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2019 Membership Handbook

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PGA OF AMERICA*“Experts in the Game and Business of Golf”*

Founded in 1916, The PGA of America is the largest working sports organization in the world, comprised of more than 29,000 dedicated men and women promoting the game of golf to everyone, everywhere. The PGA of America has maintained a twofold mission: to establish and elevate the standards of the profession and to grow interest and participation in the game of golf. By establishing and elevating the standards of the golf profession through world-class education, career services, marketing and research programs, The PGA enables its professionals to maximize their performance in their respective career paths and showcases them as experts in the game and in the multi-billion dollar golf industry. By creating and delivering world-class championships and innovative programs, The PGA of America elevates the public's interest in the game, the desire to play more golf, and ensures accessibility to the game for everyone, everywhere.

SOUTH FLORIDA PGA

The South Florida Section of the PGA of America is an association of golf professionals whose mission is to promote interest, participation and enjoyment in the game of golf; establish and maintain professional standards or practice; and enhance the well-being of golf professionals.

Approximately 1,850 members and associates are employed at over 425 facilities in the South Florida region, currently ranking South Florida Section the second largest Section of PGA Professionals amongst all 41 PGA Sections in the United States.

SOUTH FLORIDA PGA FOUNDATION

The South Florida PGA Foundation is a not-for-profit organization founded to support the South Florida community, with a focus on junior golf, education and scholarships, and charitable gifting. The South Florida PGA Foundation falls under the direction of the South Florida PGA, a not-for-profit organization comprised of over 1,850 men and women PGA Professionals serving as the experts in business and the game of golf.

SOUTH FLORIDA PGA JUNIOR TOUR AND TEAM GOLF MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to keep costs low while providing first-class quality golf to the youth of South Florida. We strive to provide opportunities to those juniors who possess the potential skill and aspirations to compete at the high school or collegiate level, in addition to those who are new to the game. The South Florida PGA Junior Tours and Team Golf are committed to bringing first-class quality golf to juniors in the South Florida Section of the PGA of America.

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Junior Programs Overview

The South Florida PGA is committed to providing junior golfers with a variety of fun and competitive junior golf events. We have developed a progression ladder that is intended to place junior golfers in the right environment based on their playing experience. Our levels of junior golf programs are intended to provide juniors with a clear path for their playing careers from ages 6-18. Starting with our Team Golf Program, which is designed for beginners, to our Championship Tour, which is designed for our elite level players, the South Florida PGA has a home for all young golfers!

South Florida PGA Junior Programs

2019 LEVELS OF PLAY

DRIVE, CHIP AND PUTT

TEAM GOLF

PGA JR. LEAGUE

PREP TOUR

CHALLENGE TOUR

CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR

The South Florida PGA is committed to providing junior golfers in south Florida with a variety of programs to keep everyone involved in the game of golf at the lowest possible price. Our various levels of play provide junior golfers with opportunities to grow and develop their skills as they aspire to play collegiate golf and go beyond.

Team Golf

Team Golf is a great way to get kids involved in the game of golf in a team environment. The basic premise is to create a team atmosphere for young golfers ages 6-14, not much different than what you see in soccer and baseball leagues. Similar to other youth sports, teams have weekly practices where golf instruction is provided by local PGA and LPGA Professionals serving as team coaches at public and private golf facilities throughout south Florida. Teams and players compete in weekly or bi-monthly 9-hole tournaments with other local area teams. The format is a two-person scramble playing from

modified yardages, and tournaments are hosted at nearby facilities. Participants of Team Golf are part of an exciting approach to learning and having FUN on the golf course.

Prep Tour

The South Florida PGA Junior Prep Tour is a series of one-day, 18 hole events. The purpose of the Junior Prep Tour is to bridge the gap for juniors who have advanced through the 9 hole Team Golf format but are not ready for the next step in competitive golf. The Junior Prep Tour features competitive 18-hole events for golfers ages 9-18 who are looking to gain tournament experience. Age divisions for the Junior Prep Tour are Boys and Girls (9-10, 11-12, 13-18).

Challenge Tour

The South Florida PGA Junior Challenge Tour is a series of two-day, 36 hole events. The Challenge Tour is designed to be the next step after players are comfortable with Team Golf and the Prep Tour. Membership is open to all juniors 11-18 who meet specific requirements. All Challenge Tour events are nationally ranked by Junior Golf Scoreboard. All Challenge Tour events are 36-hole events, with both Boys (11-12, 13-15, and 16-18) and Girls (11-12, 13-15, and 16-18) divisions. Players must have previous tournament experience to gain membership

Championship Tour

The South Florida PGA Junior Championship Tour is our premier tour. The Championship Tour is a series of two-day events at some of South Florida’s premiere facilities. Membership is invitation only based on participation on the Challenge Tour. Juniors are invited based on their previous year’s Junior Tour scoring average and point standings, and current year’s performance. All Championship Tour events are nationally ranked by Junior Golf Scoreboard. All Championship Tour events are 36-hole events, with a Boys (13-18) and Girls (13-18) division. Boys compete from the Championship tees (6600-7000+ yards), and Girls compete from the middle tees (5800-6000+).

SKILL LEVEL	BEGINNER					
	AGES	6-8	9-10	11-12	13-15	16-18
		DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT TEAM GOLF	DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT TEAM GOLF	DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT TEAM GOLF	DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT TEAM GOLF PREP TOUR	PREP TOUR
	INTERMEDIATE					
	AGES	6-8	9-10	11-12	13-15	16-18
		DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT TEAM GOLF	DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT TEAM GOLF PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE	DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT TEAM GOLF PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE PREP TOUR	PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE PREP TOUR CHALLENGE TOUR	CHALLENGE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR
	ADVANCED					
	AGES	6-8	9-10	11-12	13-15	16-18
		DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT TEAM GOLF PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE	DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE PREP TOUR	DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE CHALLENGE TOUR	CHALLENGE TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR	CHAMPIONSHIP TOUR

The South Florida PGA (SFPGA) Junior Golf Department has a membership of over 1300 junior golfers ages 6-18 and conducts over 120 tournaments annually. Additionally, the SFPGA Junior Tour runs four “Junior Majors” each year, The South Florida Junior PGA Championship, the South Florida Open, the Nicklaus Junior, and the Junior Tour Championship. The SFPGA Junior Tour encompasses our Team Golf Program, as well as three Junior Tours, the Prep Tour, the Challenge Tour and the Championship Tour. Membership of the South Florida PGA Foundation is a prerequisite for all tours, and provides access to each tour based on eligibility requirements listed below. The South Florida PGA Junior Tours provide a competitive, yet fun tournament atmosphere, encompassing an eleven month season of golf played on some of South Florida’s best golf courses. The South Florida PGA Junior Tours are South Florida’s premiere junior golf programs.

Membership Registration Procedure (All Levels)

Returning Members – 2018 South Florida PGA Junior Tour members will be able to use their 2018 login and password to sign in and register for 2019 membership. If a login or password has been misplaced from last year, you can recover your information through bluegolf, or you may email Chad Peters at cpeters@pgahq.com to obtain that information.

New Members – Juniors who were not members in 2018 will be required to complete a registration form online which must include the name and contact information of a PGA Professional, as well as previous tournament playing experience including scores. Applicants will need to go to the website at www.sfpgjuniorgolf.com and follow the registration link on the top right hand corner of the page. This will take you to the registration page and you will be prompted to complete the membership application. Should the application be accepted, the player will receive notification via e-mail, and with the member’s login and password, will then be allowed to register for tournaments. All new SFPGA Foundation members with minimal previous playing experience will hold status on the Prep Tour initially.

*Approval will be required of ALL Junior Tour members even if they have played previously. A full list of all Championship exempt and Conditional players will be available online at all times.

ELIGIBILITY

Age Guidelines (Prep Tour)

The South Florida PGA Junior Prep Tour is open to junior golfers age 9-18. 9-10 year olds are eligible for the SFPGA **Prep Tour ONLY**. Players will not be permitted to join the Prep Tour prior to their 9th birthday, and will not be allowed to play in any Tour events on or after their 19th birthday.

Age Guidelines (Challenge & Championship Tour)

The South Florida PGA Junior Tours are open to junior golfers age 11-18. 11-12 year olds are eligible for the SFPGA Challenge Tour **ONLY**. Players will not be permitted to join the Challenge Tour prior to their 11th birthday, and will not be allowed to play in any Tour events (either Championship or Challenge) on or after their 19th birthday.

*The committee reserves the right to admit a player under the age of 11 if they feel that the player has presented an **EXCEPTIONAL** playing history and their caliber of play **EXCEEDS** the requirements to compete on the Challenge Tour.

Any player under the age of 11 who wishes to compete on the SFPGA Junior Challenge Tour must submit a formal resume including recent tournament playing history to the Junior Golf Director, Chad Peters via email (cpeters@pgahq.com) or fax (561-729-0914). All resumes will be reviewed by the committee. Complete formal resume must be submitted prior to applying for SFPGA Foundation membership.

Students enrolled in college are not permitted to join either Tour, or participate in Junior Tour events but are eligible to compete in our collegiate division.

Tour Guidelines (Prep Tour)

Prep Tour - The Junior Prep Tour is our entry level tour for junior golfers from ages 9-18 who are looking to make the jump from Team Golf and other entry level junior programs to the next level of competition. Players must have some previous tournament experience and golf knowledge to be eligible for the Prep Tour.

Recommended Average Score: 110 or lower

South Florida PGA Junior Prep Tour Age Divisions

The South Florida PGA Junior Prep Tour is open to the following age divisions:

Boys 9-10	(4,800-5,000 yards)	Girls 9-10	(4,500-4,700 yards)
Boys 11-12	(5,200-5,500 yards)	Girls 11-12	(4,800-5,000 yards)
Boys 13-18	(5,800-6,200 yards)	Girls 13-18	(5,200-5,500 yards)

Tour Guidelines (Challenge Tour)

Challenge Tour – The Challenge Tour is our competitive level tour for junior golfers from ages 11-18 advancing from Team Golf or the Prep Tour in their careers with the SFPGA. Players must have some previous tournament experience with Team Golf, Prep Tour or other junior golf organizations to be eligible for the Challenge Tour. Any player who is new to the SFPGA Junior Tour must start off on the Prep Tour or Challenge Tour in order to earn status on the Championship Tour.

South Florida PGA Challenge Tour Age Divisions

The South Florida PGA Junior Tour is open to the following age divisions:

Boys 11-12 (5,600-5,900 yards)	Girls 11-12 (5,100-5,400 yards)
Boys 13-15 (6,300-6,700 yards)	Girls 13-15 (5,600-5,900 yards)
Boys 16-18 (6,300-6,700 yards)	Girls 16-18 (5,600-5,900 yards)

The 13-15 and 16-18 age divisions for Boys and Girls will play from the same set of tees and are eligible to compete for the Overall Championship of a tournament. 1st and 2nd place winners will be selected in each separate age division. One Boy and one Girl overall winner will be awarded in the 13-18 age divisions. Once awarded, this individual is not eligible to receive an award in his/her age division. The Boys and Girls 11-12 division will also have an opportunity to play up a division in the Overall, if the request is cleared through the Junior Golf Committee prior to the start of play.

Championship Tour – The Championship Tour is our elite level junior tour for junior golfers from ages 13-18. The Championship Tour plays at a longer yardage and provides a more challenging test of golf for juniors who are looking to take their game to the next level.

Eligibility is based on scoring average and Player of the Year points from the previous year. Players earn status on the Championship Tour by finishing in the top 20% of the field in their age division in at least three Challenge Tour events. Players who have played previous to 2018 and did not compete in 2018 will be subject to approval based on committee discretion.

*Any player holding EXEMPT status on the SFPGA Championship Junior Tour will **NOT** be eligible to compete on the Prep or Challenge Tour.

South Florida PGA Championship Tour Age Divisions

Boys 13-15 (6600-7000+ yards)	Girls 13-15 (5800-6000+ yards)
Boys 16-18 (6600-7000+ yards)	Girls 16-18 (5800-6000+ yards)

The 13-15 and 16-18 age divisions for Boys and Girls will play from the same set of tees and are eligible to compete for the Overall Championship of the tournament. 1st and 2nd place winners will be selected in each separate age division. One Boy and one Girl Overall winner will be awarded in the 13-18 age divisions. Once awarded, this individual is not eligible to receive an award in his/her age division.

Three ways to gain entry to the Championship Tour:**1. Previous Year's South Florida PGA Junior Challenge Tour Performance:****Exempt:**

Boys 13-18 – 79.99 or better scoring average and top 25 in POY points

Girls 13-18 – 81.99 or better scoring average and top 10 in POY points

2. Current South Florida PGA Junior Tour Performance: Players must compete in a minimum of three Challenge Tour events in order to be considered for the Championship Tour. If a player meets the specific scoring requirements after that time or place within the top 20% in all three events, he/she may be granted access to the Championship Tour. Once a player is awarded Championship Tour status, he/she may **not** return to the Challenge Tour.

*Members must be 13 years of age to be considered for the Championship Tour. Members competing in the Boys or Girls 11-12 divisions on the Challenge Tour are not eligible to compete on the Championship Tour unless they declare to play up in age division on the Challenge Tour (see page 12).

The committee reserves the rights to change a player's status on either the Challenge or Championship Tours at any time during the season based on their performance. The committee also reserves the right to allow individuals outside of the age requirements to compete in a higher division.

3. Open Events (Fall Series): Championship Tour events during the fall series (September-November) will have an open registration period. Fully exempt players will be able to register for these events 6 weeks prior to the event. 3 weeks prior to the event deadline, the event will open up to a select number of Challenge Tour players in the 13-18 age division (qualifications below).

Boys Challenge Tour 13-18 age division: Top 30 on Player of the Year list

Girls Challenge Tour 13-18 age division: Top 20 on Player of the Year list

- Spots will only be open based on availability. Fully exempt Championship Tour players will have priority of tournament spots during the first three weeks of registration. Any open spots after that time will be filled based on Player of the Year standings.

- In the instance the event is full, any player that qualifies from the Challenge Tour Player of the Year standings will be put on a waitlist and added to the event based on openings.

Moving Between ToursMoving to the Challenge Tour (*Prep Tour*)

Our goal is to place each junior golfer in the South Florida section in the correct environment based on their current skill level. Any player age 11 and up who begins on our Junior Prep Tour, must compete in a minimum of **THREE** Prep Tour events to be eligible to move to the Challenge Tour with committee approval. That player must also meet specific scoring requirements in order to advance to the Challenge Tour. Once a player joins the Challenge Tour, they are not eligible for the Prep Tour moving forward.

Scoring Requirements:

Boys 11-18 – 77.99

Girls 11-18 – 81.99

*The committee reserves the right to admit a player under the age of 11 to the Challenge Tour if they feel the player has presented an EXCEPTIONAL playing history on the Prep Tour and their caliber of play EXCEEDS the requirements to compete on the Challenge Tour. An Example of this may be multiple wins by a large margin of victory. Any player demonstrating exceptional skill on the Prep Tour will first be asked to move up an age division before being considered for the Challenge Tour.

Moving to the Championship Tour (Challenge Tour)

A player, who begins on our Challenge Tour, must compete in a minimum of **THREE** Challenge Tour events to be eligible to move to the Championship Tour with committee approval. Any player in the 13-18 age division finishing 1st in the overall 13-18 division in the Challenge Tour will receive status on the Championship Tour. After three events, if the player's performance is consistent with the caliber of play required to compete on the Championship Tour, the committee reserves the right to grant the player fully exempt status on the Championship Tour.

Any Challenge Tour player that competes in three Championship events and finishes within the top 10 in the boys overall age division and the top 5 in the girls overall age division will automatically become exempt onto the Championship Tour. Therefore only allowing that individual to compete in Championship events moving forward.

Transfer of Player of the Year Points

Player of the Year Points **WILL NOT** be transferred between tours or age divisions.

*The Committee reserves the right to change a player's status on either the Prep, Challenge or Championship Tours at any time during the season based on their performance during the season.

*Any player scoring higher than 120 in a round of any Challenge Tour events will be asked to move to the Prep Tour until they are ready to compete on the Challenge Tour.

Membership Fee

Membership to the South Florida PGA Foundation is **\$55.00**

If any individual does not qualify for membership, he/she will be notified and will be issued a full refund for his/her application fee

REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

Membership Registration

Membership remains open throughout the course of the Junior Tour season, and individuals may apply for membership at any time, provided they meet the age and ability requirements. There is no cap for membership, and there is no minimum or maximum number of events in which a member must participate. It is important to take the processing time into consideration when becoming a member of the Junior Tour. Please allow ample time for processing membership if you are interested in playing in a Junior Tour event.

The application process for new members will take up to three days. Individuals will be notified within three (3) days of receipt of application whether their membership status has been approved, or if more information is needed for membership consideration. If approved, a new member confirmation email will be sent out, including the new member's login and password. Once the login and password has been received, members will be able to sign up for events online provided they meet the eligibility requirements for that tour. When signing up for events, the registration page will default to a rules test that must be completed before you may finish the registration process. The membership package containing Tour information and player gifts will be given out at each new member's first event.

While Membership registration is accepted at any time throughout the season, each tournament has a specific registration deadline. **Please take tournament registration deadlines into consideration when applying for membership on either tour.**

Tournament Registration

Entries for all tournaments conducted by the South Florida PGA during the 2019 season may be registered for no earlier than **December 17th, 2018**. *Before members may complete registration to play in an event they must complete an online rules test. This procedure is to help member's be more aware of rules they may encounter on the course during competition.* There is no limit to the number of events members can enter. **Online registration will be activated for each of the tournaments at 10:00AM approximately 6 weeks prior to each event start date for members of the Prep Tour, Challenge Tour and Championship Tour events. An email will be sent to all members prior to each event registration opening as a reminder. Players who hold conditional status on the Championship Tour may register at 10:00 AM 4 weeks prior to each event based on availability. Open Championship Tour series events in the fall will open 6 weeks prior to each event start date. 3 weeks before the event they will open to players on the Challenge Tour who qualified based on standings. Telephone, mailed or faxed entries will not be accepted.**

Tournament Fees

Prep Tour Tournament Entry Fee - \$55.00

Prep Tour Championship Entry Fee - \$75.00 (*end of the year Championship event*)

Challenge Tour Tournament Entry Fee – \$110.00

Championship Tour Tournament Entry Fee - \$110.00

Championship/Challenge Tour Championship Entry Fee- \$150.00

Registration Procedure

Directions for online registration:

Go to www.sfpgajuniorgolf.com, enter the site and click the **Registration** link on the top right corner of the page.

After entering the registration page, click **Sign Up Now** under the Player's Club box to proceed with the registration process.

This link will take you directly to the Membership Registration form. If you are a returning member from 2018, all you need to do is enter your login and password into the Player's Club box. For new members, your registration will be pending until approved by the Junior Golf Director. Once approval has been granted, you will then receive an email notification with your ID and password allowing you to login into the Player's Club for Tournament Registration.

Please make sure that you save your ID and password, you will need this information to register for your tournaments and to obtain vital tournament information.

Determining Age Divisions

A player's age division is determined as of their age on the final day of each tournament (first day for Prep Tour). For example, a player who turns 16 on July 1st will play all events before July 1st in the 13-15 age division, and will be automatically moved to the 16-18 division after that date. If that player turns 16 on the second day of an event he or she will be moved into the 16-18 age division, prior to round 1 of the event. If a player has a birthday coming up that would result in an age division move, he/she may request to play up with committee approval to begin earning POY points at the beginning of the season.

Declaring Up in Age Division

Members may "declare up" to an older age group anytime during the Junior Tour season. Once a member declares up, he/she must play in the older age group for the entire season and must play by the applicable rules and regulations. Members must email their request to the Junior Golf Director, Chad Peters, at cpeters@pgahq.com in order to officially declare up.

The request to declare up must be made before the registration deadline of a tournament to be considered. Requests to declare up will not be accepted once tee times are made for a tournament, and the player will have to wait until the next tournament in order to participate in an older age division.

Field Size

Registration is limited to 72 players for Prep Tour events, and is based on a first come first serve basis, with no consideration for age division or gender.

Registration is limited to 84 players for both Championship and Challenge Tour events, and is based on a first come first serve basis, with no consideration for age division or gender.

Tour Refund Policy and Withdraws

Prior to the **event deadline** cancellations/withdrawals **MUST** be submitted via **EMAIL** to the Junior Golf Director, Chad Peters at cpeters@pgahq.com.

If a request for cancellation is received after the event deadline and the event does not have a waitlist or no one from the waitlist can fill the spot, **NO** refund will be granted. In the case of an emergency or medical illness, a written doctor's note must be submitted to the Section office within five days immediately following the event.

All refunds will be issued minus a \$10 processing fee.

Junior Tour Release Waiver

During online registration all members of the South Florida PGA Junior Tour **MUST** sign the electronic Junior Tour release waiver. **The South Florida PGA reserves the right to disqualify a member from a scheduled event if a release waiver has not been completed.** If this occurs, the member will be provided with a full refund for the event in which he/she was scheduled to participate.

Mirasol Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Fund for Tournament Entry Fees

The Men's Fun Group at Mirasol along with the South Florida PGA Foundation developed a scholarship fund to help provide South Florida PGA Junior Tour Members with grants to assist with South Florida PGA Junior Tour tournament entry fees. To be granted assistance you must complete the application located on the Foundation page of the Junior Golf website. All information and guidelines can be found within the application.

TOURNAMENT POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Pairings and Starting Times

Pairings for all Junior Tour events will be made by randomly selecting groups of three to four players based on age group and gender for the first round of play at each event. Tee time request cannot be accommodated for.

For the second round of Challenge and Championship Tour events, the field will be re-paired by score. Field size and number of players per age division will dictate which divisions tee off in which order.

For all events, request for starting times or specific groupings will not be accommodated. Players will **NOT** be called to their tees. Each contestant is responsible for obtaining his / her starting time and arriving to the tee **10 minutes prior** to their scheduled tee time.

Starting times will be posted on the South Florida PGA website three days prior to the event. Players will be notified via email of any changes that might occur after the initial release of pairings and starting times. Any changes will be immediately updated on the South Florida PGA website.

No Show Policy

It is the responsibility of the participant to email the South Florida PGA Junior Golf Director, Chad Peters, when canceling out of a Challenge or Championship Tour tournament or Junior Golf Coordinator, Matthew Youngblood when canceling out of a Prep Tour tournament. When canceling on the day of the tournament, members must notify the SFPGA Section staff and in case of medical reasons, provide a doctor's note. Any member who does not follow this procedure will be considered a "no show." Players who do not properly notify the Junior Golf Director of their withdrawal are subject to the following penalties:

First Offense – EMAIL warning issued from Junior Golf Director

Second Offense – EMAIL notification of Suspension from next scheduled event

Third Offense – WRITTEN notification of Suspension from the Junior Tour for the remainder of the season.

Any player that receives a third offense and is suspended for the Junior Tour will be subject to possible rejection of membership for the following season, regardless of skill level.

Tournament Cancellation Procedure

The South Florida PGA reserves the right to cancel tournaments in the event of inclement weather or other incidents. The South Florida PGA recommends checking the status of the tournament by calling the SFPGA staff the morning of the event. If a tournament is cancelled, members scheduled to participate in the event will be refunded the full entry fee to their credit card on file. If the tournament is cancelled during play, the South Florida PGA reserves the right to retain the full entry fee. Best efforts to reschedule a cancelled event will be made. Players who were entered in the first event will automatically be entered into the rescheduled event. If they are unable to participate on the rescheduled date they may transfer registration to a later event to receive a refund. If the rescheduled event has available space, juniors who were not entered in the original event will be afforded an opportunity to register for the rescheduled event.

Withdraw Policy – Withdrawing During an Event

In addition to the “no show” procedure, any member who has repeated withdrawals during tournament play **MUST**:

1. Turn in their scorecard before leaving the facility if leaving mid-round.
2. If leaving for medical reasons, provide a doctor’s note to the Junior Golf Director.

Failure to meet either of these two requirements may result in suspension from the player’s next event, events, or suspension of membership for the duration of tournament season.

Rules of Play

USGA Rules of Golf and the SFPGA Junior Tour Rules of Play Card shall govern all play, in addition to local rules on the Notice to Competitors (Rules Sheet), which is distributed at every event, and is also available on our website. Be sure to read the Rules of Play Card in its entirety prior to your first event.

Distance measuring devices are allowed in all SFPGA Junior Tour events, assuming the device measures distance **ONLY**. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (gradient, wind-speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification.

Breaking Ties

Ties for first and second place within the specified age divisions will be broken by the USGA recommended method of breaking ties. (See Appendix I, Part C-11, Page 123)

Scores will be compared using the final day total, followed by the final nine holes (holes 10-18) of the final round of play. If that does not produce a winner, then the last six holes, then the last three holes, then hole by hole; starting with #18 backwards.

Ties for the Boys and Girls Overall Division (13-18), as well as the Boys and Girls 11-12 Champion will be broken by a sudden death playoff (Challenge and Championship Tour only). Playoffs will begin immediately following completion of the final round of play.

Weather Policy

Completion of 18 holes by all contestants will constitute an official event for each 36-hole tournament.

It is unlikely that an event will be rescheduled due to inclement weather. Refunds on player fees are subject to the host site's rain check policy.

In an event that a Prep Tour event is shortened due to weather, all players are must return their respective score cards to the SFPGA Junior Tour staff once they have completed.

The SFPGA staff will make every effort to score the event for each age division competing in the tournament. However, should a particular age division fail to collectively complete 5 holes, the tournament will not be official; therefore, the results/points will not be posted.

Should an age division collectively complete 5 holes or more, but collectively fewer than 9 holes, the event will be considered official and the SFPGA Junior Tour staff will score the tournament as follows:

- ❖ The results for each age division will be calculated relative to par for the first holes that each player completed during their respective round. For example, if Player A started the tournament on Hole 1, his/her score relative to par for holes 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 would be used for his/her score.

Tournament Results

Tournament results will be posted immediately following the first round of play at each event on the Junior Tour website. Official tournament results for the final round will be posted on the South Florida PGA Junior Golf website no later than one (1) day following the event. To access results visit, www.sfpgjuniorgolf.com, or use the SFPGA mobile app to access tournament results quickly via mobile device.

All scores will be sent to Junior Golf Scoreboard no later than two (2) days following the event (Challenge and Championship Tour only).

Practice Rounds

Practice rounds are offered to Tour members and are based on each individual club's availability. Some clubs may offer play to parents, but this is **not** the standard and should not be expected. The South Florida PGA Junior Tour Code of Conduct is in effect during practice rounds. Should parents be allowed to play, they too must abide by the Tour Code of Conduct.

Accommodations for Junior Golfers with Disabilities or Chronic Health Conditions

The South Florida PGA Junior Tour will, at its sole discretion and upon receipt of applicable medical documentation, make reasonable accommodations for junior golfers with disabilities or chronic health condition. Subject to applicable rules established by the host site, reasonable accommodations may include the use of a pull cart or motorized golf cart for the transportation of golf clubs and competitors

during Junior Tour events. All related inquiries and communications should be directed to the Junior Golf Director prior to the event.

AWARDS

Tournament Awards (Prep Tour)

Age Division Awards

Awards for 1st and 2nd place in the 9-10, 11-12, and 13-18 age divisions will be issued for both Boys and Girls. Age Division Awards will be presented on-site following play on the final day of the tournament for each of the events. For the tie-breaking procedure, see *Breaking Ties* in the Tournament Policies/Procedures section.

Season Ending Awards

The following awards will be given to 2019 Junior Prep Tour members

Player of the Year:

Boys & Girls 9-10 Age Division

Boys & Girls 11-12 Age Division

Boys & Girls 13-18 Age Division

Player of The Year Points (Prep Tour)

The following point system will be used to determine the Boy and Girl Players of the Year. Points will be awarded after each event has been conducted:

Boys 9-10, 11-12 & 13-18

1st 250	3rd 150	5th 100	7th 65	9th 50
2nd 200	4th 125	6th 75	8th 55	10th 45

Girls 9-10, 11-12 & 13-18

1st 200	3rd 125	5th 75	7th 65
2nd 150	4th 100	6th 70	8th 55

The Player of the Year point race will be the only determining factor of the Player of the Year in the previously mentioned divisions.

Tournament Awards (Challenge and Championship Tour)

Overall Champion (Boy & Girl)

Challenge Tour - The Overall Champion will be the top Boy and Girl in the 13-18 age division. The Overall Champion is not eligible to receive an award in his/her age division. Overall Champions will be presented trophies on-site following play on the final day of the tournament for each of the events. Ties for Overall Champion will be determined by sudden death playoff.

Championship Tour - The Overall Champion will be the top Boy and Girl in the 13-18 age division. The Overall Champion is not eligible to receive an award in his/her age division. Overall Champions will be presented trophies on-site following play on the final day of the tournament. Ties for Overall Champion will be determined by sudden death playoff.

Age Division Awards

Awards for 1st and 2nd place in the 13-15 and 16-18 age divisions and 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in 11-12 age division will also be issued for both Boys and Girls. Age Division Awards will be presented on-site following play on the final day of the tournament for each of the thirteen events. For the tie-breaking procedure, see *Breaking Ties* in the Tournament Policies/Procedures Section.

The following awards will be given to 2019 Junior Tour members

Player of the Year

Championship Tour – Boys Overall 13-18 & Girls Overall 13-18

Challenge Tour - Boys Overall 13-18, Girls Overall 13-18, Boys 11-12 and Girls 11-12

Player of The Year Points (Challenge and Championship)

The following point system will be used to determine the Boy and Girl Players of the Year. Points will be awarded after each event has been conducted:

Boys Overall

1st 250 6th 138 11th 80 16th 40

2nd 225 7th 126 12th 70 17th 35

3rd 200 8th 114 13th 60 18th 30

Girls Overall / Boys 11-12 / Girls 11-12

1st 175 3rd 125 5th 75 7th 63 9th 51

2nd 150 4th 100 6th 69 8th 57 10th 45



4th 175 9th 102 14th 50 19th 20

5th 150 10th 90 15th 40 20th 15

Player of the Year Points – Junior Majors

Boys Overall

1st 400 6th 216 11th 108 16th 54

2nd 360 7th 192 12th 96 17th 48

3rd 320 8th 168 13th 84 18th 42

4th 280 9th 144 14th 72 19th 36

5th 240 10th 120 15th 60 20th 30

Girls Overall / Boys 11-12 / Girls 11-12

1st 280 3rd 200 5th 120 7th 96 9th 72

2nd 240 4th 160 6th 108 8th 84 10th 60

The Player of the Year point race will be the only determining factor of the Player of the Year in the previously mentioned divisions.

Any points earned in a Championship Tour event or a Challenge Tour event will earn you points on that Player of the Year roster respectively. Challenge Tour players that play on the Championship Tour, or players who join a new tour mid-season can earn points on both rosters, but points will not be carried over from one tour to the other.

Don Law Service Award: One Individual

Chosen by SFPGA Staff, Don Law & Jr. Golf Chairperson. All players are eligible.

Ed Ficker Sportsmanship Award: Boys & Girls

Chosen by SFPGA Staff & Jr. Golf Chairperson. All players are eligible.

Honda Classic Most Improved Player Award: Boys & Girls

Chosen by SFPGA Staff & Jr. Golf Chairperson based upon performance throughout the year.

RANKINGS AND AJGA STARS

(Challenge and Championship Tours)

AJGA Performance Stars

For the 2019 season, the AJGA has stopped issuing provisional stars based on tournament fields. Each field now has guaranteed stars for each division. Each tournament home page list how many stars contest winners will receive. Please visit our tournament home pages to view the AJGA star breakdown.

Junior Golf Scoreboard

All SFPGA Junior Challenge and Championship Tour events are ranked by Junior Golf Scoreboard. Results will be sent to JGS not later than two days following an event.

Golfweek

The 2019 South Florida Junior Open, Patty-Berg Championship, and Doral Junior Open will be ranked by Golfweek.

World Amateur Golf Rankings

The 2019 South Florida Junior Open, Patty-Berg Championship, and Doral Junior Open will be ranked by WAGR.

JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

One of golf's major championships for juniors, the Junior PGA Championship is where the best in the world get their start. The Championship celebrates its 44th anniversary in 2019. Begun in 1976 at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, FL, the Championship has been a popular stop on the national junior circuit for many of today's PGA and LPGA touring professionals.

The top-finishing boy and girl from the South Florida Section will advance to represent the Section in the Junior PGA Championship in August.

Age Divisions

Boys 13-15 / Girls 13-15
Boys 16-18 / Girls 16-18

Entry Deadline

April 29

Qualifiers

All players will need to qualify to participate in the South Florida Junior PGA Championship. There will be four (4) qualifiers held throughout the Section. Players will only be allowed to play in 1 of the 4 qualifiers. It is suggested that the players register for a qualifying location nearest to their residence. This event is open to all juniors ages 18 and under.

Qualifier #1- May 4th - Vineyards Country Club- Challenge Event

Qualifier #2- May 11th - Eagle Trace- Championship Event

Qualifier #3 – May 19th – The Florida Club

Qualifier #4 – June 2nd – The Preserve at Ironhorse

**Membership on the SFPGA Junior Tour is not required to play in Qualifiers*

Junior PGA Championship Exemptions

Winners of the 2017 & 2018 SFPGA Junior PGA Championships in the Overall Division, as well as the 2018 Players of the Year for the Overall Divisions in the Challenge and Championship Tour.

2018 Players of the Year on Challenge Tour: Nashawn Tyson & Kelly Shanahan

2018 Players of the Year on Championship Tour: Garrett Giles & Skylee Shin

Any player who resides in South Florida that is currently ranked inside the top 10 for the state of Florida based on Junior Golf Scoreboard rankings will be exempt from qualifying. Rankings determined on May 1st, 2019.

South Florida Junior PGA Championship

Wednesday & Thursday, June 12-13, 2019 – Boca West Country Club

A total of 84 players in the 13-18 Divisions will play in the Championship June 12-13.

COLLEGIATE DIVISION

New for 2019, the South Florida PGA will have a Collegiate Division during various summer events. This collegiate division is designed to provide our Junior Tour Alumni with competitive tournaments while away from school on summer break and to keep junior Tour Alumni who may not play collegiate golf engaged in the game. These events are designed to provide players with elite tournament set-up to keep them involved in tournament golf. The collegiate division will be available at various SFPGA events during the summer months.

Eligibility

The Collegiate Division is open to any player who is currently enrolled in college. Eligible participants do not need to be on a collegiate golf team.

Cost

Each event will cost \$150 to enter. Players will receive a sleeve of titleist golf balls at the event. South Florida PGA membership is not required to participate.

Field Size

Registration is limited to 12 males and 8 female participants. More spots may open up based on registration from the junior division. Registration is based on a first come, first served basis.

Awards

Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 male and female finishers. The overall male and female champion will also receive pro-shop credit.

Tour Refund Policy and Withdraws

Prior to the event deadline cancellations/withdrawals MUST be submitted via EMAIL to the Junior Golf Director, Chad Peters at cpeters@pgahq.com.

If a request for cancellation is received after the event deadline and the event does not have a waitlist or no one from the waitlist can fill the spot, NO refund will be granted. In the case of an emergency or medical illness, a written doctor's note must be submitted to the Section office within five days immediately following the event.

All refunds will be issued minus a \$10 processing fee.

PACE OF PLAY POLICY

An average rate per hole will be set for all SFPGA Jr. Tour events. Each competitor's scorecard will reflect their allotted time per hole, and a timing sheet will be posted and distributed at the first tee.

Each player must follow the ready golf procedures during their round.

- When arriving to your tee shot, you must determine your yardage and be ready to play as soon as your fellow competitors hit.
- If you are the first to hole out, you must gather your equipment and head to the next hole. The second player to hole out is responsible for picking up the flagstick while the final competitor finishes.
- You must walk with a purpose at all times.

Each player must play without undue delay, which is defined as taking no more than 45 seconds to play a shot. Those players who are first to play from a given area (tee, fairway, green, etc.) will have 10 extra seconds to play their shot. A group will be monitored for pace of play based upon their time par and position (staying up with the group in front).

If any group falls behind their time par, the group will be given notice by an SFPGA official. The official will give the group three holes to make up the time. During this three hole stretch, the rules official will stay with the group ensuring that time is being made up. If the group fails to make up time during the three hole stretch, they will remain on the clock until the end of their round. If the group fails to make up the time before completing the round, they will be issued a 1 stroke penalty for undue delay.

Penalties:

First Breach of Round = 1 stroke penalty to each player in the group.

If the group fails to make up lost time or fall back into position before the completing of play, they will be issued a 1 stroke penalty for undue delay.

Notification:

Any group falling out of position or over their time par will be notified immediately by an SFPGA Rules Official.

It is the player's responsibility to recognize when they have fallen out of position. Penalties are to be added to the final hole of the round.

When a group will be notified:

Given when a group is more than 15 minutes behind the group ahead (out of position) and over the allotted time.

- **Position: First Group(s) off Either Tee:** The first group(s) will be in breach of the pace of play policy if they take more than the allotted time to finish a hole until they reach (within 15 minutes) any group ahead. After they reach any group ahead, both conditions must be met to be in breach of the pace of play policy.

Position with Group Ahead: To stay within 15 minutes of the group ahead, players should never have an open hole and they should be in the fairway on par 4's and 5's when the group ahead leaves the green.

To remain in position, at least one player from the group must have a ball in play on the hole of the group ahead of them.

- **Allotted time:** the maximum time allowed to complete play of the course. The allotted time is predetermined by the Tournament Committee and may be adjusted between rounds. Time for ball searches, rulings and walking time between holes is included in the allotted time. The allotted time will be printed on each scorecard and posted at the first tee.
- **Timing:** a group's completion time at each hole is measured when the flagstick is replaced in the hole once all players in the group have holed out.
- **Appeals:** if a player is concerned about slow play of one of their competitors they must remind that competitor of the Pace of Play Policy and encourage them to play more efficiently. The player may ask an official to monitor the group during any point of the round.

SPECTATOR POLICY

The South Florida PGA Junior Tour encourages spectators and parents to attend any and all Tour events. However, it is a privilege for spectators to attend and they are therefore required to conduct themselves appropriately at all times.

The South Florida PGA Junior Tour reserves the right to suspend and/or ban any spectator from one or more events.

Failure to comply with the Rules and Regulations may result in immediate removal from the facility and/or suspension of playing privileges for the member.

Spectators must stay **50 yards** away from competitors so as to avoid the appearance of giving advice. (Rule 8-1, Rules of Golf) Spectators are asked that they do **not** communicate with players during any competitive round. Examples are:

Verbal Communication

Hand signals to the participant, including gestures to influence player decisions

Providing participant with written material

Positional to assist with aim or alignment

Aiding in rulings or giving rulings

Interaction for health issues, **must only** take place prior to the hole being played or after. Examples include but are not limited to: the handing of medication, food, beverages or sunscreen.

Any player seen speaking to a spectator during the play of a hole, or for any reason other than for health concerns, is subject to a 2 stroke penalty based on Rule 8-1.

Spectators **MUST** remain on cart paths or in the rough areas at all times. Walking in the fairways not only causes concern about interactions with players, but it can be dangerous and cause the group behind to be slowed down. Please walk ahead of the group you are watching to avoid delay of the group behind.

Spectators should **never** be on the putting surface or teeing area, and should observe these areas from a minimum of 50 yards so that there will be no interference.

Spectators are **not** allowed to use cell phones on the course, and request that they are turned off or left in the car during play.

Should inclement weather force a delay in play, we ask that you please help shuttle players back to the clubhouse. A delay will be signaled by one long blast.

All spectators must dress appropriately in golf attire when attending South Florida PGA Junior Tour Events. Blue jeans, t-shirts, tank tops and short shorts are not to be worn.

Spectator Carts

Spectator golf carts will be available at the discretion of the host facility. If spectator carts are permissible, they **must** remain on cart paths at **all times**. Cost of spectator carts are set by the host facility. Any spectator who violates the spectator cart policy may have their privileges of renting a cart revoked.

Spectators are **not** permitted to give rides to competitors between holes. SFPGA Staff will provide shuttles if and when they are necessary. The only time a player will be shuttle by spectators will be in inclement weather in which we ask that you please help shuttle players back to the clubhouse.

SFPGA JUNIOR TOUR CODE OF CONDUCT

The South Florida PGA Junior Tour takes great pride in the quality of its players, host facilities, sponsors and staff. The Tour requires all members and spectators to adhere to the Code of Conduct. The purpose is to help all Tour participants grow and mature by understanding and accepting the consequences of their actions, both on and off the golf course. (Tournament officials will enforce these rules at all SFPGA Junior Tour events)

Respect for the Course

All players are expected to maintain golf course conditions by repairing ball marks, raking bunkers, picking up and disposing of trash, etc. Any abuse of the course or other club facilities will result in immediate suspension from the Junior Tour. All players and parents are also encouraged to thank the host club, staff and volunteers for their support of junior golf.

Sand Bottles

All players will receive a sand bottle prior to starting their round. Players are to use these bottles to sand fill all divots they take on the course. Players will be subject to a penalty of 1 stroke for failing to care for the course if they are seen not filling their divots. Players must return their sand bottles following the round in order to turn in their scorecard.

Dress Code is for Players and Spectators

- All male's shirts must have collars and sleeves
- Mock neck shirts are only acceptable based on the facility's dress code standards
- T-shirts and tank tops are not acceptable
- All males must have their shirts **tucked** in at all times
- All males must remove any earrings
- All females must have **golf-style** shirts, and girls shirts may or may not have collars and sleeves
- Women's fashion shirts must not rise above the belt line at any time during the golf swing
- Women's shorts/skirts/skortis must be **no more than 5" above the knee OR the inseam of the shorts must measure at least 5"**
 - **If you are unsure if you shorts/skirts/skortis meet this requirement, stand straight up with your arms by your side. If your attire extends below your hands when they are relaxed by your side, then you are adhering to the rule. If your attire is shorter than the tips of your fingers, then you are not adhering to the rules and you will not be able to tee off until you comply with the rule.**
- Tennis shorts, gym shorts, cut-offs, swimsuits, short-shorts are not acceptable
- Sandals are not acceptable
- Blue jeans are not acceptable
- Clothing containing offensive slogans, languages or pictures, and references to drugs, tobacco or alcohol are not acceptable
- It is suggested that everyone wear sunscreen
- Hats/visors must be worn with brim forward, males must remove hat/visor while indoors
- All events are non-metal spikes only

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

Any of the following actions by an SFPGA Junior Tour member at an SFPGA event or toward another SFPGA member or staff, constitutes a violation of the SFPGA Code of Conduct:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct, including abusive language, cheating, club throwing, disrespect to volunteers, officials or fellow competitors, or abuse of golf course property
- Not adhering to the dress code at the host golf course
- Use or association with drugs, alcohol, or smoking or chewing tobacco products
- Vandalism at the host facility, including golf course, club house, or property.
- Conduct not becoming of an SFPGA player, such as acting in anger or creating other distractions, or performing any inappropriate behavior on a the course.
- Failure to treat host facility with respect by ignoring the responsibility of caring for the course, filling divots and fixing ball marks
- Physical abuse, threat of physical abuse, verbal abuse, slander or libel towards other players, parents, coaches, sponsors, host golf course staff or members, SFPGA staff or volunteers in any medium

The South Florida PGA Junior Committee may assess any or all of the following penalties based on the severity of the Code of Conduct violation:

- Issue a written letter of warning to the player and his/her parent/guardian
- Require the player to write a letter of apology to his/her fellow competitors
- Enforce a two-stroke penalty
- Disqualify the player from the tournament where the violation occurs
- Suspend the player for a portion of the tournament season or the remainder of the season
- Suspend the player's membership indefinitely

Scholarship

Annually the SFPGA provides one local student with a \$20,000 grant to assist with their college education. Eligible applicants include high school seniors who are:

- Currently employed in the golf industry,
- Or whose parents or grandparents are employed in or retired from the golf industry (PGA professionals, superintendents, sales representatives, club employees, or club managers.)

Also included, individuals impacted through the South Florida PGA outreach programs including:

- Habitat for Humanity
- Smiling Fore Life
- PGA HOPE (son/daughter/grandson/granddaughter of a veteran who participated in PGA HOPE)
- Current SFPGA Junior Tour member
- Other SFPGA Foundation programs

Applicants must be permanent residents of the following south Florida counties: Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Dade, Glades, Hendry, Indian River, Lee, Martin, Monroe, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, St. Lucie; and have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (based on a 4.0 scale).

BIRDIE CLUB

The Birdie Club is a player performance-based fund drive to get Junior Tour members involved in *community outreach*. Through an interactive and fun approach, this program helps juniors gain a further sense of pride and accomplishment beyond their performance during Junior Tour events.

WHO DOES THE BIRDIE CLUB HELP?

The Birdie Club supports the South Florida PGA Foundation which supports:

- Smiling Fore Life
- PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere)
- Habitat for Humanity
- Charitable Gifting
- Scholarships
- Junior Golf

WHY SHOULD YOU BE INVOLVED IN THE BIRDIE CLUB?

The Birdie Club helps others all around South Florida in making a difference. By getting involved you are taking the first step in giving back. Rally your friends and family to get involved and give back collectively. In addition, the winner of the 2019 season will win a premium gift along with an exemption into the 2019 Junior PGA Championship Event.

We also allow juniors to select an additional charity of their choice to support as well. If funds raised are greater than \$100 a portion of those funds can be allocated to a local non-profit charity of the juniors choice.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Visit www.sfpgajuniorgolf.com to find a birdie club application form. These forms can be faxed, mailed, or given to the SFPGA Staff during events. Players are encouraged to go out and find donation pledges for every birdie they make during an SFPGA Junior Tour event.

“Help the SFPGA Foundation impact the lives of individuals throughout the South Florida Community”