



## **JUNIOR PROGRAM**

**Serving Indiana Junior Golfers Since 1987**

# **2018 JUNIOR PROGRAM HANDBOOK**

**Prep Tour  
Junior Tour  
Masters Tour**

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Dear Junior Golfer & Parent/Guardian,

The Indiana Junior Golf Program will celebrate its 31st season of providing junior golfers throughout Indiana with quality playing opportunities. We strive to create a rewarding and enjoyable experience for our juniors and parents. We will continue to provide playing opportunities in different areas of the state for all levels of play.

On behalf of the Indiana Golf Foundation, I present to you the 2018 Indiana Junior Golf Program. This handbook is designed to help you understand everything you need to know about the Indiana Junior Golf Program and the 2018 season. Enclosed in this booklet are policies and procedures, eligibility criteria and information on how to sign up for tournaments online.

The IJGP has focused on creating high quality tournaments for junior golfers throughout the state. Some of the top golfers in the country started their career by competing in the Junior Program. These golfers have progressed to play competitive golf at the collegiate level. A few have even moved on to playing in the professional ranks as a career, while others have converted their passion for the game of golf to careers in the business of golf (PGA Club/Teaching Professional, Sales Rep, Tournament Operations, The First Tee, etc.). The common thread that connects all of those golfers is learning about the Rules and etiquette of the game while fine tuning their abilities during tournament play.

If you have further questions please feel free to contact me at any time via email at [zhale@indianagolf.org](mailto:zhale@indianagolf.org)

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**INDIANA GOLF**



Promoting the Game. Honoring the Tradition.

## USING THE HANDBOOK

This handbook provides information for every junior golf tournament conducted by the Indiana Junior Golf Program. In the following pages, you will find important information regarding the policies and guidelines of our junior golf program. This packet is set up to be an easy resource for obtaining information and registering for our many junior golf events.

The best way to register is by visiting our website, [indianagolf.org](http://indianagolf.org), as this has proved to be an easy and effective way to register for membership and events. Specific directions on how to become a member and apply for a tournament are located in the handbook. The website will be updated periodically to provide you with the latest information available, including tournament pairings and results as well as the Season Points Standings

# HISTORY

The IJGP was founded in 1987 through the Indiana Golf Foundation. When it began, the program had 10 tournaments and 300 players. Today, the program consists of about 60 events and nearly 1,200 players. The IJGP exists to provide junior golfers in Indiana the opportunity to gain competitive golf experience while learning the Rules and etiquette of the game. The program is designed to help junior golfers progress through its different levels from learning competitive golf through playing at a high level. In addition to the IJGP, the Indiana Golf Foundation also includes funding for college scholarships, educational clinics and seminars. The IJGP is very well respected across the country and has served as a model for many other programs.

The IJGP is part of the Indiana Golf Office, which is currently located in Franklin, IN and is comprised of five organizations including: The Indiana Section PGA, the Indiana Golf Association, the Indiana Women's Golf Association, the Indiana Golf Foundation and The First Tee of Indiana. The Indiana Golf Office is also home to the Indiana Golf Hall of Fame.

**MISSION:** The Indiana Golf Office exists to provide quality programs and experiences to both active and interested people in an effort to promote, develop and enhance the game.

**VISION:** With one staff working in unison as the administrative arm for all five organizations, the Indiana Golf Office provides a vital hub for golf in Indiana, therefore providing opportunities to our constituencies in order to positively influence the golfers of today and tomorrow.

# STAFF

**Junior Golf Director:** Zach Hale is responsible for all operations of the IJGP.

**PJ Boatwright Intern:** The IJGP hires one 8/9 month PJ Boatwright intern which is funded by the United States Golf Association. This intern's primary function is to be the main in-office contact for all IJGP related issues. If you contact the IJGP during the summer tournament season, this is most likely going to be the person that you speak with.

**Junior Tour Coordinators:** The IJGP hires additional summer interns that are responsible for being on-site to assist in the administration of events. These are the staff members that you will see at all of your tournaments throughout the season. These interns are mainly college students and many of which are former IJGP members.

**Contact Info:**

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***PJ Boatwright Intern- For general questions, tournament withdraws, schedule changes, etc.***

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# NOTABLE CHANGES FOR 2018

## WITHDRAWALS/TRANSFERS:

- ◆ Participants **MUST** notify the IJGP in advance if they need to withdraw from an event. Failure to properly withdraw from a tournament and/or not showing up will forfeit the entry fee and will be considered a **"No Show"**, which may result in the player being suspended from their next tournament.
- ◆ Withdrawals made SEVEN (7) days prior to the event are eligible for transfer to a different event within the same tour, receive BlueGolf account credit for the full amount or a partial refund to the credit card used.
- ◆ In the event of an **extreme circumstance (family emergency, illness or injury)**, after the SEVEN (7) day deadline, resulting in the participant not being able to compete in the tournament, contact the IJGP immediately. Each situation will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Partial BlueGolf account credit may be given.

## NO SHOW/NO CARD POLICY:

- ◆ Any player that accumulates two or more **No Shows, No Cards** or a combination of the two, will result in the player being removed from their next scheduled event without a refund and/or suspension from the IJGP.

## LATE REGISTRATION FEE:

- ◆ Players will be charged a \$10 Late Registration Fee for any entries after the SEVEN (7) day deadline for all events. Late entries will only be accepted by the IJGP if there is room in the pairings within the players age division.

## SPRING SERIES EVENT:

- ◆ We are excited to present this **Girls Only event** to Girls ages 12-19 as of April 22, 2018
- ◆ This will be a two day event with no age divisions
- ◆ All players will compete from the same set of tees (approximately 5,400-5,800 yards)
- ◆ Entry Fee will be \$125 for members and \$150 for non-members
- ◆ This is open to all Indiana players along with players from other states

## UNLIMITED TOURNAMENTS:

- ◆ This is a reminder that players are allowed to compete in an **UNLIMITED number of tournaments**.
- ◆ However, for Prep Tour & Junior Tour only the players top-6 events will be counted toward the Season Points List.

## WEATHER POLICIES:

- ◆ View Page 15 for further details

## SCORING LIMIT FOR SPRING/FALL SERIES EVENTS:

- ◆ Girls: two day total of 210
- ◆ Boys: two day total of 200

## READY GOLF TIPS:

- ◆ View Page 17 for further details

# REGISTRATION PROCESS

**HOW TO ENTER:** Below is the date that players may begin registration for tournaments for the 2018 season:

<u>First Year of Membership</u>	<u>Membership Level</u>	<u>Tournament Registration Opens</u>
2017 & Prior	Prep Tour & Junior Tour	February 6, 2018
2018	Prep Tour, Junior Tour & Non-Members	February 13, 2018
ALL	Masters Tour	February 6, 2018

**\*\* Junior Tour Members that register for Masters Tour events will automatically be placed on the event waiting list as Masters Tour Members have Priority Registration until March 13. Once this date has passed, any remaining spots will be filled with eligible Junior Tour Members who have met one of the criteria listed on Page 11. If the player has not met one of these requirements, he/she will remain on the event waiting list.\*\***

## **HOW TO REGISTER ONLINE:**

- ◆ Go to **indianagolf.org** and select **Membership & Tour Information** under the **Juniors tab**
- ◆ If you are a returning member, register by clicking the **2018 Membership Renewal**
- ◆ If you are a new member, register by clicking the **New Member Registration**

## **HOW TO SIGN UP FOR TOURNAMENTS:**

- ◆ Once your membership has been approved you will receive an email with a username and password
- ◆ Use your credentials to login to your account by going to **indianagolf.org** and clicking on **'Junior Login'** in the top right corner above the **orange 'Donate'** button.
- ◆ Once you have logged in, you may begin signing up for tournaments by **clicking on Registration** under the **Tournaments Tab** in the players account

## **NOTES ABOUT REGISTRATION:**

- ◆ All entries for tournaments will be confirmed by email only. Please be sure to provide an accurate email address that is checked on a regular basis to receive these confirmations along with details regarding certain events if there is a weather delay, cancellations, starting time reminder, etc.
- ◆ The first mailing of Membership Packets, (towel, bag tag, Rules book). will be sent sometime in May

# DEADLINES & REFUND POLICIES

## DEADLINES:

- ◆ All tournament deadlines will be at 11:59pm ET, **SEVEN (7) days prior to the event**, unless noted otherwise on the Tournament Info Page.
- ◆ Event deadlines may be extended before pairings are published for some events.
- ◆ If a later registration deadline is in place, the revised date will be noted on the event listing.

## LATE REGISTRATION FEE:

- ◆ Players will be charged a **\$10 Late Registration Fee** for any entries after the SEVEN (7) day deadline for all events.
- ◆ Late entries will only be accepted by the IJGP if there is room in the pairings within the players age division.

## WAITING LIST:

- ◆ If a tournament reaches its maximum capacity before the tournament deadline, a waiting list will be established.
- ◆ If a spot becomes available, the first player off the waiting list will be added to the event. However, if pairings have already been established, the spots will be filled according to age division.
- ◆ For example, if a player in the Boys 13-15 Division withdraws from the event, ***the first player in that same division on the waiting list will be added to the event. If there are no more registrations in that division on the waiting list, the open spot will not be filled.***

## REFUNDS:

- ◆ Refunds for tournament entries will only be granted to participants whose requests are received via a phone call, voicemail, e-mail, or online at least SEVEN (7) days prior to the scheduled event date.
- ◆ All refunds are subject to a cancellation fee.
- ◆ Cancellations can be done online through the players account or by emailing [juniors@indianagolf.org](mailto:juniors@indianagolf.org) with the date and location of the event they would like to cancel from.

## WITHDRAWALS/TRANSFERS:

- ◆ Participants **MUST** notify the IJGP in advance if they need to withdraw from an event. Failure to properly withdraw from a tournament and/or not showing up will forfeit the entry fee and will be considered a **"No Show"**, which may result in the player being suspended from their next tournament.
- ◆ Withdrawals made SEVEN (7) days prior to the event are eligible for transfer to a different event within the same tour, receive BlueGolf account credit for the full amount or a partial refund to the credit card used.
- ◆ In the event of an extreme circumstance, after the SEVEN (7) day deadline, resulting in the participant not being able to compete in the tournament, contact the IJGP immediately. Each situation will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Partial BlueGolf account credit may be given.

## NO SHOW/NO CARD POLICY:

- ◆ Any player that accumulates two or more **No Shows, No Cards** or a combination of the two, will result in the player being removed from their next scheduled event without a refund and/or suspension from the IJGP.

## RAINOUTS:

- ◆ If the event is a total rainout an attempt will be made to:

**1.) Reschedule event**

**2.) Place all players in another Tour event**

**3.) Give refunds/credits to all registered participants**

The participant **MUST** check the schedule for another event that is not filled and call to enter that event at no additional charge. Credits will **NOT** be given/distributed if an event is considered complete as stated on Page 15

# TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY

Below is the list of tournaments that each Tour Member or Non-Member is eligible to compete in.

- ◆ **Prep Tour:** Listed on schedule as PREP
  - > All Prep Tour events
  - > Some Championship events
  - > Some Spring Series or Fall Series events
- ◆ **Junior Tour:** Listed on schedule as JR TOUR or JR TOUR CLASSIC
  - > All Junior Tour events
  - > Championship events
  - > Masters Tour events (One of the criteria must be met listed on Page 11. Excludes Masters Championship)
  - > Spring Series or Fall series events.
- ◆ **Masters Tour:** Listed on schedule as MASTERS TOUR
  - > All Masters Tour events (including the Masters Tour Championship)
  - > Championship events
  - > Spring Series or Fall Series events.
- ◆ **Non-Members:**
  - > Championship events
  - > Spring Series or Fall Series events

***\*\*Players are allowed to compete in an UNLIMITED number of tournaments. However, for Prep Tour & Junior Tour only the players top-6 events will be counted toward the Season Points List.\*\****

## **Event Age Eligibility-**

- ◆ **Spring Series at Delaware CC**– Girls Ages 12-19 as of April 22, 2018
- ◆ **Girls Junior PGA Championship**– Ages 12-18 as of July 12, 2018
- ◆ **Girls Team Championship**– Ages 8-19 as of June 10, 2018
- ◆ **Girls State Junior Championship**– Ages 10-19 as of June 21, 2018
- ◆ **Boys State Junior Qualifiers & Championship**– Ages 19 & Under as of June 29, 2018
- ◆ **Age Group Championship**– Girls & Boys Ages 11-18 as of July 5, 2018
- ◆ **Boys Junior PGA Championship**– Ages 12-18 as of August 3, 2018
- ◆ **Boys Team Championship**– Ages 8-19 as of July 29, 2018
- ◆ **Fall Series at TBD**– Boys Ages 12-19 as of September 9, 2018
- ◆ **Fall Series at Delaware CC**– Boys Ages 12-19 as of September 16, 2018
- ◆ **Hoosier Junior Championship**– Girls & Boys Ages 14-19 as of October 7, 2018
- ◆ **Fall Series at Champions Pointe GC**– Girls & Boys Ages 12-19 as of October 21, 2018



# WHAT TO EXPECT AT A TOUR EVENT

What you can expect from our events will depend on what type of event you're playing in. Here is a quick breakdown of what you can expect at different Tour events:

The IJGP will have a minimum of two staff members on site for each event. These staff members should be your contact for any issue or question regarding the days event. The IJGP can not be held responsible for any information regarding rules or tournament policies and procedures that come from sources other than staff members.

## **Prep Tour:**

- ◆ Tee time start off of #1 & #10 (if at an 18 hole facility), with the earliest tee time being 7:30am (local time of the course), unless a different start time has been established.
- ◆ Tee times will be emailed to the primary email address in the players profile and will also be posted on our website no later than 3 days prior to the event
- ◆ Players need to be at their starting tee 10 minutes prior to their scheduled tee time
- ◆ If a player is not present at their starting hole by their scheduled tee time, he/she has 5 minutes to show up. If he/she does show up within those 5 minutes, he/she will be assessed a 2 stroke penalty. If he/she shows up after the 5 minutes, he/she is disqualified from the event.
- ◆ Scorecards, drink tickets and any additional information will be given to each player on their starting tee when they show up 10 minutes prior to their scheduled time
- ◆ Awards will be given to the top-3 finishers in each age division once play has concluded

## **Junior Tour:**

- ◆ 8:00am (local time of the course) shotgun start, unless otherwise noted
- ◆ Players **MUST** check-in at the registration table at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time
- ◆ Scorecards, drink tickets and hole assignments will be distributed at registration
- ◆ IJGP staff will give announcements at approximately 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start time before sending players out to their starting holes
- ◆ Once all players/groups are at their starting hole, the IJGP staff will sound air horns for players to begin play
- ◆ No pairings for these events will be posted due to the amount of changes leading up to the event day
- ◆ Awards will be given to the top-3 finishers in each age division once play has concluded

## **Masters Tour:**

- ◆ Tee time starts off of #1 & #10. Starting times for each day will vary at each event. Typically late morning/early afternoon on Sunday and early morning on Monday
- ◆ Pairings & tee times will be sent out no later than 3 days prior to the event. Tee times for round two will be based on standings after round one.
- ◆ Players need to be at their starting tee 10 minutes prior to their schedule starting time
- ◆ If a player is not present at their starting hole by their scheduled tee time, he/she has 5 minutes to show up. If he/she does show up within those 5 minutes, he/she will be assessed a 2 stroke penalty. If he/she shows up after the 5 minutes, he/she is disqualified from the event.
- ◆ Scorecards, drink tickets, hole locations & rules sheets will be given to each player on their starting tee when they arrive 10 minutes prior to their scheduled time
- ◆ Awards will be given to the top-2 finishers in each division once play has concluded

## **Playoff Procedure**

- ◆ All on course playoffs are time, weather, and staff permitting
- ◆ All ties for first place will be determined by a sudden death playoff (*if the playoff involves more than 2 players, the playoff is for 1st place only*)
- ◆ All other ties will be broken by a scorecard playoff starting with the players back nine score, then going from hole 18 working backwards
- ◆ Players tying for a place other than first will split the appropriate points evenly. We highly encourage players to stick around for the awards presentation especially if they will be receiving a medal.

# MEMBERSHIP & ELIGIBILITY INFO.

## ◆ Eligibility

- > Indiana Residents Only
- > First year players **MUST** complete the Online Tour Orientation to become eligible to participate, regardless of age, ability or experience. (players do not have to complete the orientation prior to tournament registration, but **MUST** be completed in order to compete in tournaments).
- > Entries are subject to rejection at any time by the IJGP
- > High School graduates are eligible for tournament play only during the summer immediately following their graduation, even if they are not yet 19 years of age.

## ◆ Membership Levels

### > **Prep Tour-**

- \* Open to Girls & Boys ages 8 to 12 as of July 26, 2018
- \* Annual membership fee is \$45 (Membership is required in order to register for Prep Tour events)
- \* Entry fee is \$25 for Girls & Boys 11-12 and \$15 for Girls & Boys 8-10

### > **Junior Tour-**

- \* Open to Girls & Boys ages 13 to 19 as of July 26, 2018
- \* Annual membership fee is \$65 (Membership is required in order to register for Junior Tour events)
- \* Entry fee is \$35 for single day events and \$70 for two day events

### > **Masters Tour-**

- \* Open to Girls & Boys ages 13 to 19 as of July 26, 2018
- \* Membership is by Invitation Only. Players who have earned an invitation will be notified prior to registration for the upcoming season.
- \* Annual membership fee is \$65
- \* Entry fee is \$100 for Masters Members and \$135 for Junior Tour Members (Jr. Tour members must meet certain criteria to be eligible for registration for Masters Tour events)
- \* Eligible for year end Masters Tour Championship (for Masters Tour members only)

### > **Masters & Junior Tour-**

- \* Open to Girls & Boys ages 13 to 19 as of July 26, 2018
- \* This membership level is for players who have received an invitation to become a Masters Tour Member, but would also like to compete in Junior Tour events.
- \* Annual membership fee is \$115

**\*\* \$10 of each membership fee goes to the Indiana Golf Foundation Scholarship Fund. Scholarship info can be found on our website at [www.indianagolf.org](http://www.indianagolf.org)\*\***

## ◆ Membership Benefits:

- > USGA Rules Book
- > Online Tour Orientation
- > Tour Bag Tag & Towel
- > Awards at each tournament
- > Access to customizable bio page through your Player's Club account
- > Discounted iGolf Membership (Handicap)- ***This can be established by speaking with the PGA Professional at your home course or any of our member courses in your area.***

## ◆ Membership Cancellation:

- > If a player wishes to cancel their membership prior to May 29, 2018, they may do so without penalty. Membership cancellations requested after May 29, 2018 will be charged a \$10 service fee. Membership cancellation requests can be made by e-mailing [juniors@indianagolf.org](mailto:juniors@indianagolf.org) and cannot be completed online.

# MASTERS TOUR CRITERIA

## ◆ Member Selection:

### Boys

1. **IHSAA State Finals:** Top-25 finishers and any player that is an All State Team Selection
2. **Age Group Championship:** Top-3 finishers in 14-18 age divisions
3. **Indiana Jr. PGA Championship:** Made Cut
4. **Boys State Jr. Championship:** Match Play Qualifier
5. **Hoosier Jr. Championship:** Top-40 finishers
6. **Fall Series Event:** Top-5 finishers
7. **End of Season Junior Tour Points List:** Top-3 in each age division
8. **Men's State Am./State Open:** Qualify & make the tournament field
9. **Junior Tour:** Any player that wins at least 3 tournaments the previous season

### Girls

1. **IHSAA State Finals:** Top-20 finishers and any player that is an All State Team Selection
2. **Age Group Championship:** Top-3 finishers in 14-18 age divisions
3. **Indiana Jr. PGA Championship:** Top-20 finishers in Overall Standings
4. **Girls State Jr. Championship:** Top-40 finishers in Overall Standings
5. **Hoosier Jr. Championship:** Top-20 finishers
6. **Spring Series/Fall Series Event:** Top-5 finishers
7. **End of Season Junior Tour Points List:** Top-3 in each age division
8. **Women's State Am./State Open:** Top-25 finishers
9. **Junior Tour:** Any player that wins at least 3 tournaments the previous season

## ◆ Junior Tour Member Eligibility:

> In order to play in a Masters Tour event, a Junior Tour Member **must meet ONE** of the following requirements.

1. Have a score on record of 82 or better in an IJGP Championship, Junior Tour, Spring Series or Fall Series event.
2. Possess a valid iGolf Handicap Index of 10.0 or better. The players iGolf number will need to be shown in the players account. It is a seven (7) digit number.

**\*\*For players with no IJGP history, scores used from a comparable State Golf Association, PGA Section, regional or national programs may be considered.\*\***

> Additionally, any Junior Tour Member that shoots a two day score over 180 (Boys) or 185 (Girls) in a Masters Tour event, will not be eligible for additional Masters Tour events in that season. Future scheduled Masters events will receive a full refund.

> Junior Tour Members who **DO NOT** meet eligibility requirements at the time of registration will be placed on the Masters Tour event waiting lists until they fulfill those requirements. Masters Tour Members will be placed from any Masters Tour event waiting list ahead of eligible Junior Tour Members regardless of registration date.

## ◆ In Season Masters Tour Membership Qualifications:

- > **Master Tour Event:** Finish in the top 40% of your field at a Masters Tour event
- > **Girls State Jr. Championship:** Top-40 finishers in overall standings
- > **Age Group Championship:** Top-3 finishers in 14-18 age divisions
- > **Indiana Jr. PGA Championships:** Boys– Made Cut; Girls Top-25 in overall standings
- > **Boys State Jr. Championship:** Match Play Qualifiers

# AGE DIVISIONS, YARDAGES & SCORING LIMITS

**Age Calculations:** Age is calculated based on the final tournament day of the season. Players will compete in the division matching their age as of the date listed below.

◆ **Prep Tour:** Age as of July 26, 2018

*Players that turn 13 prior to this date will be given the option of which tour they wish to compete on (Prep Tour or Junior Tour). Players that turn 13 before the above date and elect to participate on the Pre Tour would not be eligible for any Prep Tour events conducted on or after their 13th birthday.*

◆ **Junior Tour & Masters Tour:** Age as of July 26, 2018

*High School graduates are eligible for tournament play only during the summer immediately following their graduation, even if they are not yet 19 years of age.*

**Scoring Limits:** Any player who shoots a score over the posted limit for his/her age division at **TWO** different events will be subject to review and withdrawn from the remainder of their scheduled events. Nine hole scores will be evaluated only when an event is shortened to nine holes. A 50% refund will be given for their membership along with a full refund for all future scheduled events. Additionally, any player that shoots **ONE** score that is not within a reasonable amount over the scoring limit, as determined by the Junior Golf Director, will also be withdrawn and refunded.

We would like to remind both parents and juniors that although it is meant to be an enjoyable learning experience for those involved, there is a high level of competition. For that reason, and to help maintain a reasonable pace of play, the IJGP has found it necessary to implement the following policy. The policy is not in effect to discourage junior golfers, it is meant to provide a competitive program on a state-wide level.

If you do not feel that your player can meet these requirements, please visit our website for info on opportunities that are a better fit for your players current ability level.

**\*\* PLAYERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO "PLAY UP" A DIVISION ON THE PREP TOUR OR JUNIOR TOUR FOR ANY REASON\*\***

<b>Prep Tour Age Divisions</b>	<b>Approximate Yardages</b>	<b>Scoring Limit</b>
Girls 8-10 (9-holes)	1,500-1,800	75
Boys 8-10 (9-holes)	1,900-2,200	70
Girls 11-12 (18-holes)	4,000-4,300	130
Boys 11-12 (18-holes)	4,800-5,200	120
<b>Junior Tour Age Divisions</b>	<b>Approximate Yardages</b>	<b>Scoring Limit</b>
Girls 13-15 (18-holes)	5,100-5,400	115
Boys 13-15 (18-holes)	6,000-6,300	105
Girls 16-19 (18-holes)	5,100-5,400	110
Boys 16-19 (18-holes)	6,400-6,700	100
<b>Masters Tour Age Divisions</b>	<b>Approximate Yardages</b>	<b>Scoring Limit (Jr. Tour Members Only)</b>
Girls Overall (36-holes)	5,400-5,800	185 two day total
Boys Overall (36-holes)	6,500-6,900	180 two day total
<b>Spring/Fall Series Age Divisions</b>	<b>Approximate Yardages</b>	<b>Scoring Limit</b>
Girls Overall (12-19) (36-holes)	5,400-5,800	210 two day total
Boys Overall (12-19) (36-holes)	6,500-6,900	200 two day total

# PLAYER POLICIES

Teaching sportsmanship, etiquette, and the Rules of Golf are a primary goal of the IJGP. To promote these ideals and to maintain the integrity of this program, the following guidelines for dress and player conduct will apply. Tournament officials will enforce these guidelines at all junior golf events.

## **PLAYER CONDUCT:**

- ◆ Any conduct which may be detrimental to the IJGP will not be tolerated. Such behavior includes swearing, club throwing, or damage to the golf course or other player's belongings.
- ◆ Any of these actions may result in a warning, two stroke penalty, or immediate disqualification. Multiple violations will result in suspension or dismissal from the IJGP
- ◆ Possession of alcohol or tobacco products, gambling, or display of vulgar or abusive behavior will result in immediate disqualification. Multiple violations will result in dismissal from the IJGP

**DRESS CODE:** Proper dress is required at all junior events.

- ◆ Boys collared shirts or mock turtlenecks must be worn and tucked in at all times.
- ◆ Girls shirts without a collar must have sleeves and fashion shirts worn untucked must **NOT** rise above the belt line at any time during the golf swing. Girls shorts **MUST** be of fingertip length.
- ◆ All hats or visors must be worn with the brim forward.
- ◆ Appropriate footwear **MUST** be worn at all times

***\*\*Absolutely no denim pants/shorts, cut-offs or legging type pants/shorts permitted\*\****

***If a player breaks any part of the dress code policy, a IJGP staff member will ask them to change. Players will not be allowed to compete in the tournament if they do not adhere to the dress code policy.***

**CARE FOR THE COURSE:** All players are expected to maintain the condition of the golf course by repairing ball marks on the greens, raking bunkers, replacing divots, picking up and properly disposing of trash, etc. as **you are a GUEST** at the host course. Players and parents are highly encouraged to thank the host course, its staff and volunteers for hosting and their support of the IJGP. Thank you notes to the host facilities are also encouraged and much appreciated.

**USE OF MOTORIZED CARTS:** It is a condition of participating in IJGP tournaments that the competitors are not permitted to use motorized golf cars. The IJGP is committed to conduct golf competitions within the parameters of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Players who request relief under the Americans with Disabilities Act and seek a reasonable accommodation for their disability by the use of motorized golf car during the competitions shall be required to submit their request in writing to the Indiana Golf Foundation Board on or before the entry deadline date for review and determination.

**IHSAA WAIVER FORM:** The IHSAA waiver can be found at [www.ihsaa.org](http://www.ihsaa.org) or at [indianagolf.org](http://indianagolf.org). The waiver is used for player who wish to participate in an IJGP tournament during his/her High School golf season. Please print this form, fill out completely and return to the IHSAA for approval. No signatures from the IJGP staff are needed.

# TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

**RULES OF PLAY:** The 2016-2017 USGA Rules of Golf shall govern all play. The IJGP rules card can be found on the back of the players official scorecard. Local rules will be provided if needed.

**CADDIE GUIDELINES:** Caddies are **NOT** permitted in Pre Tour, Junior Tour or Masters Tour events. Please check individual Championship events for additional caddie guidelines for select events.

**USE OF PUSH/PULL CARTS:** Manual push/pull carts are permitted by the Indiana Junior Golf Program for all junior tournaments.

**NON CONFORMING EQUIPMENT:** The IJGP recognizes the USGA as the governing body of the Rules of Golf. In accordance with the USGA Rules, the IJGP will not allow any participant in junior event so use a non-conforming golf ball or golf club. Should the use of non-conforming equipment take place the participant will be disqualified. A list of non-conforming equipment is available at [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org)

## **KEEPING SCORE:**

- ◆ Players are responsible for keeping their own score along with the score of a fellow competitor during a stipulated round.
- ◆ Players must report to the designated scoring area **IMMEDIATELY** after completing their stipulated round. Scorecards will be checked and signed by the players in the scoring area **WITHOUT** the assistance of parents/spectators.
  - > Rule 6-6a in the rules of Golf states: “After each hole the marker should check the score with the competitor and record it. On completion of the round the marker shall sign the card and hand it to the competitor.”
  - > Rule 6-6d in the Rules of Golf states: “The competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his/her card. If he/she returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, he/she shall be disqualified. If he/she returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned shall stand.”

**\*\*BE SURE THAT YOUR HOLE-BY-HOLE SCORES ARE CORRECT PRIOR TO SIGNING & TURNING IN YOUR SCORECARD!  
The Committee will take care of adding up the score for you.\*\***

**RULES VIOLATIONS & CHEATING:** Rules violations will be administered by the tournament officials and as prescribed by the USGA Rules of Golf, Junior Golf Director and Executive Director.

- ◆ If a player is suspected of cheating, measures will be taken to monitor your score during future junior events. If a fellow competitor suspects another of cheating or of violating any Rules of Golf, the fellow competitor should seek a Rules Official as soon as possible to handle the situation.
- ◆ Cheating is strictly prohibited and could result in immediate disqualification or suspension from current events, future events or the entire IJGP with **NO REFUND**.
- ◆ Cases will be reviewed on an individual basis by the Junior Golf Director, Executive Director and the IGF Board of Directors.

## **ELECTRONIC DEVICES:**

- ◆ **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** For all IJGP tournaments, a player may obtain distance information by using a device measuring **DISTANCE ONLY**. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses any other function such as to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used, the player is in breach of **Rule 14-3**.

**Penalty for Breach of condition: First Offense-Two Stroke Penalty; Subsequence Offense-Disqualification**

- ◆ **COMMUNICATION DEVICES:** Voice communication devices may not be turned on or used by a player, his/her side or caddie during any stipulated round or match.

**Penalty for breach is: First Offense– Warning; 2nd Offense– Disqualification for serious breach of etiquette; Rule 33-7**

- ◆ **DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE:** In most situations, players are expected to use **Rule 3-3 (Doubt as to Procedure)** to play a second ball when they are uncertain how to proceed. The competitor must designate which ball to count if the Rules permit, and the situation must be reported at the scoring area when the scorecard is signed even if the same score occurs with both balls.



# INDIANA JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

## LOCAL RULES & CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf of the USGA and where applicable, by the following Local Rules; Conditions and Definitions. Appendix I refers to the Appendix of Local Rules; Conditions of the Competition in the USGA Rules of Golf booklet. Unless otherwise provided, penalty of breach of Local Rules is : **Stroke Play– Two Strokes, Match Play– Loss of Hole.**

**SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR A DANGEROUS SITUATION (Note to Rule 6-8b):** Appx I, Part B, Section 4. When play is suspended for a dangerous situation, players must discontinue play immediately.

*Discontinue Play Immediately– One prolonged note of siren.*

*Discontinue Play– Three consecutive notes of the siren, repeated.*

**LIFTING AN EMBEDDED BALL:** The “Embedded Ball Rule” as written in Appendix I is in effect, “through the green.”

**PRACTICE:** Between the play of two holes, a player must not make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole last played and must not test the surface of the putting green of the hole last played by rolling a ball. **STROKE PLAY ONLY**

**OUT OF BOUNDS:** Defined by inside edge of white stakes, white lines and/or property fence posts at ground level. When present white lines take precedence and the line itself is out of bounds.

**STONES IN BUNKERS:** Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions and may be moved. Rule 24-1 applies.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** 1) Areas defined by white lines 2) French Drains, which are exposed trenches, filled with rocks or stones 3) Newly trenched areas and seams of cut turf, for which relief is for lie of ball only.

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** In this competition, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3. **Cell Phones MAY NOT be used as distance measuring devices in IJGP events.** Penalty– *2 strokes for first breach, Disqualification for subsequent or multiple breaches.*

**INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE:** Includes (a) wrappings, wires and cables when closely attached to objects, (b) artificial walls and/or pilings when located within water hazards or within and/or used to define the margin of bunkers. **NO RELIEF**

**ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS:** Asphalt and artificially surfaced roads and paths are obstructions. White lined areas tying into roads and paths have the same status as the roads or paths and thus they are a part of the obstruction. Wood chip, gravel or mulch paths are obstructions, however, individual pieces of wood chips, gravel or mulch paths are loose impediments when the ball is played as it lies.

**WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARDS:** When both stakes and lines are present, stakes identify the hazard and lines define the hazard. When a water hazard or lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity.

**STAKED TREES:** If the lie of ball, stance and/or area of intended swing is interfered with by the stake attached to a tree, the stake and/or, rope/wire is treated as an immovable obstruction. Relief without penalty from the tree itself is not permitted.

**PERMANENT ELEVATED POWER LINES AND CABLES:** If a ball strikes the power line, the stroke is canceled and the player **MUST** play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played. Another ball may be substituted.

**BALL AT REST MOVED ON PUTTING GREEN:** When a player’s ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player’s ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental. **Note:** If it is determined that a player’s ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water, or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

**PLAYER CONDUCT:** The use of profanity and club tossing/throwing is strictly prohibited. This includes any damage to the golf course, whether or not repaired, and other’s property. *Penalty for breach of first offense is 2 strokes.*

**CELL PHONE POLICY:** Cell phone use is prohibited during a stipulated round, with the exception of areas such as the clubhouse or parking lot, when you are not interfering or delaying play. This includes any form of cell phone communication. *First violation is 2 Strokes, Second violation is disqualification.*

**IPODS, MP3 PLAYERS AND LIKE ITEMS:** These items are not permitted for any reason during the stipulated round. The wearing of headphones is also prohibited. *First violation is 2 Strokes, Second violation is disqualification.*

**RETURNING SCORECARDS:** For the purpose of applying Rule 6-6c, a competitor is considered to have returned his scorecard when the player’s score has been posted on the Official Scoreboard.

**RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION:** When all scores have been posted on the Official Scoreboard and approved by the IJGP Rules Committee, the result of the competition shall be deemed to have been officially announced. In the event of a playoff, the competition shall be deemed to have closed when the playoff scores have been approved by the IJGP Rules Committee.

# PACE OF PLAY POLICY

## Notification/Timing:

- ◆ A group is deemed out of position when they are more than one hole behind and/or 15 minutes behind the group in front of them. All players in the group will be notified by a designated tournament official that the group is out of position and subject to being timed and penalized.

## Teeing Ground/Through the Green:

- ◆ The timing of a player's stroke will begin when they have had reasonable opportunity to reach their ball, it is their turn to play and they can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage counts as time taken for the stroke.

## On the Putting Green:

- ◆ Timing of a player's stroke will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace their ball, repair their ball mark and other ball marks on their line of putt and remove loose impediments on their line of putt. Time spent looking at the line of putt from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.
- ◆ A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke. An extra 10 seconds for a total of 50 seconds will be allowed for the **first player** to play a stroke from the teeing ground, a second shot on a par-4 or par-5, a third stroke on a par-5, a stroke around the putting green or a stroke on the putting green.
- ◆ A player who exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke will be informed by a tournament official as soon as possible.

## Pace of Play Penalties:

The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a group being timed who takes more than the allotted time to play a stroke after timing of the player's stroke begins:

- ◆ 1st bad timing– Warning
- ◆ 2nd bad timing– 1 Stroke Penalty
- ◆ 3rd bad timing– Additional 1 Stroke Penalty
- ◆ 4th bad timing– Disqualification

***\*\*Note– If a group being timed regains its proper position, any previous 'bad timings' will be carried over for the remainder of that round in the event that group requires additional monitoring.\*\****

Any appeal, **(by the player(s) only)**, of a pace of play penalty must be referred to the designated tournament official of this event immediately upon completion of the round and their decision is final.

## Rulings or Other Incidents:

If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs which causes the group in question to lose its position, that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time. Time spent waiting for a ruling and searching for a ball is included in the total round time expectation.

## Championships, Masters Tour, Spring Series & Fall Series Events:

- ◆ At the completion of each hole, the **first player to putt out** will immediately begin to walk to the next tee (**without disturbing the remainder of the group**). This player will then be the first player to tee off on the next hole, but has the option of waiting for the remainder of the group to arrive or playing as they walk to that tee
- ◆ The **second player to putt out** is responsible for replacing the flagstick before walking to the next tee
- ◆ Players should mark scores on the next tee. If needed, players will help each other verify scores from the previous hole
- ◆ Players who do not abide by this policy will be subject to penalty if they are out of position

***\*\*If a foursome, the first and second player to putt out immediately begin walking to the next tee. The third player is responsible for replacing the flagstick.\*\****



# READY GOLF TIPS

- ◆ **Walk With A Purpose:**
  - \* You are an athlete
  - \* Walk to your next shot in a quick manner
- ◆ **Prepare While Others Play:**
  - \* Figure out your yardage and club selection while your fellow competitor is playing their shot
- ◆ **Limit Number Of Practice Swings:**
  - \* Players should only take 2-3 practice swings
  - \* For example, if a player shoots 85 and takes 2 practice swings prior to every shot, that is a total of 255 swings on the day
- ◆ **Walk Ahead:**
  - \* It is okay to walk ahead of your fellow competitors to get ready for your next shot
  - \* Remain out of their line of play
  - \* Make sure that you are not distracting or disturbing them
  - \* Be alert, pay attention while they play their next shot
- ◆ **Tap It In:**
  - \* If you have a putt that is at or inside one foot, players should be able to tap their ball in so long as they would not be standing in the line of their fellow competitors
- ◆ **Watch Where Your Ball Lands:**
  - \* If you hit a shot offline, make sure to watch where it lands
- ◆ **Play A Provisional Ball:**
  - \* If there is a chance your ball may be lost or out of bounds
  - \* Make sure you announce to your fellow competitors your intentions, along with what kind of ball, number and the markings your provisional ball has on it
- ◆ **Play A Second Ball:**
  - \* If you are uncertain about a ruling and there is not a Rules Official nearby
  - \* Announce your intentions to your fellow competitors along with which rule/relief option that you will play your second ball under
  - \* Bring it to a Rules Official's attention as soon as you see one or in the scoring area once play has concluded
  - \* You **MUST** do this even if you had the same score with both balls as there could still be a rules violation if neither ball was played in accordance with the Rules
- ◆ **Marking Scores:**
  - \* Take care of this on the next tee box after every hole

# WEATHER POLICY

***\*\*The IJGP does NOT make any event determinations based on forecast. Many delays or course playability issues will be unknown until the morning of the event. If any delays or cancellations are made, the IJGP will email, text and post updates on social media accounts. If there is no word from the IJGP, the event is to be played as scheduled\*\****

The IJGP reserves the right to reduce the number of rounds or holes in an event due to inclement weather.

## **Prep Tour:**

- ◆ An event will be considered complete as follows
  - > 8-10 age division completes a minimum of 5 holes
  - > 11-12 age division completes a minimum of 9 holes

## **Junior Tour:**

- ◆ An 18 hole event will be considered complete as follows
  - > If all competitors in the same age division have completed a minimum of the same 9 holes, then their total score from those holes will be used to determine results for that event
  - > If all competitors in the same age division have completed a different set of 9 holes, then their score will be determined in relation to par for the holes each player has completed to determine results for that event.
- ◆ A 36 hole event will be considered complete as follows
  - > If one round gets washed out due to inclement weather, then the event will be considered complete with an 18 hole score, from either the first round or second round.

## **Masters Tour, Spring Series & Fall Series:**

- ◆ An event will be considered complete as follows
  - > If one round gets washed out due to inclement weather, then the event will be considered complete with an 18 hole score, from either the first round or second round.

## **Championships:**

- ◆ ***Girls State Junior***
  - > If day one were to be washed out due to inclement weather the event will become a 36 hole event.
  - > All players would compete on day two and then the cut would be made to the low 80 & ties and the field would also be flighted for the day three
  - > If day one is completed, but day two gets washed out due to inclement weather, then players will be flighted based on their scores from day one.
  - > If day one and two are completed, but day three gets washed out, then players will be flighted based on their scores from their two day totals and awards will be distributed accordingly.
- ◆ ***Girls Junior PGA & Hoosier Junior***
  - > If one round gets washed out due to inclement weather, then the event will be considered complete with an 18 hole score, from either the first round or second round.
- ◆ ***Boys Junior PGA***
  - > If day one were to be washed out due to inclement weather, then the event will become an 18 hole event.
  - > All players would compete on day two and awards will be distributed accordingly
  - > If day one is completed, but day two is washed out due to inclement weather, then awards will be distributed accordingly based on scores from day one
- ◆ ***Boys State Junior***
  - > In the Stroke Play portion, if one round gets washed out due to inclement weather, then the cut to the low 64 players for Match Play will be made based on standings from the day one or two scores.
  - > In the Match Play portion, a match **CANNOT** be washed out. So, if play were to be suspended for the day due to inclement weather, the match would resume the next day from where it was.

## **If the event is a total rainout an attempt will be made to:**

***1.) Reschedule event 2.) Place all players in another Tour event 3.) Give refunds/credits to all registered participants***

The participant **MUST** check the schedule for another event that is not filled and call to enter that event at no additional charge. Credits will **NOT** be given/distributed if an event is considered complete as stated above.

# SPECTATOR POLICIES

Spectators are encouraged to attend all IJGP events. However, they must be courteous to all competitors and abide by all rules set in place by the Junior Program and the host facility. It is the player's responsibility to keep spectators away. Please come to the course and enjoy watching the juniors compete as an individual. Spectator cart fees are \$25 for 18 holes and \$15 for 9 holes. Rules for spectators are as follows:

**1.) SPECTATOR CARTS:** Availability is at the discretion of the host facility and is on a first come, first serve basis. All spectators with carts **MUST** abide by the rules outlined below:

- ◆ Spectators will respect the entire field of participants and stop all cart movement while a player is preparing to, or in the process of making a stroke.
- ◆ No more than **2 PEOPLE** per cart for any reason (regardless of age)
- ◆ No **PLAYERS** allowed in carts for any reason other than shuttling on and off of the course for shotgun starts and weather situations
- ◆ Carts **MUST** stay on the cart paths at **ALL TIMES** where available. If a cart path is not available, you **MUST** stay in the rough 30 yards away from the players. **DO NOT** cross fairways for any reason, even if you are helping players search for golf balls
- ◆ **DO NOT** lag behind the group you are following as there is another group behind you

***Any disregard of these rules or misuse of the cart will lead to the forfeiture of Spectator Cart privileges for the event and possible future events without a refund. Tournament and course staff reserve the right to remove spectator carts for any reason they deem necessary.***

**2.) ADVICE:** *Rule 8: is any counsel or suggestion which could influence a player in determining his/her play, the choice of a club or the method of making a stroke.* In addition, any conversation between a player and spectator may be construed as advice. This includes any signals, gestures or actions made by the spectator. In any of these instances, penalty for breach of this rule is two strokes. Players will be held responsible for the actions of their relatives and spectators in regards to this rule.

**3.) RULINGS:** Only designated officials from the IJGP will give rulings to the participants at the request of the individual. The staff will assist in any way possible when they are asked to do so by the players. Players are encouraged to ask ***"What are my options?"*** when asking for assistance from an official.

**4.) DISTANCE FROM PLAYERS:** Only participants in the event will be allowed to walk in the fairways. Spectators should always remain on cart paths, when available. In absence of cart paths, spectators should walk in the rough and stay off all teeing grounds, fairways and putting greens. ***Spectators must remain at least 30 yards from the players at all times.***

***Exception: If the player requests food, drink, or anything for personal safety, then a spectator may approach a participants to deliver what was requested. The spectator should then leave the area immediately and allow the player to continue his/her play.***

**5.) CELLULAR DEVICES:** Spectators are required to turn their cellular device to silent or off for the entire round. When making calls please be courteous to our golfers

**6.)** Spectators are welcome to spot shots by moving ahead of the grouping to view incoming shots from a safe distance. Assisting with the search for a ball is allowed and encouraged.

**Spectators are reminded that they should not inject themselves into the competition.** That includes making rulings, reporting penalties, asking for scores, or giving advice of any kind. The competitors are expected to go to the scoring area immediately upon the completion of their round without consulting with spectators beforehand. While spectators may share their thoughts with the IJGP Officials and staff, the players are responsible for signing and reviewing their scorecard in the scoring area. Our staff is dedicated to conducting events under the Rules of Golf, and educating players is part of that process.

# Hydration Awareness

If there is a medical emergency, please find someone with a radio or call 911.

## SUGGESTIONS TO STAY HYDRATED DURING PLAY

### GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

- Players and Spectators should be prepared to protect themselves from the heat. Players and spectators should bring umbrellas, nutritional snacks, sunscreen, light colored clothing, hats, etc.
- If you experience weakness, headache, trouble concentrating, nausea, muscle cramping or other symptoms in the heat, seek medical attention immediately.

### BEFORE THE START OF ACTIVITY

- It's important to make sure you're well hydrated during the few days leading up to your long activity day.
- An hour before you start your activity, try to drink about 16 ounces of water or other non-caffeinated fluid.
- Staying hydrated is critical to your performance and, more importantly, for preventing heat-related illnesses. Dehydration in athletes may lead to fatigue, headaches, decreased coordination, and muscle cramping. Other heat-related illnesses, such as heat exhaustion and heatstroke, have even more serious consequences. Athletes need to pay attention to what and how much you are drinking before, during and after activity.
- Make sure you're hydrated before you start your golf game, you should drink another 4 to 8 ounces right before you start.

### DURING THE ACTIVITY

- A general rule of thumb for fluid consumption during your golf game: You should take in 4 to 6 ounces of fluid every 20 minutes during your physical activity.
- Some of your fluid intake should include a sports drink to replace lost sodium and other minerals (electrolytes). The carbohydrates and electrolytes in the sports drink also can help you absorb the fluids faster.

**Pre-hydrate yourself before, hydrate during, and after your golf game!**

### WHAT TO EAT BEFORE A ROUND OF GOLF

- Eat lightly in the two hours leading up to tee time. Food in your digestive system diverts blood away from your brain and muscles, affecting concentration and physical performance. A meal approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours prior to play is ideal.
- Eat high quality complex carbohydrates, keep protein and fat intakes moderate since these slow down digestion. Eat slow and chew well.
- Drink pure water to adequately hydrate. Also fresh fruits are great source of nutrition as well hydration source. However, never drastically alter your normal eating patterns prior to competition.

### WHAT TO EAT DURING A ROUND OF GOLF

- Take a mix of dried fruit and nuts. Eat just small amounts throughout the round to keep energy and concentration levels regulated. Organic nutrition bars are a convenient snack that can help keep blood sugar levels steady. Avoid the high glycemic varieties.
- Sip water regularly, especially on hot days where you sweat more.

### WHAT TO EAT AFTER A ROUND OF GOLF

- Consume a combination of protein and carbohydrate-rich foods and drinks as soon as possible after your round to replenish glycogen stores and replace fluids that have been lost.
- Replace potassium or sodium that has been lost during competition by using foods. Fruits and vegetables are excellent sources of potassium.

HYDRATION AWARENESS TIPS COURTESY OF BAY STAR AND TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## 1. What is the easiest way to get in touch with Zach and/or other staff during the tournament season?

*Communication via e-mail is the easiest and preferred way to get in touch with our staff. PJ Boatwright Intern ([juniors@indianagolf.org](mailto:juniors@indianagolf.org)); Zach Hale ([zhale@indianagolf.org](mailto:zhale@indianagolf.org)).*

## 2. I do not see my son/daughter listed on the player list for a tournament that I thought I had registered him/her for. What should I do?

*There are a couple of ways you can do this. First, check your email to see that you received a confirmation email stating that he/she is in the active field for the event. If you have this confirmation email, then he/she is in the event. Second, you can log-in to the players account and under the "Tournaments" tab click on "Upcoming". This will show all events that the player is currently registered for. If you do not see the event on this list, then the player has not been registered for that event. (Please note that for some of these events (Jr. PGA's, Age Group, etc.), we have to manually place the player in the correct division, we will update it periodically so your best options are the two stated above.)*

## 3. Can I communicate with my son/daughter during the stipulated round of a tournament?

*Only to provide them with a beverage and/or food item at their request (exception: emergency situations). Otherwise, please stay at least 30 yards from all competitors, out of fairways, clear of the putting greens, keeping spectator carts on designated paths (or in the rough in absence of paths) at all times.*

## 4. If I want to rent a spectator cart, how do I go about doing so? How much does it cost?

*Availability of spectator carts is at the sole discretion of the host facility and the number of carts available may vary at each site. It is on a first come, first served basis the day of the event for \$25 (18-hole events), \$15 (9-hole events).*

## 5. Can I use a distance measuring/electronic devices (cell/smart phones, laser range finders, SkyCaddies, Bushnells, etc.) in junior golf events?

*Please refer to the "Electronic Devices" section on page XX. Distance measuring devices that measure distance only and not slope or wind are allowed during competition. Cell phones or watches that allow for direct communication (i.e. texts) are not allowed to be used as a distance measuring device.*

## 6. If I find it necessary to withdraw from a tournament during the stipulated round, how should I go about doing so?

*Please **IMMEDIATELY** find a IJGP staff member to inform them of your decision. They will assist you with the process of exchanging/signing scorecards with fellow competitors prior to your exit from the golf course. You must sign for the scores you have recorded as a marker up until that point and assure that you return your scorecard to the scoring area, or have one of your fellow competitors do so. Also, the card you were keeping must be kept by another member of your pairing/group and if necessary cards must be exchanged so that no competitor is keeping their own score.*

# PREP TOUR PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS

**2017 Boys Prep Tour Player of the Year: Aidan Gutierrez, Valparaiso**

**2017 Girls Prep Tour Player of the Year: Macy Beeson, Lapel**

In 2018, one boy and one girl will be selected as the Prep Tour Player of the Year, based on the following points list.

**\*\* NOTE: END OF SEASON POINTS LIST AND POY ARE TWO SEPARATE AWARDS AND POINTS SYSTEMS\*\***

## PREP TOUR SEASON POINTS LIST

Each player's total points from their respective age division's season points list will be added to the Player of the Year total.

### GIRLS STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion	100 points
Runner-Up	80 points
Top 5	70 points
Top 10	60 points
Championship Flight	50 points
First Flight Champion	40 points
First Flight	35 points
Second Flight Champion	30 points
Second Flight Qualifier	25 points
Third Flight Champion	20 points
Third Flight Qualifier	15 points

### BOYS STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion	100 points
Runner-Up	80 points
Semifinalist	70 points
Quarterfinalist	60 points
Round of 16	50 points
Match Play Qualifier	40 points
Stroke Play Medalist	50 points
Championship Qualifier	30 points

### INDIANA JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion	75 points
Runner-Up	60 points
Top 10	40 points
Top 20 (Boys)	30 points
Top 15 (Girls)	30 points
Made Cut (Boys)	20 points

### AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion	30 points
Runner-Up	20 points
Third Place	15 points
Fourth Place	10 points
Fifth Place	5 points

### USGA JUNIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

National Qualifier	50 points
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# JUNIOR TOUR PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS

**2017 Boys Junior Tour Player of the Year: Kyle Sanders, Kokomo**

**2017 Girls Junior Tour Player of the Year: Kristen Hobbs, Anderson**

In 2018, one boy and one girl will be selected as the Junior Tour Player of the Year, based on the following points list.

**\*\* NOTE: END OF SEASON POINTS LIST AND POY ARE TWO SEPARATE AWARDS AND POINTS SYSTEMS\*\***

## JUNIOR TOUR SEASON POINTS LIST

1st Place	100 points
2nd Place	85 points
3rd Place	80 points
4th Place	75 points
5th Place	70 points
6th Place	65 points
7th Place	60 points
8th Place	55 points
9th Place	50 points
10th Place	45 points

## GIRLS STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion	100 points
Runner-Up	80 points
Top 5	50 points
Top 10	35 points
Top 20	25 points
Top 30	15 points
Top 40	10 points

## BOYS STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion	100 points
Runner-Up	80 points
Semifinalist	70 points
Quarterfinalist	55 points
Round of 16	45 points
Round of 32	35 points
Match Play Qualifier	30 points
Stroke Play Medalist	30 points
Championship Qualifier	15 points

## AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion	25 points
Runner-Up	20 points
Third Place	15 points
Fourth Place	10 points
Fifth Place	5 points

## JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Indiana Section Champion	75 points
Indiana Section Runner-Up	50 points
Top 10– Indiana Section	20 points
Top 20– Indiana Section	15 points
Made Cut (Boys)	5 points

## HOOSIER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion	75 points
Runner-Up	50 points
Top-10	20 points
Top-20 (Boys)	15 points

## SPRING SERIES/FALL SERIES

Event Win	10 points
Event Top-3	5 points
Event Top-5	2 points

## USGA JUNIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

National Match Play Qualifier	30 points
National Qualifying Medalist	10 points
National Qualifier	15 points

# OVERALL JUNIOR PROGRAM PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS

2017 Boys Junior Program Player of the Year: Ethan Shepherd, Greenwood; Peyton Snoeberger, Williamsport

2017 Girls Junior Program Players of the Year: Kristina Kniesly, Logansport

**\*\* NOTE: END OF SEASON POINTS LIST AND POY ARE TWO SEPARATE AWARDS AND POINTS SYSTEMS\*\***

## MASTERS TOUR SEASON POINTS LIST

1st Place	60 points
2nd Place	50 points
3rd Place	45 points
4th Place	40 points
5th Place	35 points
6th Place	30 points
7th Place	25 points
8th Place	20 points
9th Place	15 points
10th Place	10 points
Tour Championship Winner	10 points
Tour Championship Top-5	0 points

## GIRLS STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion	80 points
Runner-Up	60 points
Top 5	50 points
Top 10	35 points
Top 25	20 points

## BOYS STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion	80 points
Runner-Up	60 points
Semifinalist	50 points
Quarterfinalist	40 points
Round of 16	30 points
Round of 32	25 points
Match Play Qualifier	20 points
Stroke Play Medalist	30 points
Championship Qualifier	10 points

## AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion	25 points
Runner-Up	15 points
Third Place	5 points

## JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

	National Champion	100 points
	National Runner-Up	50 points
<i>National Points</i>	Top 10- National	30 points
	Made Cut- National	20 points
	Non-Section Champ Qualifier	10 points
	Indiana Section Champion	50 points
<i>Local Points</i>	Indiana Section Runner-Up	30 points
	Top 10– Indiana Section	15 points
	Top 20– Indiana Section	10 points

## HOOSIER JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion	50 points
Runner-Up	40 points
Third Place	25 points
Top 10	15 points
Top 20 (Boys)	10 points

## SPRING SERIES/FALL SERIES

Event Winner	10 points
Event Runner-Up	5 points
Event Top 5	2 points



## OVERALL JUNIOR PROGRAM PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS (CONT...)

### INDIANA MEN'S STATE AM & OPEN

Champion	75 points
Runner-Up	50 points
Top 20	40 points
Post 72 hole score	30 points
Qualifier	10 points

### INDIANA WOMEN'S STATE AM & OPEN

Champion	75 points
Runner-Up	50 points
Top 20	30 points

### USGA JUNIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

National Champion	100 points
Runner-Up	75 points
Semifinalist	60 points
Quarterfinalist	50 points
Round of 16	40 points
Round of 32	35 points
Match Play Qualifier	30 points
National Qualifying Medalist	25 points
National Qualifier	15 points