



## **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 appropriately 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 11. 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 5.3).
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. \* If a player feels the need to request access to a golf cart per ADA regulations, they must do so at least 7 days prior to the tournament. The SCPGA may require a doctor's note or further verification of the player's condition. We will then review the situation and determine whether a golf cart will be approved for the player. Any requests less than 7 days in advance of the tournament will not be accepted.
9. Players (all age divisions) may use push carts if they are permitted at the host course. Motorized/ electronic pull carts of any kind are prohibited. A motorized push cart may be used as long as the device is off and the player is manually pulling/pushing the cart.

10. A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. A device that measures other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.) is acceptable so long as the player has this function turned off. If the device is used and the function is not turned off, he/she is in breach of Rule 4.3a(1), for which the penalty is two strokes for the first offense. For any subsequent offense, the player is disqualified.

11. Cellular and audio devices are prohibited during play of an event. Players may only use their cellular device in case of emergencies or by requirement of live scoring for that specific event. Rule 4.3a(4) is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device. Penalty for Breach of Local Rule - see Rule 4.3.

12. 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 1.2a) and result in disqualification.

13. 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 alcohol, 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 Ethics 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 Ethics Committee's decision.