

To all CAGD reps:

It has come to our attention lately that some players in the events scheduled by us have neglected to observe the USGA rules by which we are governed.

This results unfortunately in some case of “winners” receiving the benefits that rightfully should be awarded to others.

Failure to adhere to a rule, failure to correct the error or failure to REPORT a witnessed violation is DISQUALIFICATION on the any of the above.

It's called: “PROTECTING THE FIELD”

A case in point recently happened. Group B playing behind group A witnessed a player who had gone out of bounds, who rather than returning to where she last hit that shot opted to drop a ball, which resulted in playing a “Wrong Ball” which is disqualification. Group B failed to inform the rules official on the course or when they turned in their cards and failed to answer truthfully to the question: “Were there any rules questions?” The player in group A won, because Group B failed to announce their observation until after the event was closed, thereby failing to PROTECT THE FIELD.

We regret that this sheds an unpleasant light on the CAGD events we so proudly hold under the umbrella of fair play and could ultimately cause a blight on our reputation which is currently held in high esteem.

CAGD, not wishing to police players, relies on the age old policy of self assessment and the practice of using the 3-3 rule of playing a second ball if unsure.

Rules books are available for \$1 through AWGA. Ignorance of a rule is not an acceptable reason for violation.

Respectfully,

Colleen Green, tournament director
Carol Peterson, rules official.