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Welcome to the 2018 season

The Southern California PGA Junior Tour is looking forward to another full calendar year of many playing opportunities spread throughout the Southern California region. The SCPGA will offer a large magnitude of competitive events for a variety of ages and skill-levels throughout the region. With the three-tiered program that the Junior Tour offers, it allows for all sets of players to find the perfect fit for each junior. The tiered program features the Toyota Tour Cup, Players Tour, and Junior Development Tour which are all highlighted in the following pages with details regarding each program. Included in each membership, junior members will have the opportunity to establish an official Handicap Index through the SCGA.

The SCPGA Handbook will be your guide to the SCPGA Junior Tour. This document will contain the rules, regulations, structures, and guidelines that oversee the SCPGA Junior Tour. It is VITAL that you read and understand this document. If you have any questions please contact the SCPGA Junior Tour staff who will be happy to assist you. We look forward to seeing you on the course!

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. The USGA Rules of Golf will govern play at all times. The Conditions of Competition and Local Rules on the SCPGA Junior Tour Hard Card are also in effect.
2. All members are required to take and pass a Rules Exam before entering any SCPGA Junior Tour event. There are Rules Exams for the JDT, Players Tour and Toyota Tour Cup that are required prior to participation at that level.
3. Players and parents should always conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen while at a tournament site. Remember, we are the guests of the host facilities, and the SCPGA needs the courses more than the courses need the SCPGA Junior Tour.
4. Slow play will not be tolerated. Always be ready to play when it is your turn and be sure that your group maintains its position with the group in front of yours. Please refer to the Tour Hard Card and Pace of Play policy in this Handbook on page 12. Groups that fall behind will be subject to penalty under the Rules of Golf.
5. All players must check in at registration at least 30 minutes prior to their starting time. Failure to arrive at the tee ready to play at your designated starting time may result in a penalty or disqualification under the Rules of Golf (Rule 6-3).
6. Do not leave your clubs unattended. The SCPGA and the host facilities are NOT responsible for any lost or stolen items.
7. Caddies are not permitted for Players Tour and TTC events. Only JDT players in the 5-7 age division are allowed the use of a parent caddie.

8. Junior Tour Members are forbidden to ride in golf carts in all Junior Tour events, unless being shuttled by an official SCPGA Staff member or a designated shuttle. *Penalty for breach of condition: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round – Four strokes (two strokes at each of the first two holes at which any breach occurred).* *Use of any unauthorized form of transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. Otherwise, the player is disqualified. * Players (all age divisions) may use pull carts if they are permitted at the host course. Motorized carts of any kind are prohibited.
9. Distance measuring devices will be allowed in competitions. The use of cell phones, iPods, etc. during competition is forbidden and will result in a general penalty and /or disqualification. Spectators are asked to NOT use cell phones during competition, and to keep ringers in the “off” or “vibrate” mode.
10. Golf etiquette is an essential part of the game. Members and parents are expected to behave in accordance with the Rules of Golf. Players must be careful not to damage greens when putting down golf bags, the flagstick, or with shoes or clubs. Players are responsible for replacing divots, repairing ball marks and raking bunkers. Not adhering to this guideline could result in a serious breach of etiquette (Rule 33-7) and result in disqualification.
11. Any misconduct or unbecoming behavior by the Junior Member or their parent/guardian may result in the immediate disqualification of the player from the event, or the removal of the parent/guardian from the facility. Examples of misconduct include, but are not limited to, throwing clubs, use of vulgar or obscene language, smoking, drinking, use of tobacco, littering, abuse of SCPGA Staff, volunteers, or PGA Members. If you witness any unbecoming behavior, please report it immediately to the SCPGA Staff on-site. Excessive and continued abuse of SCPGA Rules and Regulations by a Junior Member or Parent will result in a hearing with the SCPGA Advisory Committee and /or suspension or expulsion from the SCPGA Junior Tour. If a junior or a parent is suspended, the suspension may last throughout the end of the calendar year. The Junior/Parent may reapply for Membership/reinstatement the following year, and may appeal the Advisory Committee’s decision. Notification of any suspension or expulsion will be forwarded to the AJGA & USGA.

Membership

Membership is open to all juniors between the ages of 5 to 18 (18 year olds are eligible to participate through the end of the Summer Series –August 31, or until they begin attending college, whichever comes first). All members must complete the Membership Application including the Rules Exam each year which is all made available online. All new members must provide the SCPGA with a verification of age (copy of birth certificate or passport). Membership is based on the calendar year (expires December 31). Membership is subject to suspension or cancellation by the SCPGA Foundation and the Junior Golf Ethics Committee for violation of any SCPGA Junior Tour Rules and Regulations. Membership dues entitle member access to SCPGA sanctioned events, year-round SCGA Handicap services, and official SCPGA Junior Tour membership gifts.

JDT (JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT TOUR):

The Junior Development Tour offers juniors a place to play and learn about tournament golf in a more relaxed competitive environment. Weekly 9-Hole events are held on Par-3, executive, and regulation golf courses with competitors utilizing our double par plus 1 stroke score rule. Juniors must play in these individual stroke-play events to qualify for graduation to the Players Tour. Three (3) scores of 7-Over Par or better must be shot within a calendar year for the boy's division and Three (3) scores of 8-Over Par or better must be shot in a calendar year for the girl's division, as well as showing proficiency in the rules & etiquette of golf. The JDT is now implementing a 5-7 age division and will allow players, within that division only, to have parent caddies. Caddies will not be permitted once a player reaches the season of their eighth birthday. Players must remain in the JDT until their ninth birthday.

The guidelines for parent caddies are:

1. Have a basic understanding of the game of golf and how each of the fourteen golf clubs are used.
2. Know where your player's ball is at all times: mark its position.
3. Replace or repair all divots.
4. Rake all bunkers and attend the flagstick.
5. Assist player with club selection, pace of play and correct score for each hole played.
6. Never touch a golf ball while it is in play.
7. Always wear your JDT Caddy badge while on the course.

Ages: 5-18

Membership Fee: \$100

Players Tour

The Players Tour is the flagship level of our program. Formally titled the Junior Tour, the Players Tour is designed to serve juniors that have a wide range of playing ability – for juniors that have advanced through the JDT to those looking to earn an invite into the Toyota Tour Cup Series. Players will strive to improve their game while gaining competitive experience. Playing opportunities are available throughout Southern California at a variety of courses. Juniors compete within their age divisions, and earn points for the Player of the Year standings.

Listed below are the average yardages the members on Players Tour will compete from:

Girls 9-11: 2,400 – 2,800 (9-holes)

Girls 12-14: 5,300 – 5,700

Girls 15-18: 5,500 – 5,900

Boys 9-11: 2,500 – 2,900 (9-holes)

Boys 12-14: 6,100 – 6,500

Boys 15-18: 6,400 – 6,800

*Yardages are subject to change based on course layout and difficulty.

Spring Series: January 1 – May 31

Age Divisions: Determined by the players age as of the last day of the Series (May 31st).

Points: Points will be awarded for top ten finishes in recognized events (Points breakdown on page 8).

Bridgestone Series Championship: Players finishing in First Place in any recognized event during the Spring Series are eligible to compete in the Bridgestone Spring Series Championship. May 19-20, 2018

Summer Series: June 1 – August 31

Age Divisions: Determined by the players age as of the last day of the Series (August 31st).

Points: Points will be awarded for top ten finishes in recognized events.

Bridgestone Series Championship: Players finishing in First Place in any recognized event during the Summer Series are eligible to compete in the Bridgestone Summer Series Championship. August 25-26, 2018

Fall Series: September 1 – December 31

Age Divisions: Determined by the players age as of the last day of the Series (December 31st).

Points: Points will be awarded for top ten finishes in recognized events.

Bridgestone Series Championship: Players finishing in First Place in any recognized event during the Fall Series are eligible to compete in the Bridgestone Fall Series Championship. December 1-2, 2018

Players Tour 2-Day Series

The Players Tour 2-Day Series offers competitive Players Tour members the opportunity to compete in a multi-day championship, similar to the Toyota Tour Cup. In addition to being ranked by Junior Golf Scoreboard and AJGA PBE, the Players Tour 2-Day Series offers Toyota Tour Cup exemptions to the following players based on the amount of points they earn from the seasonal 2-Day Series:

Spring Season: top 3 boys and top 3 girls

Summer Season: top 3 boys and top 3 girls

Fall Season: top 3 boys and top 3 girls

*Points from the 2-Day Series are also weighted so Players Tour members will receive more points than if they were to compete in two single day events. Also, please note that there are (3) Players Tour 2-Day events per season. *

Ages: 9-18

Membership Fee: \$150

TOYOTA TOUR CUP:

The Toyota Tour Cup Series is a series of two-day events hosted at some of Southern California's premier facilities showcasing the elite level of junior golf. Membership for the Toyota Tour Cup is **Invitation Only**. There are multiple avenues available to earn playing privileges on the TTC. Juniors are invited based on one of the following criteria's: from the previous year's Players Tour point standings (refer to "Series Breakdown") and Toyota Tour Cup Qualifying Schools (Spring, Summer, & Fall). In addition, the top players from the following junior golf organizations will be individually invited: San Diego, North County San Diego, Ventura County, Santa Barbara, and Valley Junior Golf. All Toyota Tour Cup events are nationally ranked by Junior Golf Scoreboard, as well as recognized by AJGA for Performance Based Entry status. Eight Toyota Tour Cup Events will be ranked by GolfWeek, including the Toyota Tour Cup Championship. All Toyota Tour Cup events are 36-54 hole events, with a Boys (12-18) and Girls (12-18) division. Boys compete from the Championship tees (6600-7000+ yards), and girls compete from the middle tees (5800-6100+).

The 2018 Toyota Tour Cup Series will offer a schedule of 23 events throughout the year. To retain your TTC membership, Boys must earn a Top 10 finish plus ties and Girls must earn a Top 6 finish plus ties. The top 15 finishers in each TTC event will receive points. The point system breakdown is listed below on page ten to review.

The TTC will also be offering six Invitational events in 2018. These are 36-54 hole events which will give priority registration to the following individuals.

Boys Criteria: Top 25 from 2017 TTC points

Top 25 in JGS (California) ranking

Top 10 in current TTC Points (applicable beginning 6/1/18)

Girls Criteria: Top 15 from 2017 TTC points

Top 15 in JGS (California) ranking

Top 5 in current TTC Points (applicable beginning 6/1/18)

All TTC members will have the option to sign up for an invitational event. Even if a player doesn't meet the exempt criteria, they will be placed in a pending account and will be filtered into the event approximately three weeks in advance, if space is available. Those players will be selected based on their 2017 TTC points up until June 1, 2018. After June 1st, players will be filtered in based on the current year's points list. TTC Invitational events will also have an increased points system. Please refer to the points breakdown on page 11 for any questions.

Ties for trophies: a trophy will be mailed out to any players tying for 2nd or 3rd place instead of using the USGA recommended scorecard playoff for the trophy.

Listed below are the three ways you can earn an invitation to the Toyota Tour Cup:

1. **Toyota Tour Cup Qualifying School:** 36-hole qualifying event for a year-long exemption to the Toyota Tour Cup. Ten percent (10%) of the final field size (boys and girls) will earn an exemption. No age divisions. One Qualifying School will be held in the Spring, Summer, and Fall. ****Points WILL NOT BE awarded for Qualifying School***

2. **Local Qualifiers:** We will be hosting a local Qualifier for (15) different TTC events in 2018. ****Players Tour Points WILL BE awarded for local qualifiers****

From each qualifier, the top five (5) boys and top three (3) girls will earn exemptions to a specific Toyota Tour Cup tournament. The TTC event name will be listed on the qualifier page. Players will not have the option to transfer their exemption for a different TTC event. If they choose to forgo their spot in the TTC event that they qualified for, that spot will go to the next TTC member on the waiting list.

- Boys who finish in the top 15 of the TTC event will earn an exemption for the remainder of the current year.
- Girls who finish in the top 10 of the TTC event will earn an exemption for the remainder of the current year.

All boys who finish in the top 10 and girls who finish in the top 6 will earn their exemptions for the current year and remain exempt for the following year as well.

3. **Players Tour Series Points** Toyota Tour Cup Invitations will be extended to the following:

Spring Series (January 1st -May 31st)

Boys 12-14: top 3; Boys 15-18: top 5

Girls 12-14: top 3; Girls 15-18: top 5

Summer Series (June 1st –August 31st)

Boys 12-14: top 3; Boys 15-18: top 5

Girls 12-14: top 3; Girls 15-18: top 5

Fall Series (September 1st – December 31st)

Boys 12-14: top 3; Boys 15-18: top 5

Girls 12-14: top 3; Girls 15-18: top 5

*Boys must place in a top-ten finish plus ties and Girls must place in a top-six finish plus ties in a Toyota Tour Cup event to be invited back for membership the following year.

**Exemptions will run through the current calendar year for the Spring Series. The Summer Series will be exempt for the Fall Series and the next calendar year. The Fall Series will gain exemption into the next calendar year.

Ages: 12-18

Membership Fee: \$230

PLAYING UP

Players are required to play in the proper age division for the current series. Players may, at their discretion, petition the SCPGA Junior Tour permission to “**play up**” into an older age division if he/she is in the Players Tour 9-11 division ONLY. The request form can be found on scpgajrtour.com under Forms and Applications. If the request is granted, the junior will be required to participate in the older age division for the remainder of the year. The request to play-up form must be completed and sent to Brent Johnston via email or fax (bjohnston@pgahq.com or 951-331-4701). The individual will only be allowed to compete in an older age division if and when the request has been granted. The decision to move a player up is at the sole discretion of the SCPGA Junior Tour Staff, and will be determined based on skill level and maturity level.

POINTS:

Points are awarded to the top ten finishers (and ties) in any SCPGA sanctioned or recognized event. Each Series (Spring, Summer, and Fall) will have its own Point Rankings.

Spring Series: January 1 – May 31

Summer Series: June 1 – August 31

Fall Series: September 1 – December 31

THE PLAYERS TOUR
POINTS BREAKDOWN

Points - 18 Hole Breakdown				
Place	10-15 Players	16-20 Players	21-25 Players	26+ Players
1	50	60	70	80

2	40	50	60	70
3	30	40	50	60
4	20	30	40	50
5	10	20	30	40
6	5	10	15	20
7	5	10	15	20
8	5	10	15	20
9	5	10	15	20
10	5	10	15	20

Points – 2-Day Series Breakdown				
Place	10-15 Players	16-20 Players	21-25 Players	26+ Players
1	125	150	175	200
2	100	125	150	175
3	75	100	125	150
4	50	75	100	125
5	25	50	75	100
6	15	30	45	60
7	15	30	45	60
8	15	30	45	60
9	15	30	45	60
10	15	30	45	60

Points – 54 Hole Breakdown				
Place	10-15 Players	16-20 Players	21-25 Players	26+ Players
1	150	180	210	240
2	120	150	180	210

3	90	120	150	180
4	60	90	120	150
5	30	60	90	120
6	20	40	60	80
7	20	40	60	80
8	20	40	60	80
9	20	40	60	80
10	20	40	60	80

18-Hole Event with less than 10 Participants

Points									
Place	9 players	8 players	7 players	6 players	5 players	4 players	3 players	2 players	1 player
1	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5
2	36	32	28	24	20	15	10	5	xxx
3	27	24	21	18	15	10	5	xxx	xxx
4	18	16	14	12	10	5	xxx	xxx	xxx
5	9	8	7	6	5	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
6	5	5	5	5	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
7	5	5	5	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
8	5	5	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
9	5	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx
10	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx

25 bonus points are awarded for the Overall low score in an event (two or more age divisions must play the same set of tees in order to be eligible). Eligible divisions: Girls 12-14 and Girls 15-18, and Boys 12-14 and Boys 15-18.

Toyota Tour Cup Points:

TOYOTA TOUR CUP POINTS BREAKDOWN					
Southern California PGA Junior Tour					
<i>Regular Event</i>		<i>Extended Player Field</i>		<i>Invitational</i>	
Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1	300	1	375	1	450
2	250	2	315	2	375
3	210	3	265	3	315
4	180	4	225	4	270
5	150	5	190	5	225
6	130	6	165	6	195
7	110	7	140	7	165
8	90	8	115	8	135
9	70	9	90	9	105
10	50	10	65	10	75
11	35	11	45	11	55
12	30	12	40	12	45
13	25	13	35	13	40
14	20	14	25	14	30
15	15	15	20	15	25

Points will be awarded top each individual who finishes within the top 15 including ties. Points for the Toyota Tour Cup Championship are worth double the value of a regular TTC event.

Tournaments

ENTRY PROCEDURE

1. Enter online through your Player's Club account via www.scpgajrtour.com. Event registration is open one month prior to the event. Payment by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express) is required at the time of registration.
2. Entry into each event is on a first come, first served basis, beginning on the first day entries are open unless otherwise noted on the Tournament Page Notes.
3. If the event is full, you will be placed on a waiting list in order of time registered. Once an available spot opens in your age division, you will be contacted by the SCPGA. Your credit card will NOT be charged if you do not get into an event.

CANCELLATION PROCEDURE

1. To cancel from an event, sign into your Player's Club account and hit the Cancel button next to the event you wish to cancel out of.
2. The cancellation policy is as follows:
 - I. JDT & Players Tour* - \$10 if canceling 7 days or more prior to an event, and \$25 if the Players Tour event is two or more days. Full charge any time after 7 days prior.
 - II. Toyota Tour Cup*: \$25 if canceling 7 days or more prior to an event, Full charge any time after 7 days prior.
 - III.* Cancellations within one week with a verifiable doctor's note will be granted a refund on ½ the entry fee. The doctor's note cover letter must be received by SCPGA staff within 5 days of the tournament and must be accompanied with the participants name, the official tournament name, and tournament date. An individual doctor's note will be valid and accepted by SCPGA staff for 2 weeks after its issue date. After two weeks, individuals will be required to get a new doctor's note for cancellations and refunds. The letter must be accompanied with the name of player, date of the tournament, name of the tournament and price of the tournament. Please [click here](#) to view the Doctor's Note Cover Letter.

STARTING TIMES

Tee times will be emailed to all participants and posted on the Tournament Info page 7-10 days prior to the tournament. Official confirmation of your entry will be sent via email.

POST-ENTRY PROCEDURE ON DAY OF EVENT

The previous waiting list for an event is null and void on the day of the event. Players may attempt to enter an event on the day of, based on a first-come, first-served basis. Players must have the tournament entry fee in order to play (check or credit card acceptable), or have pre-registered online. There are no guarantees for post-entries.

NO SHOWS

If a player has entered a tournament and cannot play, it is his or her responsibility to cancel out of the event at least 24 hours before the tournament. Cancellations can be done online or by calling the SCPGA office. On the day of the event, please contact the golf course if you are unable to play.

WITHDRAWALS (WD), JUSTIFIED WITHDRAWALS, NO SHOWS (NS), AND DISQUALIFICATIONS (QD)

With our partnership with Junior Golf Scoreboard and AJGA, we are conforming to their player classifications of DQ’s, WD’s, and JWD’s while submitting tournament results. The SCPGA Junior Tour will be eliminating the use of JWD’s and will be using WD’s for any withdrawals made during a stipulated round or event, no matter the reason. If a player does not show up for the second or third round of an event and does not call or email the tournament director, they will be listed as a No Show (NS) for JGS and as a DQ for AJGA and the SCPGA Junior Tour.

Justified Withdrawals (JWD)	Will no longer be used in SCPGA Junior Tour Events.
Withdrawals (WD)	Anytime a player discontinues play, whether during a round or in between rounds.
No Show (NS)	When a player does not show up for their second or third round tee time without notifying the Tournament Director beforehand. (Junior Golf Scoreboard)
Disqualification (DQ)	When a player does not show up for their second or third round tee time without notifying the Tournament Director beforehand. (AJGA and The SCPGA Junior Tour)

DRESS CODE

All players and spectators must observe the following dress code:

Boys and Men: golf shirts with a collar (tucked-in at all times), slacks or Bermuda shorts, NO jeans or t-shirts. Hats must be worn with the bill facing forward, and removed when inside a clubhouse.

Girls and Women: golf shirt, (if sleeveless, must have a collar), slacks, skirts, or Bermuda length shorts (**no more than 6 inches above the knee**). NO jeans, t-shirts, tank tops or bare mid-riffs.

Any player or spectator not adhering to these guidelines will be asked to leave or correct the violation before participating.

PACE OF PLAY

According to Rule 6-7 in the Rules of Golf, “The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish.” Note 2 states, “The Committee may

establish pace of play guidelines which include maximum periods of time to complete a stipulated round, a hole or a stroke.”

Allotted time

For a threesome, the base time for a round is 4:12

Par 3: 12 minutes Par 4: 14 minutes Par 5: 16 minutes

For a foursome, the base time for a round is 4:30

Par 3: 13 minutes Par 4: 15 minutes Par 5: 17 minutes

The Allotted Time does not take into account ball searches or rulings. Additional time may be added to take into account difficulty of course or long walks.

Out of position

Failure to complete the hole being played in less than the Allotted Time after the group immediately ahead put the flagstick in on that hole. For example, on a Par 4 a group has 14:00:00 to complete the hole once the group in front of them has replaced the flagstick. Times are measured flagstick to flagstick.

Bad times

When a group has fallen out of position a group is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds. The timing of a player’s stroke will begin when he has had reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. On the putting green, time spent examining the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time for the next stroke.

Penalty for breach

1st Offense: Verbal warning to group for being out of position and behind pace.

2nd Offense: Verbal warning to group; will be told they are on the clock and individual times will be taken.

3rd Offense: One stroke to group or individual for bad times.

4th Offense: Two strokes to group or individual for bad times.

5th Offense: Disqualification to group or individual for bad times.

*Players will be notified of breaches following the completion of a hole as to not interrupt play.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FASTER PLAY

There are three reasons for slow play; walking slowly, not being prepared to hit when it is a player’s turn and time spent on the green.

WALKING SLOWLY

Once you are able to walk safely and without interrupting another player, walk with a sense of purpose. Competitive golf is not a leisurely stroll in the park. Time spent walking to your ball means less time to prepare for playing the shot.

BEING PREPARED TO HIT

Unless a player is in the direct line of play of a fellow competitor, other players may be preparing (measuring yardages, taking practice swings, etc.) simultaneously. Also, use time spent walking to prepare for your next shot. When it is your turn to play, **BE READY**.

ON THE GREEN

Be reading the green and lining up putts as soon as you reach the green. When it is your turn, step right up and putt. Finish out putting whenever possible. Do not mark putts inside of three feet unless it interferes with a fellow competitor's line of putt. The first player may leave the green when they have finished putting and begin walking to the next hole. The other players should leave the green quickly so the group behind can play.

OTHER PACE OF PLAY TIPS

These will make our tournaments more enjoyable for everyone and could prevent you from getting penalty strokes for slow play:

- Get your yardage before it is your turn to play.
- Recognize when a fellow competitor will need the flag tended or your ball marked.
- Do not walk in packs. Each player should walk directly to his/her ball without delay.
- Be aware of who is away. If that player is not ready to play, play **READY GOLF**.
- Keep pace with the group ahead. If you don't know where they are, your group needs to pick up their pace.
- If your ball may be lost outside of a water hazard or out of bounds, play a provisional ball (Rule 27-2).
- If you are unsure how to proceed under a rule, play a second ball under Rule 3-3 and continue play. You must report the facts to a member of the SCPGA staff regardless of score.
- When arriving at the green, position your bag so it is on the way to the next tee to avoid holding up the group behind.

The SCPGA Junior Tour reserves the right to adjust the Pace of Play policy at any time.

USE OF DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

1. Distance Measuring Devices:

A Competitor may use a device that measures or gauges distance. The device cannot be used to measure conditions that might affect a player's play such as gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.

The USGA and R & A issued the following, abridged, information in a Joint Statement:

"Permitting the use of a measuring device to provide the same information that can be obtained through use of a yardage book or on-course markings is not considered to diminish the skill level required to play the game..."

A Clarification of the Rules...

2. When the local rule is in effect, distance-measuring devices must be limited to measuring distance only.

The use of a distance-measuring device would constitute a breach of the Rules if:

You are using the device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (e.g., wind speed, gradient, temperature, etc), or;

The device has some other non-conforming feature, including, but not limited to, recommendations that might assist the player in making a stroke or in his play, such as club selection, type of shot to be played (e.g., punch shot, pitch and run, etc.), or green reading (i.e., a recommended line of putt), or other advice-related matters. However, it is permissible to use such a device, during a stipulated round, to access distance information from previous rounds that has been processed prior to the commencement of the current round (e.g., a chart of all club yardages), or;

The device has the capability to assist in calculating the effective distance between two points (i.e., distance after considering gradient, wind speed and/or direction, temperature or other environmental factors).

There is no breach of the Rules if all of the above features are switched off or disengaged during the stipulated round.

Electronic devices such as cell phones and iPods may NOT be used.

Penalty for Breach: Disqualification (14-3)

SPECTATOR POLICY

Spectating is a privilege on the SCPGA Junior Tour, not a right. If the host club does not permit spectators, then the SCPGA Junior Tour will abide by their wishes and not allow spectators. **If permitted by the host course**, spectators will be allowed, provided they abide by the guidelines set forth below. All Spectators must display their "SPECTATOR" badge which can be purchased at SCPGA events for \$1.00. Please note the following change regarding our spectator badge policy. ***If you have a spectator badge from a previous year, you will be allowed to use it. Badges will no longer be subject to the year distributed*.**

Golf cars will be allowed for Spectators with legal proof of disability, but the procedure in the Subsection titled, "Disabled Spectator Cars" MUST be followed.

The following are our guidelines for Spectating:

1. Spectators may NOT speak to, communicate with (includes hand signals) or give **advice** to **any** player during competition.
Examples of advice:
"you should hit a 6-iron here"
"take an unplayable lie"
"keep your head down"
"relax, take it one shot at a time"
2. Spectators may give necessary items (food, drink, medicine, etc.) to players. (Rule 6-4/5.3) These items may only be given following the completion of a hole or at the turn, and must not interrupt play. *****Abuse of this privilege will not be tolerated and the player will be subject to penalty.**
3. All spectators **must** stay in the *rough* or on the *cart path* and maintain at least a 20-yard distance between all players during competition.
4. Spectators are NOT to get involved in scoring matters, (including Rulings) unless requested by the SCPGA staff.
5. Spectators are permitted to assist in a ball search and/or give information as to a ball's location if needed and can be done in a safe manner.
6. Spectators may be called upon by Tournament Staff to verify a score or order of events during play.
7. Any misconduct or unbecoming behavior by the Junior Member or their parent/guardian may result in the immediate disqualification of the player from the event, or the removal of the parent/guardian from the facility. Examples of misconduct include, but are not limited to, throwing clubs, use of vulgar or obscene language, smoking, drinking, use of tobacco, littering, abuse of SCPGA Staff, volunteers, or PGA Members. If you witness any unbecoming behavior, please report it immediately to the SCPGA Staff on-site. Excessive and continued abuse of SCPGA Rules and Regulations by a Junior Member or Parent will result in a hearing with the SCPGA

Advisory Committee and /or suspension or expulsion from the SCPGA Junior Tour. If a junior or a parent is suspended, the suspension may last throughout the end of the calendar year. The Junior/Parent may reapply for Membership/reinstatement the following year, and may appeal the Advisory Committee's decision. Notification of any suspension or expulsion will be forwarded to the AJGA & USGA.

Penalty for breach: Two stroke penalty to the player involved for accepting advice (Rule 8-1), and removal of spectator(s) in violation. If the violation occurs twice within the same season (calendar year), the spectator will be suspended from SCPGA Junior Tour events for the remainder of the year.

DISABLED SPECTATOR CAR POLICY

Spectator Cars will be allowed for disabled spectators who have completed the Application process to be an Approved Disabled Spectator on the SCPGA Junior Tour. Spectators that require the use of a golf cart must be **pre-approved**. The request form can be found online at scpgajrtour.com under the Membership>Forms and Application link. Individuals must complete and return the request form to Tyler Miller at tamiller@pgahq.com. A 5 to 10 day waiting period (from the date we receive the materials) is required to verify documents and issue the official Spectator Car Badge. There will be a \$5 charge for processing, materials and shipping of the badge. Any lost badges will have a \$5 replacement fee. Violation of any of the policies printed on the Badge will result in the immediate loss of privilege. Spectators are responsible for the course's car fee. The Badge must be present to have access to a car at an event that allows spectators, no exceptions. If an Approved user is unable to physically drive the golf car, please request an additional badge for a driver to use. The following are the rules and guidelines specific to those who receive an Approved Spectator Car Badge:

- The privilege may only be used at courses that allow spectators on the course. It will be at the discretion of the host facility if they will grant you the use of the spectator car. Most courses that allow spectators will allow the use of one of their golf cars, but the cost will be harbored by the spectator for that car. ****The SCPGA Junior Tour is not responsible for a course that chooses not to allow any spectator cars on the course. Playing at each facility is a privilege, not a right, and all spectators shall abide by the rules of the facility.*
- Spectator cars shall be operated in a safe manner, in observance of golf etiquette, and without any unnecessary interference with play.
- The Rules printed on the back of the 2018 Spectator Car Approved badge must be followed. These are in addition to the standard Spectating policies of the SCPGA Junior Tour. Failure to abide by these rules will result in an immediate loss of privileges.

CHEATING POLICY:

Cheating will not be tolerated at any SCPGA Junior Tour event. All SCPGA Junior Tour events will be governed by the USGA Rules of Golf. **Any knowledge of cheating should be immediately reported to the SCPGA to ensure fairness to all players.** All reports and accusations will be taken seriously and an investigation will occur with all players involved. It is the responsibility of all players to protect the integrity of the game and all participants. The SCPGA cannot take action unless we are made aware of any wrongdoing. The following guidelines must be followed by all SCPGA Junior Tour Members:

1. Players should confirm their score with their marker at the completion of each hole.
2. Players should keep a record of their own scores (use the bottom strip of the scorecard)
3. Players must promptly return their scorecard to the scoring area immediately following play.
4. Players and markers must check their hole-by-hole scores and sign their scorecard in the presence of the Tournament Committee. Do NOT sign your scorecard prior to returning to the scoring area.
5. Any scorecard that has been altered (including erased scores) will be reviewed by the Tournament Committee.
6. Your own scores should be legible at the bottom of the scorecard you marked for.

Any violation of these guidelines or evidence of cheating will result in the following:

1st offense: Disqualification of the player(s) involved, and suspension. Player(s) must appear in front of the SCPGA Advisory Committee prior to being re-instated. Points accumulated prior to offense will be voided.

2nd offense: Expulsion from the SCPGA Junior Tour. Players may apply for membership the following year, and if accepted, will be put on probation and evaluated on a monthly basis.

PLAYOFF PROCEDURE

JDT & Players Tour - All ties will be determined by a scorecard playoff using the USGA recommended method (App. 1, pages 143-144). However, Toyota Tour Cup Qualifiers will host a sudden death playoff if needed to determine the number of qualifiers allowed in the event.

Toyota Tour Cup - In the event of a tie for first place, a sudden-death playoff will be conducted.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

In the case of a weather delay, players are asked to remain at the course until announcements have been made. In the event that weather forces a tournament to be postponed, the SCPGA Junior Tour will first work to reschedule the event to a future date. If that is not an option, the event will be canceled and points will **NOT** be awarded no matter how many holes have been completed. In the event a tournament is canceled, players may receive a partial refund. The refund amount will be equal to the entry fee less administrative costs and, if applicable, course and lunch fees. If there is no difference between the incurred costs and the entry fee, a refund will not be available. If the SCPGA Junior Tour is able to reschedule, active players in the original tournament will automatically be transferred to the rescheduled event. If an individual wants to cancel from the rescheduled event they will have the opportunity to get a refund. The SCPGA will re-open registration to fill the field of the rescheduled event.

The SCPGA will only cancel or postpone an event due to unplayable course conditions, lightning, and any other dangerous or inclement weather. SCPGA Junior Tour events will NOT be canceled solely because of rain.

SCPGA TRAVELING TEAMS:

Each year, the SCPGA selects juniors to represent the association. Juniors are selected based on performance, character, and overall ability to represent the SCPGA in a professional manner. The previous year's award recipients will earn exemptions onto a traveling team (Team selected is at the sole discretion of the SCPGA): Ralph Miller Award winners, Lou Bastanchury and Amy Alcott Award winners, Tour Cup Series player of the year and Howard Smith Award winners. Those wishing to participate in a Team Event, who are not exempt, may fill out the Travel Team Application found online at scpgajrtour.com under the Membership tab > Forms and Applications. Traveling teams are selected for the following events:

- Girls North/South Team Matches (6 players) – Site TBD | Date TBD**
- Oak Valley Cup Matches (6 Boys and 6 Girls) – Oak Valley GC, Beaumont, CA | Date TBD**
- Boys' Junior America's Cup (4 players) – Montana | July 22-26, 2018**
- Girls' Junior America's Cup (4 players) – Hiwan GC, Evergreen, CO | July 23 – 27, 2018**
- Girls Mary Cave Cup Matches (4 players) – Sycuan Golf Resort, El Cajon, CA | Dates TBD**
- Boys North/South Team Matches (10 players) – Site TBD | July 29, 2018**
- Boys Eddie Hogan Cup Matches (4 players) – Riverside CC, Portland, OR | August 10-12, 2018**
- Challenge Cup Matches (8 boys and 4 girls) – Poppy Hills GC, Pebble Beach, CA | Jan. 2-4, 2018**

QUALIFIERS:

STATE/NATIONAL RECOGNIZED EVENTS (These are bonus points only, and are only calculated for the Ralph Miller Medal, and **not** Series Points. Girls 12-14, 15-18 and Boys 12-14 and 15-18 are the only age divisions eligible for this award). Points awarded in the following select events, along with the total points accumulated in the SCPGA Point Rankings will be used to determine the Ralph Miller Medal winner (Boys and Girls):

- PGA Junior Championship
- California State Boys Amateur Championship
- Junior World
- LA City Championship
- AJGA
- CIF (Individual boys and girls championships)
- California State Open: qualify: 50 points
- Tour Events (PGA, LPGA, Nationwide): qualify: 50 points
- USGA (Jr, Womens Am, Am): qualify for event: 50 points; qualify for match play: 25; qualifying medalist: 25; match winner: 50 (each match)

TEAM EVENTS:

- America's Cup (Boys & Girls) 1st = 300 2nd = 250 3rd = 200
(Individual Medalist would receive an additional 150 points.)
- Hogan Cup / Mary Cave Cup 1st = 200 2nd = 150 3rd = 100

(Individual Medalist would receive an additional 100 points)

Cal Cup Team Matches 1st= 100 2nd= 25

EVENTS REQUIRING SPECIAL QUALIFIERS

The following State and/or National Events require a qualifying process in order to enter. The SCPGA provides the following qualifiers for these events: Qualifier dates and sites may be found on the website: www.scpgajrtour.com.

JUNIOR WORLD

Qualifying is for juniors ages 7-17 in the following age divisions:

Boys: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-18; **Girls:** 7-8, 9-10, 11-12,13-14,15-18.

Please note these age divisions are different from the SCPGA Age Divisions. Players ages 7-8 in JDT will be allowed to participate in the Junior World Qualifier.

The number of qualifying spots available at each site is determined by Junior World. Typically, 2-4 boys and 2-4 girls are taken from each site. SCPGA Junior Tour Members may only participate in **one** SCPGA Junior World Qualifier. All California residents must qualify to enter Junior World (7-8 Age Division may apply to enter through Junior World).

Contact info for JUNIOR WORLD (619) 280-8112 www.juniorworldgolf.com

JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Qualifying is for juniors 12-18. The top two boys and top 2 girls from this qualifying event will receive an exemption to the national Junior PGA Championship. For more information please visit, www.juniorpgachampionship.com.

CALIFORNIA STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

BOYS:

Site TBD – July 30-31, 2018

Open to Boys ages 12-18; must qualify for Championship through local qualifier. Refer to schedule for qualifying sites and dates.

GIRLS:

TBD – Northern California

Open to girls 9-12, and 13-17 with a handicap index of 13.0 or below. There is NOT a qualifying event for this tournament.

USGA BOYS / GIRLS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Entries for the USGA Boys and Girls Championships are available upon request from the SCGA (818) 980-3630- or the USGA (908) 234-2300, or by visiting www.usga.org

BANQUET OF CHAMPIONS and SPECIAL AWARDS

In January, the SCPGA will host an *Annual Banquet of Champions* to recognize all award winners from the previous year. The SCPGA will host invited juniors. Parents and guests are invited to attend at their own expense as space allows.

Juniors invited will include the following:

TOYOTA TOUR CUP SERIES

The Toyota Tour Cup Player of the Year award will be given to the Boy and Girl earning the most points in Tour Cup events. Both names will be placed on the perpetual Cup. Replica Cups will be presented to the winners at the *Banquet of Champions*. The low scoring average (minimum of 4 events must be played to be eligible) for Boys and Girls will be awarded the *Howard Smith Scoring Average Award*.

PLAYERS TOUR

Player of the Year honors will be awarded to the Boy and Girl earning the most overall points in the following series', Boys must be in the 12-14 or 15-18 age division, and Girls must be in the 12-14 or 15-18 age division.

Players of the Year will be awarded the *Lou Bastanchury (Boys) and Amy Alcott (Girls) Awards*.

In addition, the following point winners in each age division from each Series will receive an award:

Spring Series: top three point winners in each age division

Summer Series: top three point winners in each age division

Fall Series: top three point winners in each age division

*The top overall point winners (Boy and Girl) in all SCPGA recognized events (includes all SCPGA events and State/National events) will receive the *Ralph Miller Award*. Boys must be in the 12-14 or 15-18 age division and Girls must be in the 12-14 age division or the 15 -18 age division to be eligible. *The Curtis Cup* will be awarded to the Boy and Girl top vote recipient from the *All-Southern California Junior Team*. The All-Southern California Team will be determined by a selection committee and may include players who are *not members* of the SCPGA.*



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