Please also note that if a player chooses to use a caddie, the player must ensure that their caddie complies with the QDG Player's Code of Conduct. Competitors using a caddie are directly responsible for their caddie's actions.

Personal conduct and etiquette

Although Disc Golf is an individual sport, the actions of an individual can have significant negative impacts on other individuals and the sport. As such, a number of rules are in place to ensure this does not occur. All players must:

- Respect all other park users, other tournament competitors, spectators, volunteers and officials.
- Refrain from: abusive and foul language; vandalism or abuse of the course and/or other park facilities; cheating; bag kicking or any other strong display of bad temper.

Dress code

To maintain a professional appearance of disc golf in Queensland:

- Players must be neat in appearance with respect to clothing and personal grooming.
- Competitors are encouraged to wear shirts and apparel of Australian Disc Golf Clubs during tournament rounds.
- Neat casual dress (ideally with collared shirt for extra sun protection) will apply to all tournaments for all players.
- **Singlets are not permitted to be worn during QDG tournament rounds**, to maintain a professional appearance of the sport and to ensure player sun protection.

Drug, alcohol and tobacco use

- Consumption of alcohol in any public place is illegal in Queensland. **Consumption of alcohol at QDG events is strictly prohibited between the two-minute warning and the commencement of the awards presentation** (unless there is a final-nine that you are not competing in).
- **The use of illicit drugs by any player during a QDG tournament is strictly prohibited.**
- **The smoking of tobacco and other smoking products (including e-cigarettes and vaporisers) by any player during a QDG tournament is strictly prohibited** in any area of a disc golf course except for the car park of where the tournament is being held. In Queensland it is illegal to smoke within 10 metres of an under-18 sporting event. As under-18

players regularly compete in QDG tournaments, this is a blanket rule for all QDG tournaments.

Safety

As the majority of disc golf tournaments in Queensland are held in public parks, safety of the public and players is paramount. As such:

- Do not throw blind shots. Always check that landing zones and basket areas are clear. If there is a chance of pedestrians and/or cyclists entering these areas, use a spotter.
- Give way to pedestrians and other park users and only throw if and when they are at a safe distance.
- Be aware of hazards (alive (e.g. snakes), natural (e.g. rocks), man-made (e.g. barbed-wire fence) that could cause injury and serious harm.
- **Players must wear enclosed footwear (no sandals)** that will protect from hazards (e.g. glass) and support the foot and ankle during rounds.

Social media:

As all of our digital footprints grow, all players competing in QDG tournaments must conduct themselves in a professional, courteous and respectful manner during online interactions on disc golf groups, forums and communities. Any form of disrespectful behaviour and/or bullying will not be tolerated.

Incidents of misconduct

Any incident of misconduct during a QDG tournament will be dealt with by the Tournament Director. Incidents (including online misconduct) will be passed on to and reviewed by members of the QDG committee. Depending on the nature and extent of the misconduct, disciplinary action (e.g. loss of four points, restriction from non-PDGA QDG sanctioned events) may be issued directly by QDG. If appropriate, QDG may additionally request the PDGA to take disciplinary action against the offending player under the PDGA Disciplinary Process (<https://www.pdga.com/documents/disciplinary-process>), which can result in suspension from PDGA sanctioned events.

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