



## JUNIOR PROGRAM

# INDIANA JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM TOURNAMENT DIFFICULTY RATINGS

*The Indiana Junior Golf Program's, (IJGP), Tournament Difficulty Ratings are designed to help players & parents better understand & find the appropriate events for their current ability level. We strongly believe that players develop best when participating in events that fit their skill level, while occasionally challenging themselves at the next level they wish to achieve.*

**Level 1– Beginner:** This level is for players who are just starting the game or are fairly new to competitive golf. Basic knowledge of the Rules & Etiquette is not required, but should be started at this level.

**Program Recommendations for Level 1:**

- PGA Junior League
- The First Tee of Indiana
- Local Competitive Golf Tours

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**Level 2– Intermediate:** This level is for players who have existing golf experience and are ready to advance in competitive golf. Players at this level should:

- > Have a working knowledge of the basic Rules & Etiquette
- > Be able to play without assistance from parents or other entities
- > Be able to keep their won score and the score of another player without help
- > Be able to stay within the scoring limits for the respective age divisions
- > Be playing on or working towards playing on a school team; Middle School, HS JV, HS Varsity

**Program Recommendations for Level 2:**

- PGA Junior League
- IJGP Prep Tour
- IJGP Junior Tour

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**Level 3– Advanced Intermediate:** This level is for players who have competitive golf experience within the IJGP or similar programs. These players are likely competing on their school golf teams. Players at this level should:

- > Have a good knowledge of the basic Rules & Etiquette
- > Be able to maintain a good pace of play at all times
- > Be able to consistently break 90 for 18 holes at the yardage range set for their age division
- > Understand that Championships, Spring Series and Fall Series events will be played with more difficult course set-ups than Prep Tour or Junior Tour events.

**Program Recommendations for Level 3:**

- IJGP Prep Tour
- IJGP Junior Tour

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**Level 4– Advanced:** This level is for players who have won or been very competitive at the top end of IJGP events. These players are likely some of the better players on their school teams and are potentially looking to play in college at some level. Players at this level should:

- > Have a strong knowledge of the basic Rules & Etiquette
- > Be able to consistently break 80 for 18 holes at the yardage range set for their age division
- > Carry a single digit iGolf Handicap Index

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***Tournament Recommendations for each Level:***

- Level 1- No Tournaments
- Level 2- Prep Tour & Junior Tour
- Level 3- Prep Tour, Junior Tour, Spring Series, Championships & Fall Series
- Level 4- Spring Series, Masters Tour, Championships, Fall Series & USGA Qualifiers

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