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Welcome to the 2024 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 players of all skill levels to compete in the tour that best suits their playing abilities. The SCPGA's three-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 GHIN 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 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 & 8-11 age divisions 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.

Membership

Membership is open to all juniors between the ages of 5 to 19 (graduating seniors are eligible to participate through the end of the year or until they begin attending college). 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 Jr. Tour 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 the SCPGA Junior Tour Virtual Golf Shop.

JDT (Junior Development Tour):

Ages: 5-18

Membership Fee: \$125

Overview: 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 rule.

Double Par Plus 1: Once a player reaches double par plus 1 (example: 7 on a par 3, 9 on a par 4, 11 on a par 5) that player is required to pick up their ball and move to the next hole. They will record the maximum score (double par plus 1) on their scorecard for that particular hole.

Qualifying for Players Tour: In order to qualify and advance to the Players Tour, JDT members must shoot 6 rounds of 6 over par or better in the JDT. Scores posted in the 5-7 age division will not count towards qualifying for the Players Tour because the yardages are modified. Once a JDT member meets that qualification, they can fill out the JDT to Players Tour Application found on the SCPGA Jr. Tour website under the Junior Development Tour tab. If a player scores 30 over par or more 18 holes or 15 over par or more in 9 holes in 3 of their first 7 events on the Players Tour, they will be moved back to the JDT so they can gain more competitive experience.

Awards Ceremonies: An awards ceremony will be held at the conclusion of scoring for each age division. The top 3 players from each division will receive a medal. If two players are tied for the same position (example: 2 players tied for 1st place), a scorecard playoff will be conducted. Please reference Playoff Procedures on page 17 for more information. If a player is unable to stay for the awards ceremony, they should contact the SCPGA (scpgajuniortour@bluegolf.com) within two weeks of the tournament so we can provide them a medal at their next tournament.

JDT Caddies: The JDT 5-7 & 8-11 age divisions will allow players to have caddies. Caddies will not be permitted once a player reaches the 12-14 age division. Players must remain in the JDT until their ninth birthday.

The guidelines for caddies for the 5-7 & 8-11 age divisions are:

1. Caddies must register online and pass the JDT caddie quiz
2. Have a basic understanding of the game of golf
3. Rake all bunkers and replace divots
4. Assist the player with club selection, pace of play, and accurately keep score for each hole played
5. Never touch a golf ball while it is in play
6. In an effort to help pace of play, caddies are not allowed on the putting green during competition
7. Always wear your JDT caddie badge while on the course

The Players Tour

Ages: 9-18

Membership Fee: \$160

Overview: 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 exemption 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 golf courses. Juniors in the 12-14 and 15-18 divisions compete within their age divisions and earn points for the Player of the Year standings.

Yardages: 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.

Playing Up: Players are required to play in the proper age division for the current series. Players may 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 the Members tab. 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 William Yang via email (wyang@pgahq.com). 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.

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 finishes in recognized events (Points breakdown on website under Players Tour tab).

Spring Series Championship: An invitation to this event is based on the Spring points list.

TTC Exemptions (Based on total points from spring season):

Boys & Girls 12-14: Top 2

Boys & Girls 15-18: Top 4

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 finishes in recognized events (Points breakdown on website under Players Tour tab).

Summer Series Championship: An invitation to this event is based on the Summer points list.

TTC Exemptions (Based on total points from summer season):

Boys & Girls 12-14: Top 2

Boys & Girls 15-18: Top 4

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 finishes in recognized events (Points breakdown on website under Players Tour tab).

Fall Series Championship: An invitation to this event is based on the Fall points list.

TTC Exemptions (Based on total points from fall season):

Boys & Girls 12-14: Top 2

Boys & Girls 15-18: Top 4

Awards Ceremonies (single day Players Tour events): An awards ceremony will be held at the conclusion of scoring for each age division. The top 3 players from each division will receive a medal. If two players are tied for the same position (example: 2 players tied for 1st place), a scorecard playoff will be conducted. Please reference Playoff Procedures on page 16 for more information. If a player is unable to stay for the awards ceremony, they should contact the SCPGA (scpgajuniortour@bluegolf.com) within two weeks of the tournament so we can provide them a medal at their next tournament.

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, that are ranked by Junior Golf Scoreboard and AJGA PBE. Points from the 2-Day Series are also weighted, meaning Players Tour members will receive more points than if they were to compete in two single-day events.

Priority Registration: The 2-Day Series has a priority registration system in place. If a player competes in one 2-Day event, they will **not** have priority for the following event. Players that did not play in that event will have priority for 24 hours over players that played previously. After the 24 hours, all

remaining players will be filtered in based on registration times only. If you were registered for the previous event and canceled within one week of the event date, you will still forfeit your priority for the next event.

Ties for trophies (2-Day and Series Championship): A trophy will be mailed out to any players tying for 2nd or 3rd place in a multi-day event instead of using the USGA recommended scorecard playoff for the trophy.

Toyota Tour Cup (TTC):

Ages: 12-18

Membership Fee: \$230

Overview: The Toyota Tour Cup is a series of multi-day events hosted at some of Southern California's premier facilities showcasing some of the best junior golfers in the region. Membership for the Toyota Tour Cup is **Invitation Only**.

Qualifying for TTC: There are multiple avenues available to earn playing privileges on the TTC. Juniors are invited based on one of the following criteria: from the previous year's Players Tour point standings (refer to "Series Breakdown"), Toyota Tour Cup Qualifying Schools (June & December), or the Players Tour Series Championships.

National Rankings: All Toyota Tour Cup events are nationally ranked by Junior Golf Scoreboard, as well as recognized by AJGA for Performance Based Entry status. Any 54-hole events are also ranked by the World Amateur Golf Rankings (WAGR).

Tournament Format: 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+).

Points: The top 15 finishers in each TTC event will receive points. The point system breakdown is listed on the SCPGA Jr. Tour website under the TTC tab.

Retaining TTC Exempt Status for Following 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.

Schedule: The 2024 Toyota Tour Cup Series will offer a schedule of 26 events throughout the year. There will be 17 regular TTC tournaments, 6 invitationals, and a minimum of 3 Extended Player field events where we host boys and girls on separate golf courses to accommodate a field of approximately 130-140 players.

TTC Invitational Events: The TTC will also be offering a few Invitational events this year. These are 36-54 hole events which will give priority registration to the following individuals.

Boys Criteria: Top 25 from 2023 TTC points
Top 25 in JGS (California) ranking

Top 10 in current TTC Points (applicable beginning 6/1/24)
Girls Criteria: Top 15 from 2023 TTC points
Top 15 in JGS (California) ranking
Top 5 in current TTC Points (applicable beginning 6/1/24)

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 2023 TTC points up until June 1, 2024. 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 the website for any questions.

Priority Registration: Toyota Tour Cup has a priority registration system in place. If a player competes in a TTC event, they will **not** have priority for the following TTC event. Players that did not play in that previous event will have priority for 24 hours over players that played previously. After the 24 hours, all remaining players will be filtered in based on registration times only. If you were registered for the previous event and canceled within one week of the event date, you will still forfeit your priority for the next event.

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.

Qualifying for Toyota Tour Cup: Listed below are the four 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. The first Qualifying School will be held in June and the second will be held in December. ****Points WILL NOT BE awarded for Qualifying School.***

2. **Local Qualifiers:** We will be hosting a local Qualifier for (15) different TTC events.
****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 season plus the following season. ****For example, if a boy finishes between 11th and 15th at a Toyota Tour Cup event in March, he will retain a TTC exemption for the remainder of the spring and the entire summer season. His TTC exemption will expire at the end of August.****
- Girls who finish in the top 10 of the TTC event will earn an exemption for the remainder of the current season plus the following season. ****For example, if a girl finishes between 7th and 10th at a Toyota Tour Cup event in March, she will retain a TTC exemption for the remainder of the spring and the entire summer season. Her TTC exemption will expire at the end of August.****

- 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 Season Series Points:** Toyota Tour Cup Invitations will be extended to the following:

Spring Series (January 1st -May 31st)

Boys 12-14: top 2; Boys 15-18: top 4

Girls 12-14: top 2; Girls 15-18: top 4

Summer Series (June 1st –August 31st)

Boys 12-14: top 2; Boys 15-18: top 4

Girls 12-14: top 2; Girls 15-18: top 4

Fall Series (September 1st – December 31st)

Boys 12-14: top 2; Boys 15-18: top 4

Girls 12-14: top 2; Girls 15-18: top 4

For the Spring Series, exemptions will run through the current calendar year plus the spring of the following year. 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.

4. **Series Championships:** The Series Championship will have the 12-14 and 15-18 division competing against each other and the overall winner and overall runner-up for both the boys and girls will earn a Toyota Tour Cup Exemption. Points will be awarded by age division only.

TTC Exemption Conditions

- A. If a player earns an exemption from the Series Championship and the Series Points Race within the same season, an exemption will **not** be extended to the next player on the Series Championship leaderboard nor the Points Race.
- B. The Series Championship TTC exemption will be given to the overall champion and overall runner-up only regardless of the players' Toyota Tour Cup status.
- C. The SCPGA Junior Tour will only drop down to the next player on the Series Points List if a player within the top 4 for the 15-18 division or within the top 2 for the 12-14 division is fully exempt (meaning that the new TTC exemption will not extend the life of that player's TTC membership.)
 - a. If there is more than one fully exempt player at the top of the points standings, the SCPGA Junior Tour will only drop down a maximum of two players.

Tournaments

Entry Procedures:

1. Enter online through your Player's Club account via www.scpgajrtour.com. Click on 2024 Member Login in the top right hand corner of the website. 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. If a spot becomes available in your age division at least one week or more prior to the event, you will be automatically entered in the tournament and receive confirmation via email. If a spot opens up less than one week prior to the event date, you will be contacted via email and/or telephone. At that time if you wish to forgo your spot in the event, your credit card will not be charged. Your credit card will NOT be charged if you do not get into an event.

Cancellation Procedures:

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 from.
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 36-54 holes. There is no refund if you cancel less than 7 days prior to the event.
 - II. Toyota Tour Cup: \$25 if canceling 7 days or more prior to an event. There is no refund if you cancel less than 7 days prior to the event.
 - 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 participant's 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 the player, date of the tournament, and name of the tournament.

Starting Times:

Tee times will be emailed to all participants and posted on the Tournament Info page 4-7 days prior to the tournament. Official confirmation of your entry will be sent via email. Please note that the SCPGA

cannot accept requests for specific starting times. All starting times are randomly generated via the BlueGolf software.

Standby Procedures:

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 (only credit card is acceptable), or have pre-registered online. There are no guarantees for post-entries.

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 SCPGA Junior Tour staff at SCPGAJuniorTour@BlueGolf.com.

Penalty for Breach*:

1st Offense: The player will be sent a warning email.

2nd Offense: The player will be removed from their next tournament. Refunds will not be issued.

3rd Offense: The player will be suspended for three months. Refunds will not be issued.

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

No Carding (NC) Policy for Multi-day 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*:

1st Offense: The player will be sent a warning email.

2nd Offense: The player will be removed from their next tournament. Refunds will not be issued.

3rd Offense: The player will be suspended for three months. Refunds will not be issued.

*Within the calendar year.

Players Classifications (JWD, WD, NC, NS, DQ):

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.
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.

Dress Code:

When visiting or competing, all participants and spectators must wear what is considered proper seasonal golf attire for everyone, as well as consideration of the host facility's policies.

The following are not considered proper golf attire and are prohibited: blue jeans, tank tops, t-shirts, bare midriffs, workout attire, and joggers/sweatpants.

It is the responsibility of the participants to review and adhere to the host golf course's dress code policies prior to arrival.

Pace of Play Policy:

According to Rule 5.6b 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."

Automatic 2-Stroke Penalty: 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: 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 2-3 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.

Being 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*. 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.

Suggestions for Faster Play

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, **PLEASE BE READY** as you only have 40 seconds to hit each shot.

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 penalty area or is 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.

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

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.

Penalty for 1st Breach: General Penalty (Rule 4.3a(1))

Penalty for 2nd Breach: Disqualification (Rule 4.3a(1))

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. Keep in mind that some golf courses do charge spectators a small fee for being on the golf course. We will do our best to ensure that information is posted on our tournament information page prior to the tournament.

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. 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 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 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 Ethics Committee's decision.

Penalty for breach: Two stroke penalty to the player involved for accepting advice (Rule 10.2a), 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 Cart 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. Individuals must complete and return the request form to SCPGAJuniorTour@BlueGolf.com. A waiting period of 5 to 10 days

(from the date we receive the materials) is required to verify documents and issue the official Spectator Car Badge. 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 golf cart fee. The Badge must be present to have access to a cart 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 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 act 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 Ethics Committee prior to being reinstated. Points accumulated prior to offense during that season 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.

Toyota Tour Cup Members: In addition to the previously stated guidelines under **1st and 2nd offense**, a Toyota Tour Cup member will also lose his or her status as a member of the Toyota Tour Cup. They will be sent back to the Players Tour and will have the opportunity to qualify for TTC once their suspension has ended.

Playoff Procedures

JDT & Players Tour - All ties will be determined by a scorecard playoff using the USGA recommended method (see Committee Procedures Section 5A(6)).

- Lowest score over the final 9-holes of the competition
- If still tied, lowest score over the final 6 holes of the competition
- If still tied, lowest score over the final 3 holes of the competition
- If still tied, start with final hole and match scores going backwards; the first player to have a lower score on a hole wins

Toyota Tour Cup, Players Tour 2-Day Series, Players Tour Series Championship & IMG Junior World Qualifiers - 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, fires, and any other dangerous or inclement weather. SCPGA Junior Tour events will NOT be canceled solely because of rain.

SCPGA Travel 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 team selected is at the sole discretion of the SCPGA. Travel teams are selected for the following events:

Challenge Cup Matches (8 boys and 4 girls) – Poppy Hills GC, Pebble Beach, CA | Jan. 2024

Girls North/South Matches (6 players) – Northern CA | July 13-14, 2024

Boys' Junior America's Cup (4 players) – Soldier Hollow GC, Midway, UT | July 28 - Aug. 1, 2024

Girls' Junior America's Cup (4 players) – Soldier Hollow GC, Midway, UT | July 28 - Aug. 1, 2024

Girls Mary Cave Cup (4 players) – TBD | July 2024

Boys North/South Team Matches (10 players) – Northern CA | July 14, 2024

Boys Eddie Hogan Cup Matches (4 players) – Riverside CC, Portland, OR | August 2024

Qualifiers

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.

IMG JUNIOR WORLD

Qualifying is for juniors ages 7-18 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. All California residents must qualify to enter Junior World.

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

JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

This field is composed of Toyota Tour Cup members. However, there will be a local qualifier held for Players Tour members aged 12-18. The top 2 boys and top 2 girls from this championship will receive an exemption to the national Junior PGA Championship. For more information please visit, www.juniorgachampionship.com

CALIFORNIA STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

BOYS:**Northern California – July 2024**

Open to Boys ages 12-18; must qualify for Championship through TTC points. Refer to scpgajrtour.com for more information.

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 & Special Awards

The SCPGA Junior Tour Virtual Banquet of Champions is dedicated to celebrating the past season's accomplishments while recognizing not only those players who have excelled on the course, but also the people and organizations who have supported junior golf. Below are some of the awards that are issued to our junior tour members on an annual basis.

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 Toyota Tour Cup events for that year. 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*.

Additionally, the boys and girls who finish 2nd and 3rd in the overall year long points race will also receive an award for their accomplishments.

*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 will include the top 6 boys and 6 girls from the Southern California region based on their play in nationally recognized events.*



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