



## **JUNIOR PROGRAM**



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# **2019 JUNIOR PROGRAM PLAYER/PARENT GUIDE**

**Prep Tour  
Junior Tour  
Masters Tour**

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# 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 65 events and nearly 1,100 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 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 2019

## TOUR & RULES ORIENTATIONS:

- ◆ All New Members will still be required to complete the Tour Orientation and the Rules Orientation
- ◆ All Returning Members will be required to complete the Rules Orientation for 2019 to help educate you about the rule changes for the 2019 season.

## JUNIOR TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP:

- ◆ We are excited to bring this end of year championship back in 2019!
- ◆ The Top-18 Girls and Top-27 Boys in each Age Division of the Season Points Standings as of July 19, 2019 will receive an invitation to register for and compete in this event.
- ◆ Entry fee will be \$55 for those that are invited and elect to register for this event

## TEAM SERIES EVENTS:

- ◆ We are excited to present these 9-hole Team Scramble tournaments
- ◆ Open to players aged 7-15
- ◆ All players will compete from the same set of tees, as they would in a PGA Jr. League and play from similar yardages as set by the PGA Jr. League
- ◆ Entry Fee will be \$15 per player or \$30 per team
- ◆ Membership **is not required** to compete in these Team Series tournaments

## DRESS CODE: PROPER DRESS IS REQUIRED AT ALL IJGP EVENTS!

- ◆ **Boys-**
  - > Collared shirts or mock turtlenecks **MUST** be worn and tucked in **at all times**.
- ◆ **Girls-**
  - > Racerback with a mock or regular collar are allowed (**no collar = no racerback**)
  - > Plunging necklines are **NOT** allowed
  - > Leggings, unless under a skort or shorts, are **NOT** allowed. Length of skirt, skort and 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**
  - > Close toed tennis shoes or golf shoes are required
  - > **NO sandals, cleats (soccer, baseball, softball, football or the like)**

**\*\*Absolutely NO denim/cargo pants/shorts, cut-offs, athletic/basketball shorts 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 with NO REFUND.***

# REGISTRATION PROCESS

**HOW TO ENTER:** Below is the date that players may begin registration for tournaments for the 2019 season:

<u>First Year of Membership</u>	<u>Membership Level</u>	<u>Tournament Registration Opens</u>
2018 & Prior	Prep Tour & Junior Tour	February 18, 2019
2019	Prep Tour, Junior Tour & Non-Members	February 25, 2019
ALL	Masters Tour	February 18, 2019

>> *Masters Tour Members will have priority registration for Masters Tour tournaments from February 18, 2019 until March 17, 2019. Once this date has passed Junior Tour Members will be allowed to register for the Northern, Southern and/or Central Masters Tour events. If you are a Junior Tour Member, you MUST meet one of the two requirements noted at the bottom of Page 9 of this Guide in order to be eligible for a Masters Tour event. If you have not met one of these requirements, you will automatically be put on the 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 **2019 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.

## 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 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 to:
  - 1.) Transfer to a different event within the same tour or
    - > The participant **MUST** check the schedule for another event that is not filled and call to enter that event at no additional charge
  - 2.) Receive BlueGolf account credit for the full amount or
  - 3.) Receive 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 into another Tour event***
  - 3.) ***Give refunds/credits to all registered participants***
    - > ***Credits will NOT be given/distributed if an event is considered complete as stated on Page 16***

# MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY INFO.

## Eligibility

- ◆ Membership is for *Indiana Residents Only, meaning a player's Permanent Residence MUST be in Indiana*
- ◆ 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 25, 2019
- \* Annual membership fee is \$45 (Membership is required in order to register for Prep Tour events)
- \* Entry fee is \$30 for Girls & Boys 11-12 and \$20 for Girls & Boys 8-10

### ◆ **Junior Tour-**

- \* Open to Girls & Boys ages 13 to 19 as of July 26, 2019
- \* Annual membership fee is \$65 (Membership is required in order to register for Junior Tour events)
- \* Entry fee is \$40 for single day events and \$80 for two day events

### ◆ **Masters Tour-**

- \* Open to Girls & Boys ages 13 to 19 as of July 26, 2019
- \* **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, 2019
- \* 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 information 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, 2019, they may do so without penalty. Membership cancellations requested after May 29, 2019 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.

# TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY INFO.

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 & Team Series 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
  - > Spring Series or Fall Series events
  - > Junior Tour Championship (will receive an invitation if you are eligible)
  - > Team Series events (for ages 7-15)
  - > Masters Tour events (One of the criteria must be met listed on Page 9. Excludes Masters Championship)
- ◆ **Masters Tour:** Listed on schedule as *JUNIOR MASTERS*
  - > All Masters Tour events (including the Masters Tour Championship)
  - > Championship events
  - > Spring Series or Fall Series events
  - > Team Series events (for ages 7-15)
- ◆ **Non-Members:**
  - > Championship events
  - > Spring Series or Fall Series events
  - > Team Series events (for ages 7-15)

**\*\*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-**

- ◆ **Girls Spring Series at Delaware CC**– Girls Ages 12-19 as of May 5, 2019
- ◆ **Girls Spring Series at Ulen CC**– Girls Ages 12-19 as of May 19, 2019
- ◆ **Girls Team Championship**– Ages 11-19 as of June 3, 2019
- ◆ **Indiana Girls Junior PGA Championship**– Ages 12-18 as of July 12, 2019
- ◆ **Indiana Boys Junior PGA Championship**– Ages 12-18 as of August 2, 2019
- ◆ **Age Group Championship**– Girls & Boys Ages 11-18 as of July 2, 2019
- ◆ **Boys State Junior Qualifiers & Championship**– Ages 19 & Under as of July 12, 2019
- ◆ **Girls State Junior Championship**– Ages 10-19 as of July 18, 2019
- ◆ **Boys Team Championship**– Ages 11-19 as of July 25, 2019
- ◆ **Boys Fall Series at Delaware CC**– Boys Ages 12-19 as of September 15, 2019
- ◆ **Boys Fall Series at Kampen**– Boys Ages 12-19 as of September 29, 2019
- ◆ **Hoosier Junior Championship**– Girls & Boys Ages 14-19 as of October 13, 2019
- ◆ **Fall Series at Champions Pointe GC**– Girls & Boys Ages 12-19 as of October 27, 2019



# MASTERS TOUR CRITERIA

## Member Selection (based on previous season):

### 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 13-18 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 13-18 age divisions
3. **Indiana Jr. PGA Championship:** Top-25 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 13-18 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 25, 2019

*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 Prep 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, 2019

*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 OR DOWN" A DIVISION ON THE PREP TOUR OR JUNIOR TOUR FOR ANY REASON\*\***

<u>Prep Tour Age Divisions</u>	<u>Approximate Yardages</u>	<u>Scoring Limit</u>
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

<u>Team Series</u>	<u>Approximate Yardages</u>
Girls 13 & Under, Boys 11 & Under	Maximum of 2,300
Girls 14-15, Boys 12-15	Maximum of 2,600

<u>Junior Tour Age Divisions</u>	<u>Approximate Yardages</u>	<u>Scoring Limit</u>
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

<u>Masters Tour Age Divisions</u>	<u>Approximate Yardages</u>	<u>Scoring Limit (Jr. Tour Members Only)</u>
Girls Overall (36-holes)	5,400-5,800	185 two day total
Boys Overall (36-holes)	6,500-6,900	180 two day total

<u>Spring/Fall Series Age Divisions</u>	<u>Approximate Yardages</u>	<u>Scoring Limit</u>
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

# 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 **cannot 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 with the earliest tee time being 7:30am (local time of the course), unless a different start time has been established and is noted on the Tournament Information Page.
- ◆ Tee times & Pairings will be emailed and posted online **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:

- ◆ Shotgun start at 8:00am (local time of the course) unless a different start time or format has been established and is noted on the Tournament Information Page
- ◆ 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 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 emailed or 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, Spring Series & Fall Series:

- ◆ Tee time starts. Starting times for each day will vary at each event. Typically late morning/early afternoon on Day 1 and early morning on Day 2
- ◆ Tee times & Pairings will be emailed and posted online **no later than 3 days prior to the event**. Tee times for Day 2 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, course availability 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.

# 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 IJGP events.

**PLAYER CONDUCT:** Any conduct which may be detrimental to the IJGP and the Spirit of the Game will **NOT** be tolerated. Such behavior includes:

- ◆ Swearing, vulgar or abusive language/behavior
- ◆ Club throwing/slamming
- ◆ Damage to the golf course or another player's belongings
- ◆ Disrespect to volunteers, officials or fellow competitors
  - > Any of the above actions may result in a warning, two stroke penalty, or immediate disqualification. Multiple violations or the severity of the first violation may result in suspension or dismissal from the IJGP
- ◆ Possession of drugs, alcohol, smoking/chewing tobacco, vaping products or the like or gambling
  - > This will result in immediate disqualification and may result in suspension or dismissal from the IJGP
- ◆ Cheating is strictly prohibited
  - > 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

**DRESS CODE: PROPER DRESS IS REQUIRED AT ALL IJGP EVENTS!**

- ◆ **Boys-**
  - > Collared shirts or mock turtlenecks **MUST** be worn and tucked in **at all times**.
- ◆ **Girls-**
  - > Racerback with a mock or regular collar are allowed (**no collar = no racerback**)
  - > Plunging necklines are **NOT** allowed
  - > Leggings, unless under a skirt or shorts, are **NOT** allowed. Length of skirt, skort and 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**
  - > Close toed tennis shoes or golf shoes are required
  - > **NO sandals, cleats (soccer, baseball, softball, football or the like)**

**\*\*Absolutely NO denim pants/shorts, cut-offs, athletic/basketball shorts 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 with NO REFUND.***

**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 2019 USGA Rules of Golf shall govern all play. The IJGP Local Rules & Terms of the Competition will be handed out to players at each tournament prior to play. A Notice to Players will be provided if needed.

**CADDIE GUIDELINES:** Caddies are **NOT** permitted in Prep Tour, Team Series, Junior Tour, Masters Tour, Spring Series or Fall Series 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 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 to 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 player in their group during a round, **WITHOUT the assistance of parents/spectators.**
- ◆ 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 3-3b(1)** in the Rules of Golf states: “After each hole during the round, the marker should confirm with the player the number of strokes on that hole (including strokes made and penalty strokes) and enter that score on the scorecard.”
  - > **Rule 3-3b(2), (3)** in the Rules of Golf states: “During the round, the player should keep track of his/her scores for each hole. When the round has ended the player should carefully check the hole scores entered by the marker and raise any issues with the Committee. If the player returns a scorecard with a wrong score for any hole that is higher, then the score stands. If it is lower, then the player is disqualified.”

**\*\*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 ISSUE IN STROKE PLAY– Rule 20.1c(3): *Playing Two Balls When Uncertain What to Do:*** A player who is uncertain about the right procedure while playing a hole may complete the hole with two balls without penalty:

- ◆ The player must decide to play two balls after the uncertain situation arises and before making a stroke
- ◆ The player should choose which ball will count if the Rules allow the procedure used for that ball, by announcing that choice to his or her marker or to another player before making a stroke.
- ◆ If the player does not choose in time, the ball played first is treated as the ball chosen by default.
- ◆ The player must report the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning the scorecard, even if the player scores the same with both balls. The player is disqualified if he or she fails to do so.
- ◆ If the player made a stroke before deciding to play a second ball: a) This Rule does not apply at all and the score that counts is the score with the ball played before the player decided to play the second ball, b) But the player gets no penalty for playing the second ball



# INDIANA JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM LOCAL RULES & TERMS OF THE COMPETITION



The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA & R&A govern play. These Local Rules & Terms of the Competition are in effect at all IJGP tournaments. See applicable Notice to Players for modifications or additions to these Local Rules & Terms of the Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2019. Unless otherwise noted, *penalty for breach of a Local Rule is: Stroke Play— Two Strokes, Match Play— Loss of Hole*

**PLAYER CONDUCT (as stated in the IJGP Player/Parent Guide):** Any conduct which may be detrimental to the IJGP & the Spirit of the Game will **NOT** be tolerated. Any breach may result in a warning, two stroke penalty or immediate disqualification depending on the severity and/or number of occurrences, at the discretion of the Committee.

**MAXIMUM SCORE— Rule 21.2 (Prep Tour, Junior Tour & Team Series ONLY):** A Maximum Score is in effect **ONLY for all Prep Tour, Junior Tour & Team Series tournaments**. Players are only allowed to take a Maximum Score of Double Par on a hole, so a Par-3= 6, Par-4= 8, Par-5= 10. **This is NOT in effect for Championships (including Boys State Jr. Qualifiers, Masters Tour, Spring Series or Fall Series tournaments).**

**PACE OF PLAY POLICIES:** Pace of play will be enforced accordingly as stated in the IJGP Player/Parent Guide.

**STOPPING & RESUMING PLAY— Rule 5.7:** Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. **Model Local Rule J-1.** All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification.

**Immediate Suspension of Play (Dangerous Situation)— One prolonged airhorn note**

**All Other Types of Suspension (Non-Dangerous Situation)— Three consecutive airhorn notes— Players may finish the hole they are on or discontinue play. However, they may NOT start a hole if between holes & no players have started the next hole.**

**Resumption of Play— Two short airhorn notes**

**OUT OF BOUNDS— Rule 18.2:** Defined by inside edge of white stakes, white lines, and/or property fence posts or walls at ground level. When present, white lines take precedence and the line itself is out of bounds. A ball that crosses a road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

**PENALTY AREAS— Rule 17:** Identified as Red or Yellow. When both stakes & lines are present, stakes identify the penalty area and lines define the penalty area and the line itself is in the penalty area. When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** 1) Areas completely encircled with white lines, 2) French Drains (drainage ditch filled with stones), 3) Seams of cut turf— **Model Local Rule F-7** is in effect, and **relief is for lie of ball or area of intended swing only** for seams of cut turf.

**INTEGRAL OBJECTS:** Includes a) Bunker Liners—The Committee may treat an exposed liner as GUR under **Rule 16.1**, but interference does not exist if the liner only interferes with the player's stance, b) The portion of cables, wires or wrappings where closely attached to trees or objects defining out of bounds, c) Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings when located within penalty areas. **Players will receive NO FREE RELIEF**

**ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS & 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.

**PERMANENT ELEVATED POWER LINES OR CABLES: Model Local Rule E-11** is in effect & is modified as follows: If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a power line in bounds, the **stroke does not count**. The player must play **a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made** in accordance with **Rule 14.6**

**BACK-ON-THE-LINE RELIEF: Model Local Rule E-12** When taking Back-On-the-Line relief, there is no additional penalty if a player plays a ball that was dropped in the relief area required by the relevant Rule, but came to rest outside the relief area, so long as the ball, when played, is within one club-length of where it first touched the ground when dropped.

**REPLACEMENT OF CLUB THAT IS BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED: Model Local Rule G-9—** during the round, if a player's club is broken or significantly damaged by the player or caddie, except in cases of abuse, the player may replace the club with any club under Rule 4.1b(4). A club is broken or significantly damaged when: a) the shaft breaks into pieces, splinters or is bent, b) the club face impact area is visibly deformed (but not when only scratched), c) the clubhead is visibly and significantly deformed, d) the clubhead is detached or loose from the shaft, or e) the grip is loose. Exception: A club face or clubhead is not broken or significantly damaged solely because it is cracked

**SPECIFICATIONS OF CLUBS AND THE BALL:** a) List of Conforming Driver Heads—**Model Local Rule G-1** is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with club in **breach of this Local Rule—Disqualification**. b) List of Conforming Golf Balls—**Model Local Rule G-3** is in effect. Penalty for making a stroke with a ball in **breach of this Local Rule—Disqualification**. c) The "One Ball Rule" is **NOT** in effect.

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES— Rule 4.3:** Both Distance Measuring Devices (Laser Rangefinder, GPS Watch, Handheld GPS Unit) & Phone applications are permitted provided they meet **Rule 4.3** requirements.

**CELL PHONE POLICY:** The use of a cell phone during a round may not be used for checking inclement weather or leaderboards. Such use may not otherwise violate the Rules of Golf including giving or receiving advice or sharing information. The phone must be kept on silent mode. While using the device, the player cannot distract fellow competitors or disrupt pace of play. **Penalty for breach— First breach— Warning, Second breach— General Penalty, Third breach— Disqualification**

**AUDIO & VIDEO (IPODS, MP3 PLAYERS AND LIKE ITEMS): Model Local Rule G-8** is in effect. During a round a player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device. **Penalty for first breach— General Penalty, Penalty for second breach— Disqualification**

**PRACTICE— Rule 5:** a) before or between rounds in stroke play—**Model Local Rule I-1.1** is not in effect and **Rule 5.2b** is modified as follows: A player must not practice on the competition course but may practice on the designated practice areas. b) Between holes in stroke play—**Model Local Rule I-2** is in effect & between the play of two holes, a player must not: 1) Make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, or 2) Test the surface of that putting green by rubbing the putting green or rolling a ball. **Penalty for breach of Local Rule is: First breach— General Penalty, Second breach— Disqualification (STROKE PLAY ONLY)**

**PROHIBITING USE OF MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION:** Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. **Model Local Rule G-6—** During a round a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation **except** as authorized or later approved by the Committee. **Penalty for breach— General Penalty for each hole during which there is a breach. If the breach occurs between the play of two holes, it applies to the next hole.**

**SCORECARD RETURNED:** A player's scorecard has been returned to the Committee when the player has exited the defined scoring area with both feet. Prior to returning the scorecard, a player that needs to leave the scoring area must inform the Scoring Official of his or her intention to leave & immediately return.

**RESULT OF COMPETITION IS FINAL:** The competition is final when all scores have been validated in the scoring system & approved by the Committee. In the event of a playoff, the competition is final when the playoff scores have been approved by the Committee.

# PACE OF PLAY POLICY

## Prep Tour, Junior Tour & Team Series Events:

- ◆ 9-holes should take no more than 2 hours and 30 minutes to complete
- ◆ 18-holes should take no more than 5 hours to complete
- ◆ Groups should take no more than 15-16 minutes to complete each hole.

## **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.**
- ◆ 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 when it is their turn to play. **Rule 5– It is recommended that players make the stroke in no more than 40 seconds, and usually more quickly than that**

## **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 who exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke will be informed by a tournament official as soon as possible.

## **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.

## **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 offense– Warning
- ◆ 2nd offense– 1 Stroke Penalty
- ◆ 3rd offense– General Penalty in addition to 1 Stroke Penalty
- ◆ 4th offense– 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.

**Championships, Masters Tour, Spring Series & Fall Series Events:** When applicable, the IJGP will use the following 'Ready Golf' Pace of Play Policy, which is adapted from the program used by the AJGA. This policy will be in effect for all Championships, Masters Tour, Spring Series, and Fall Series tournaments.

We recommend that all players understand this system. All players should take responsibility to ensure that every member in the group is following this policy.

## **How It Works:**

- ◆ Players shall play **Ready Golf** throughout the entire round and **WALK WITH A PURPOSE** between shots
  - > This simply means that the player who is ready to play, regardless if they are 'out' or not, should play their next stroke.
  - > It is recommended that a player **make a stroke in 40 seconds or less** once it is their turn to play.
- ◆ At the completion of each hole, the **first player to putt out** will immediately grab their bag and begin to walk to the next tee in a **quiet and courteous manner** as to not disturb other players.
  - > This player should periodically look back to observe the other player's shots.
  - > This player will be first to play from the teeing ground at the next hole, but has the option of waiting for other players in their group to get to the next hole before teeing off.
- ◆ The **second player to putt out** is responsible for replacing the flagstick (if it has been removed), before walking to the next tee.
- ◆ Players should confirm and mark scores on the tee box and should help each other verify prior to leaving the tee.
- ◆ When officials or spectators are available to help in search for a ball, we recommend that other players in the group go forward to play their next stroke(s) to **hold the group's position on the course**

**\*\* Players who do not abide by this policy will be subject to penalty if they are out of position\*\***

# READY GOLF TIPS & DRIVING RANGE ETIQUETTE

## READY GOLF TIPS:

### **Walk With A Purpose:**

- ◆ You are an athlete, so 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 and 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 outside of a penalty area 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

**Rules Issues in Stroke Play— Rule 20.1c(3): Playing Two Balls When Uncertain What to Do:** A player who is uncertain about the right procedure while playing a hole may complete the hole with two balls without penalty:

- ◆ The player must decide to play two balls after the uncertain situation arises and before making a stroke
- ◆ The player should choose which ball will count if the Rules allow the procedure used for that ball, by announcing that choice to his or her marker or to another player before making a stroke.
- ◆ If the player does not choose in time, the ball played first is treated as the ball chosen by default.
- ◆ The player must report the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning the scorecard, even if the player scores the same with both balls. The player is disqualified if he or she fails to do so.
- ◆ If the player made a stroke before deciding to play a second ball: a) This Rule does not apply at all and the score that counts is the score with the ball played before the player decided to play the second ball, b) But the player gets no penalty for playing the second ball

### **Marking Scores:**

- ◆ Take care of this on the next tee box after every hole

## DRIVING RANGE ETIQUETTE:

- ◆ When You Should Arrive: Show up to the course in plenty of time to be able to use the range to hit balls before the tournament. On average, contestants show up to the course a little over an hour before a tee time or 1.5 hours before a shotgun. **\*\*Some courses might not have a range so make sure you call before arriving at the course.\*\***

> **Shotgun Start-** If it is an 8:00 shotgun start, try to arrive close to **an hour and a half before** because the range will likely be full, depending on the field size. Everyone will be arriving at the same time and it will take a longer time for a spot on the range to open. Also, every player will need to be **done warming up 30 minutes prior** to the start time to go over the announcements.

> **Tee Time Start-** If your tee time is at 7:30, an adequate time to arrive would be 6:30.

- ◆ Warm-Up: The driving range is intended to be used to loosen and warm up, **not for a lesson** right before the tournament starts. Ideally you warm up with 4-5 clubs in your bag and only hit those clubs 3-4 times each. This allows everyone to get the chance to warm up.
- ◆ Share & Rotate: Some courses have limited space and there might only be a few spots available on the practice range. In this scenario, try to hit fewer balls. **Be mindful of the other contestants** and limit your warm-up so that every player gets a chance to hit balls. It is a great idea to **share a spot with a couple of fellow competitors and rotate after hitting 5 balls** and you can stretch more while you wait for your next turn.



# 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, Girls Junior PGA, Age Group & 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.

**Team Series:** An event will be considered complete as follows

- ◆ All teams complete a minimum of 5 holes

**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.

**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.

**Girls & Boys Team:**

- ◆ 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.

**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 IJGP 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. 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 (**NO CALLING TO RESERVE**). Spectator cart fees are \$25 for 18 holes and \$15 for 9 holes. 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 10.2a: 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, multiple breaches may result in disqualification and possible suspension from the IJGP.** 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 mode or off for the entire round. When making calls please be courteous to our golfers

**6.) FORECADDIE/SPOTTING BALLS:** Spectators are welcome and encouraged to spot shots by moving ahead of the group to view incoming shots from a safe distance. Assisting with the search for a ball is also 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.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## 1. What is the easiest way to get in touch with the Junior Golf 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)*

*Zach Hale-Junior Golf Director (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. I'm trying to register for the Girls or Boys Team Championship or a Team Series event and am not able to find my partners name in the search bar. What do I do?

*There are a couple of reasons this can happen. One— your partner has already registered individually or Two— your partner does not yet have a membership with us for the current season.*

*You are allowed to register as an individual. You just need to be sure to notify the IJGP staff the name of your partner as we will have to manually put you on the same team together, if you each register as individuals.*

## 4. 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.*

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

*This is noted on [Page 17](#). 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).*

## 6. 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 "Distance Measuring Devices & Cell Phone Policy" section on [Page 14](#).*

## 7. If I find it necessary to withdraw from a tournament during the 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.*

## 8. How can I become eligible for Masters Tour tournaments as a Junior Tour Member? Or what do I have to do to become a Masters Tour Member?

*Please refer to [Page 9](#) as it has all content related to the Masters Tour*

# 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.

