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# **2017 WNYPGA JUNIOR GOLF TOUR INFORMATION PACKET**

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## SECTION 1 2017 WNYPGA Junior Golf Tour

### PURPOSE:

The WNYPGA Junior Golf Tour provides an opportunity and atmosphere for juniors to enjoy the camaraderie, friendship, and sportsmanship of competitive golf at a series of premier venues throughout the Western New York Section of the PGA of America. Players in all divisions will compete in a season long points race to qualify for the season ending Junior Golf Tour Championship.

### ELIGIBILITY:

*The WNYPGA Junior Tour is open to Juniors residing within the boundaries of the WNYPGA Section who have attained an age of 10 years but not to have reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday before August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.*

*Juniors will be separated by their age on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 into the following divisions:*

- Boys 16-18
- Boys 13-15
- Girls 16-18
- Girls 13-15
- Boys 9 Hole (10-12)
- Girls 9 Hole (10-12)

### MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

All registered players may register for **up to 10 events** (full-time) and **up to 5 events** (part-time). **Please note: Entry into each event is on a first come first served basis.**

A \$125.00 administrative fee has been added to each membership and will be kept by the section office upon cancellation of a membership. Partial refunds while in season will only be considered if ALL events are completely booked and/or there are extraordinary personal circumstances.

- ❖ Membership for Full Time 2017 WNYPGA Junior Tour– Max of 10 events  
18 Hole: \$400.00
- ❖ Membership for Part Time 2017 WNYPGA Junior Tour- Max 5 events  
18 Hole: \$320.00
- ❖ Membership for Full Time 2017 WNYPGA Junior Tour- Max 10 events  
9 Hole: \$320.00
- ❖ Membership for Part Time 2017 WNYPGA Junior Tour– Max of 5 events  
9 Hole: \$250.00

**THE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.**

## **STARTING TIMES, RESULTS, and POINT STANDINGS:**

Will be posted on the Junior Golf Page of the WNYPGA website: [www.westernnewyork.pga.com](http://www.westernnewyork.pga.com)

## **EVENT STRUCTURE:**

- All play will be stroke play
- Players will be divided into divisions:  
Girls 9 Hole 10-12, Girls 18 Hole (13-18), Boys 9 Hole (10-12), Boys 18 Hole (13-15), and Boys (16-18)

## **PLAYER CONDUCT:**

Any conduct that may be detrimental to the WNYPGA Junior Tour will not be tolerated, including swearing, club abuse, and damage to the golf course or another player's belongings. The first such instance of any of these actions may result in a warning, two stroke penalty, or disqualification. Possession of alcohol, drugs or tobacco products, gambling, or display of vulgar or abusive behavior will result in immediate disqualification. Multiple violations will result in dismissal from the WNYPGA Junior Golf Tour without refund.

## **CADDIE GUIDELINES:**

Players **MAY NOT USE** caddies or motorized carts. All players **must** carry their own clubs or use a pull-cart (if permitted by the facility).

## **RULES VIOLATIONS AND CHEATING:**

The USGA Rules of Golf and the local rules of each facility shall be observed. If you are suspected of cheating, measures will be taken to monitor your score during future junior events. If a player suspects another of cheating or of violating a rule of golf, the player should seek a rules official as soon as possible to handle the situation. Cheating will result in immediate disqualification from the Junior Golf Program with no refund.

**\*Note:** The WNYPGA Junior Golf Program trusts that its members will act on the ethical responsibility of notifying a rules official of any problems before spreading rumors of alleged violations. Questions are more easily handled on site when all players are present than after the event has concluded and players have gone home.

## **CARE FOR THE GOLF COURSE:**

All players are expected to maintain the golf course by replacing divots, repairing ball marks, raking bunkers, etc. Any abuse to the course or other club facilities will result in immediate disqualification. All players and parents are also encouraged to thank the host club, staff, and volunteers for their support of junior golf.

A serious breach of Etiquette will result in disqualification from the event (Rule 33-7). This includes abusive or foul language, throwing clubs, pace of play, dress code and all points covered in the USGA Rules of Golf-Section 1-Etiquette; Behavior on the Course. Players are responsible for the actions of their spectators as well.

## **DRESS CODE:**

Proper dress is required at all times at the host facility, this includes driving range, practice green or the clubhouse. Questionable attire will be reviewed by the WNY PGA Staff. Should a host facility have a stricter dress code, its policy will take precedence. Players in violation will not be allowed to tee off. **Cargo shorts or pants are NOT allowed on the Tour.** Pants, Capri pants and Bermuda length shorts are acceptable. **Cargo shorts definition: any shorts or pants that have more pockets than the two front and two back pockets.**

**Remember we are a guest at each course that has been kind enough to allow us to play that day.**

The following is the approved dress code for WNYPGA Junior tournaments:

- Hats/visors must be worn brim forward
- Men's collared golf shirts and mock-top golf shirts with sleeves are approved.
- Women's golf shirts without a collar must have sleeves.
- Women's golf shirts without sleeves must have a collar.
- Women's fashion shirts must not rise above the belt line at any time during the golf swing.
- ALL players must keep shirts tucked in regardless of shirt style.
- Women's shorts must have a minimum 6" inseam.
- Men's shorts cannot extend past the knee.
- All players must wear spikeless golf shoes or sneakers.

## **Prohibited Dress (Players & Spectators):**

- Tank tops, t-shirts and men's sleeveless shirts
- Denim shorts and jeans, short shorts, cut-off shorts, tennis shorts, cargo shorts and gym shorts.
- Sandals, heels, flip flops or beach shoes.

## **NO CARDS/ON COURSE WITHDRAWALS:**

If a player must leave a tournament site because of illness, injury, or a family emergency, a tournament official must be notified.

**A player failing to turn in a scorecard for any other reason will not be eligible to participate in their next scheduled event, with no refund.**

## **SCORE LIMITS:**

We would like to remind both parents and juniors that although the tour is meant to be an enjoyable learning experience for those involved, there is a high level of competitiveness. For that reason, and to help maintain a reasonable pace of play, the WNYPGA Junior Golf Program has found it necessary to implement the following policy. This policy is not in effect to discourage junior golfers, but rather to provide a competitive program in the WNYPGA Section.

**\*Note: Any player who shoots a score over the posted limit for his/her age at TWO different events will be subject to review and could be eliminated from the remainder of the schedule.**

Weather and course conditions will be taken into consideration in determining the score limits. If the scoring limits cannot be met, the WNYPGA Junior Golf Program will be pleased to assist you in finding a local golf program or PGA Professional for instruction.

### **18 HOLE GIRLS**

110 or below

### **9 HOLE GIRLS**

70 or below

### **18 HOLE BOYS**

100 or below

### **9 HOLE BOYS**

60 or below

### **PACE OF PLAY POLICY:**

Our tour will strictly enforce pace of play guidelines as posted on the rules sheet at each event. We expect that our players are capable of playing an 18-hole round of golf in 4 hours or less. When a group is out of position and behind their allotted pace of play (as defined on our rules sheet), the individuals in the group will be timed until the group is back in position and on schedule. This is not meant to punish the junior player but to make sure that the event is enjoyable for all.

### **ENTRY INFORMATION:**

- ❖ Capacity at event varies. Should the maximum number of entrants for an event be reached, any further entries will be processed as wait listed. (See wait list policies.)
- ❖ Registration for each event is available on a first-come first-served basis once on-line registration begins.
- ❖ The entry deadline for each event will be posted on Blue Golf. prior to the event. The membership fee and the entry fee must be received by the event deadline. If the event is not full, you will be entered in the event. If the event is full at the time your entry is received, you will be placed on the wait list.
- ❖ Upon receipt of your entry fee and preferred schedule of events, you will be contacted via email to confirm the events for which you wish to be registered. Should any event for which you registered already be filled, a list of sites with availability will be included from which you may select a different event.
- ❖ Requests for pairings will generally not be granted. However, we will be happy to attempt to make arrangements for juniors traveling together to be paired in groups near each other.

### **WAIT LIST POLICIES:**

- ❖ If an event is full when you register online, you will be notified that you are on the alternate list.
- ❖ If you choose to remain on the alternate list for an event, up until two days prior to an event, as an alternate you may be notified by email that your name has been pulled from the alternate list to fill a cancellation.
- ❖ If an alternate is unable to be reached by email, the next name on the alternate list will be contacted by email.
- ❖ If there are cancellations and you do not play as an alternate you will lose one of your playing opportunities.

### **WITHDRAWAL & NO-SHOW POLICY**

1. A player may withdraw from an event prior to the event deadline posted on Blue Golf and reschedule to another event prior to the new rescheduled event deadline.
2. ALL notices for withdrawal after the deadline must be sent by email to: [bashley@pgahq.com](mailto:bashley@pgahq.com) for review by the staff. A notice will be sent back to the player confirming that it was received and the applying penalty action.
3. A player who fails to withdraw by the proper procedure or fails to compete (No Show) will forfeit the entry fee and be suspended from the next tournament they are entered in with no refund.
4. If a player breaches the above rule ( #3 ) a second time, he/she will be suspended for the remainder of the season and forfeit all applicable entry fees.



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## PARENT/SPECTATOR/PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT & LIABILITY AGREEMENT

We welcome parents, family members, and others to attend our events and watch their favorite junior golfer play in competition. We do, however, insist on asking that you observe the following simple guidelines to make this series of junior golf events as enjoyable as possible for all parties concerned. Please understand that a player is responsible for the actions and behavior of his /her spectators. Should a facility permit spectators, and in addition to facility guidelines, the following policy shall be in effect.

1. **Use of cellular phones is prohibited** during any WNYPGA Junior Golf Tour events. If you must carry one with you, **PLEASE** turn it off during your round to avoid any unfortunate distractions to you and your fellow competitors. Should spectators need to use their phones, they are requested to return to the clubhouse area or an area that will not be distracting to players in the competition.
2. Spectators **MUST** remain 1 shot ahead of the group they are observing. This will prevent them from interfering with play of following groups and allow them to spot errant tee shots, etc.
3. Spectators **MUST** remain in the rough (or on the cart path) to avoid distracting players during play of a hole. **NO SPECTATOR IS EVER ALLOWED TO BE IN THE FAIRWAYS.**
4. **A 2-stroke penalty** shall be incurred by a player receiving advice from their spectators for the first offense, as advice given is deemed having been asked for and therefore will be considered a breach of Rule 8-1b. **A second offense shall result in immediate disqualification.** Polite applause and encouragement is always welcomed!
5. **Spectator dress code shall be the same as for participants in the events:**  
Proper dress is required at all times at the host facility, this includes on the driving range, practice green or in the clubhouse. Questionable attire will be reviewed by the WNY PGA Staff. Should a host facility have a stricter dress code, its policy will take precedence. Players in violation will not be allowed to tee off. Cargo shorts or pants are NOT allowed on the Tour. Pants, Capri pants and Bermuda length shorts are acceptable.

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6. Spectators **ARE NOT** to give rulings. Administrators of the event will be on the course to handle any questions on the Rules of Golf. Players are advised to proceed under Rule 3-3.
  7. **Please** attempt to refrain from alcohol and tobacco consumption on the course.
  8. **Spectators may** carry water, food, & necessary medicines for players.

**The committee reserves the right to have spectators who fail to comply with these policies removed from the course and prohibited from further course access in future events.**

**Sponsors of the 2017 WNYPGA Junior Golf Tour, WNYPGA, PGA of America, and Host Facilities are not liable for any accidents or injuries sustained by players, parents or spectators when attending or participating in any 2017 WNYPGA Junior Tour Event.**

**A \$125.00 administrative fee has been added to each membership and will be kept by the section office upon cancellation of a membership prior to the start of the season. Upon completion of registration there will be no refunds given for transferring from full time to part time membership. If you do not participate in all 5 or 10 events that you are allowed to play in, there will be no refund given.**

**By reading this waiver we understand and agree to the above WNYPGA Junior Golf Tour Policies.**