

# — THE — PLAYERS TOUR

## Welcome to The Players Tour!

You are now one of more than 1,700 Players Tour Members gaining more competitive experience with over 180 tournaments at your fingertips. With many different tournament opportunities in this Tour, we hope the following handbook helps you on your competitive journey.

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## Membership

### Age Divisions & Yardages

The Players Tour consists of three age divisions. Players play specific yardages per age division; however yardages are subject to change based on course layout and difficulty.

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

\*Players must hole out in the total amount of strokes it takes to complete the hole. The double par plus one rule is **NOT** in effect on the Players Tour. If this rule is neglected, players will be deemed **Disqualified** from the tournament (Rule 3.3c).

*If a player scores 30 over par or more in 3 of their first 5 tournaments on the Players Tour, they will be asked to move to the JDT so they can gain more experience.*

## Tournaments & Points Race

### Single-Day Tournaments

Single-day events will be provided throughout the calendar year on weekends and weekdays during the Summer Series. Both 9-11 divisions will play **9-holes** and both 12-14 & 15-18 divisions will play **18-holes**.

- The Players Tour Single-Day events offer Toyota Tour Cup exemptions to the following players based on the amount of points they earn from the seasonal one-day events:

- Players who finish as the **top 3** Boys & Girls in the 12-14 division and the **top 5** Boys & Girls in the 15-18 division with the most **cumulative points** at the end of each series, will receive their Toyota Tour Cup Exemptions.

## 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. These events are submitted to Junior Golf Scoreboard and AJGA.

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 (4) Players Tour 2-Day events per season. There is no longer a separate points race from the 2-Day Series.

There is a priority registration policy in place. If a player plays one 2-Day event, they will be put on the waitlist for the following event. Players that were unable to play in the previous 2-Day will have 24-hour priority registration for the next one. After that time, all remaining players will be filtered in by registration time.

## Junior PGA Section Championship & Qualifier

This event is a 2-day tournament only for Toyota Tour Cup members. However, Players Tour members may qualify through the one-day qualifier.

The top 5 boys and top 3 girls will earn an exemption into the Section Championship. As with a normal Toyota Tour Cup event, for those that qualify, in order to retain TTC Exemption, boys need to place in the top 15 and girls in the top 10 at the Junior PGA Championship.

Results will be submitted to AJGA and Junior Golf Scoreboard.

## Series Championships

Every season there will be a Series Championship for all top point earners in each division for the season.

The top 30 Boys 15-18

The top 24 Boys 12-14

The top 21 Girls 15-18

The top 15 Girls 12-14

The top 24 Boys 9-11

The top 18 Girls 9-11

The Championship for the 9-11 division will be a 1-day, 18-hole event. The Championship for the 12 -18 divisions will be a two-day, 36-hole event.

## Toyota Tour Cup Exemptions

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

Exemptions will run through the current calendar year for the Spring Series and through the following year's Spring. 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.

1. **Players Tour Season 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

2. **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. The first Qualifying School will be held in May and the second will be held in December.

\*Points WILL NOT BE awarded for Qualifying School.

3. **Local Qualifiers:** We will be hosting a local Qualifier for (14) different TTC events in 2021. 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. Please note:

- 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.**

\*Players Tour Points WILL BE awarded for local qualifiers\*

## Pace of Play

In an effort to better pace of play across The Players Tour and The Toyota Tour Cup, The SCPGA Junior Tour will be implementing an “Automatic 2-Stroke Penalty” solution to a group’s final hole if they arrive to the scoring area **15 minutes** after the group ahead of them, or in the case of the first group of the tournament, 15 minutes behind the maximum pace of play set by the Tournament Committee.

Exemptions from the Penalty include if a group finishes outside of 15 minutes from the group ahead of them but finishes within the maximum allowable time (time par) set by the Committee, the group will not be

assessed a penalty. If a group does not arrive at the scoring area within their allotted time due to circumstances out of their control, such as ball searches or ruling situations during the final two holes, the Committee may exempt the group from the automatic penalty if the group has maintained their positioning before the circumstance occurred.

At any time, if a group feels there is a specific player or players in the group which is causing them to play outside of their allotted time, those facts should be reported as soon as possible to a SCPGA Staff Member so the situation can be monitored. If the group fails to meet their allotted time due to a specific player(s), the committee may deem the penalty to only be applied to them.

Pace of Play on the Players Tour is monitored more strictly and taken into consideration throughout the round. Groups will be placed on the clock if a group is out of position and behind their maximum allotted pace of play while on the course. A SCPGA Staff Member may place the group on the clock and the group must finish the hole within an allotted time, 17 minutes for a par-5, 15 minutes for a par-4, and 13 minutes for a par-3. If the group does not finish the hole within their allotted time, and there were no extreme circumstances preventing them from doing so, a 1-stroke penalty may be applied to the group or individual for playing in a bad time. If a second offense occurs, a two-stroke penalty may be applied, and if a third offense occurs, disqualification may occur.

### **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 18.3).
- If you are unsure how to proceed under a rule, play a second ball under Rule 20.1c(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.

## Rankings

- Junior Golf Scoreboard (JGS) is a ranking system that helps junior golfers market themselves, find tournaments, and more easily assess their playing skills against other golfers without having to travel across the country. Please visit [www.juniorgolfscoreboard.com](http://www.juniorgolfscoreboard.com) for more information.  
The AJGA is a nationwide junior golf organization that provides highly competitive tournaments, a ranking system, and member benefits. [www.ajga.org](http://www.ajga.org)
- World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR) is a comprehensive ranking system that compares players from around the world. [www.wagr.com](http://www.wagr.com)

## Player Classifications

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.

- **Justified Withdrawals (JWD)** Will no longer be used in SCPGA Junior Tour Events.
- **Withdrawals (WD)** Only used when a player discontinues play during a tournament and provides documentation verifying illness, injury, or outstanding circumstances.
- **No Cards (NC)** When a player discontinues play during a tournament or in between rounds.
- **No Show (NS)** When a player does not show up for their first-round tee time.



- **Disqualification (DQ)** When a player does not show up for their second or third round tee time without notifying the Tournament Director beforehand.

## No Show/No Cards

### No Show (NS) Policy:

If a player fails to appear for their tee time and has failed to withdraw from an event in accordance with the SCPGA's Policies, the player will be considered a No Show. Players may cancel from an event through their BlueGolf Account up until 11:59 pm of the day prior to the event. After that time, please email the Tournament Contact listed on the Tournament's Information Page.

### Penalty for Breach\*:

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense:** Player will be sent a warning email.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:** The player will be removed from their next tournament. Refunds will not be issued.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offense:** Player will be suspended for three months. Refunds will not be issued.

A player that No Shows for a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> round tee time without properly notifying the tournament director will be considered a DQ.

### No Carding (NC) Policy for SCPGA Junior Tour Multiday Events:

Any player who does not complete the event by either withdrawing mid-round or in between rounds will be considered a **No Card**. Documentation may be provided to prove illness, injury, or outstanding circumstances; however, approval of documentation will be made at the Tournament Director's discretion.

### Penalty for Breach\*:

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense:** Player will be sent a warning email.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:** The player will be removed from their next tournament. Refunds will not be issued.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offense:** Player will be suspended for three months. Refunds will not be issued.

\*Within the calendar year.

## Covid-19 Spectator Policy

### Spectator Policy:

For courses that will allow it, one spectator per player will be permitted. However, quite a few courses, per their request, will not accommodate spectators at this time. This information will be located on the tournament information page and will be listed in the tournament notes emailed to every player before the event. It is your responsibility to know and follow the policies.

Please keep in mind that these policies and procedures are imperative for The SCPGA Junior Tour to continue to host events during these tumultuous times. Although most Junior Tour members have been following these policies, there have been moments where they have been ignored. With that in mind, the SCPGA Junior Tour will be implementing the following policies and penalties:

### For Events Where Spectators Are Allowed:

- a. Only one spectator per player is allowed.
- b. Spectators can only enter the facility 10 minutes prior to their player teeing off.
- c. Spectators are absolutely not allowed on the practice facility at any time.
- d. Spectators must wear a mask/face covering from the point of arrival until they leave the first tee. They must be put back on before leaving the 18th green.
- e. Spectators must continue social distancing from other spectators while on the course. If 8 feet of distance is not able to be maintained, you are required to wear a face covering.
- f. Spectators may give necessary items such as food, drinks, and medicine to their players but only at the completion of a hole or at the turn.

### For Events Where Spectators Are NOT Allowed:

- a. Spectators must stay in the parking lot at all times.
- b. Spectators are not allowed on/near the practice facility.
- c. Spectators are not allowed on the course.

If spectators break any of the above policies, **for both events that allow spectators and do not allow spectators**, the following penalties will be enforced:

1st Warning: The spectator(s) will be escorted back to the parking lot.

2nd Warning: A two-stroke penalty on the first hole will be applied to the spectator's player.

3rd Warning: The player will be disqualified and must leave the premises.

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## Points Breakdown

### 18-Hole Event

Place	10-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-40	41+
1	50	60	70	80	90	100
2	40	50	60	70	80	90
3	30	40	50	60	70	80
4	20	30	40	50	60	70
5	10	20	30	40	50	60
6	9	18	27	36	45	54
7	8	16	24	32	40	48
8	7	14	21	28	35	42
9	6	12	18	24	30	36
10	5	10	15	20	25	30
11					23	28
12					21	26
13					19	24
14					17	22
15					15	20
16						18
17						16
18						14
19						12
20						10

### 18-Hole Event with less than 10 Participants

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

### Players Tour 2-Day Series

<b>Place</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Boys</b>
<b>1</b>	200	250
<b>2</b>	175	225
<b>3</b>	150	200
<b>4</b>	125	175
<b>5</b>	100	150
<b>6</b>	92	138
<b>7</b>	84	126
<b>8</b>	76	114
<b>9</b>	68	102
<b>10</b>	60	90
<b>11</b>		80
<b>12</b>		70
<b>13</b>		60
<b>14</b>		50
<b>15</b>		40
<b>16</b>		35
<b>17</b>		30
<b>18</b>		25
<b>19</b>		20
<b>20</b>		15

## Series Championship\*

<i>Place</i>	<i>10-15</i>	<i>16-20</i>	<i>21-25</i>	<i>26-30</i>
<i>1</i>	220	240	260	280
<i>2</i>	200	220	240	260
<i>3</i>	145	200	220	240
<i>4</i>	115	145	200	220
<i>5</i>	95	115	145	200
<i>6</i>	90	95	115	145
<i>7</i>	85	90	95	115
<i>8</i>	80	85	90	95
<i>9</i>	75	80	85	90
<i>10</i>	70	75	80	85
<i>11</i>				
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## International Championship (54-Hole Event)

Place	10-15	16-20	21-25	26+30	31-40	41+
<i>1</i>	150	180	210	240	270	300
<i>2</i>	120	150	180	210	240	270
<i>3</i>	90	120	150	180	210	240
<i>4</i>	60	90	120	150	180	210
<i>5</i>	30	60	90	120	150	180
<i>6</i>	27	54	81	108	135	162
<i>7</i>	24	48	72	96	120	144
<i>8</i>	21	42	63	84	105	126
<i>9</i>	18	36	54	72	90	108
<i>10</i>	15	30	45	60	75	90
<i>11</i>					68	81
<i>12</i>					61	72
<i>13</i>					54	63
<i>14</i>					47	54
<i>15</i>					40	45
<i>16</i>						40
<i>17</i>						35
<i>18</i>						30
<i>19</i>						25
<i>20</i>						20

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If players are tied, points will be divided.

If two or more players tie for 1<sup>st</sup> and an on-course playoff is conducted, the points will be distributed in such that only the playoff winner will receive 1<sup>st</sup> place points.

\*The 9-11 Division will use the 18-Hole Breakdown x 2 for the Series Championship.

## The Players Tour | Contact Information

We are excited to welcome you to The Players Tour and we wish you the best of luck! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

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