



**Georgia PGA Junior Tour
Tournament Handbook
2012**

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Georgia PGA Junior Golf Tour Rules and Regulations

Mission Statement

The Georgia PGA Junior Tour is designed to teach the values of sportsmanship, honesty, self-discipline, integrity and competitive spirit through the game of golf. This will be accomplished by conducting a series of competitions on some of the state's finest courses and with the highest level of professionalism.

Membership

The 2012 membership fee is \$70 per member, effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012. The membership fee must be received prior to the first event in which the junior wishes to play.

Eligibility

The Junior Tour is open to all males and females between the ages of 11-21. Age is determined upon the first round of a tournament. All entrants must reside in the state of Georgia, and entries are subject to rejection at any time by the Georgia PGA Junior Tour. ***Please note the addition of the 19-21 year olds with the Graduate Division.***

Membership Registration

RETURNING MEMBERS – 2011 Georgia PGA Junior Tour members will be able to use their 2011 login and password to sign in and register for the 2012 membership. If a login or password has been misplaced from last year, please email Scott Gordon at sgordon@pgahq.com to obtain that information.

NEW MEMBERS – Juniors who were not members in 2011 will be required to complete a registration form online, which must include the name and contact information of a PGA Professional. Applicants can **[CLICK HERE](#)** to be taken to the registration page. Once the application has been accepted, the player will receive notification via e-mail, and with the member's login and password and will then be allowed to register for tournaments.

Tournament Entry Fee and Procedure

Tournament entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis for each event **after the tournament entry date is open. No entries will be accepted before this date.** All entries must be registered online with the Junior Tour office by the stated deadline. Telephone entries will **NOT** be accepted. The tournament entry fees will be \$145 for 36-hole tournaments and \$75 for 18-hole tournaments.

To enter online, visit www.georgiapgga.com and click on "Online Event Registration" or the "Junior Tour" page.

Refund/Withdrawal/No Show Policy

- 1. Refund: The membership fee of \$70 is non-refundable.** Full tournament refunds less a \$10 processing fee will only be granted prior to the entry deadline of each tournament. After the entry deadline, but before tee times have been made (usually 2 days prior to the first round), a player will receive a full refund less a \$25 processing fee. **After tee times have been made, no refunds will be given.**
- 2. Withdrawal:** A player must notify the Junior Tour office as soon as they wish to withdraw from a tournament. With each tournament having a waiting list, it is important to notify the Junior Tour office if you are not going to play so we can fill that spot. Please email Scott Gordon at sgordon@pgahq.com or call (678) 461-8600 to withdraw.
- 3. No Show:** If a player fails to properly withdraw from an event, and does not play, it will be considered a no show, and that player will be suspended from the next event in which they are registered to play. A second no show will result in suspension from the remainder of the Junior Tour calendar year schedule.

Practice Rounds

Each host golf course will set aside some time for practice rounds prior to their tournament. Practice round information will be listed on the Georgia PGA web site at www.georgiapga.com and each player should contact to host golf course to set up a practice round.

Pairings / Starting Times

Pairings for all Junior Tour events will be made by random selection groups of two or three players based on age group and gender for the first round of play at each event.

For the second round, 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, requesting 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 prior to the round. Please arrive to your starting hole at least **10 minutes prior to your scheduled tee time.**

Starting times will be posted on the Georgia PGA website and emailed to each player. Please note the date for each tournament that Round 1 tee times will be available. This can be found on the Tournament Information page for each event on the Georgia PGA website.

No Card

Every competitor must return a signed scorecard even if the card is marked “no card”. It is not sufficient to merely tell someone at the scoring table you are “no carding”. If you tee off, you must turn in a scorecard.

On Course Withdrawals

If a player must leave a tournament site because of illness or injury, a tournament official must be notified. Any player failing to notify a tournament official and turn in a scorecard will not be eligible to participate in their next scheduled event and no refund will be made.

Player Dress Code & Conduct

Teaching sportsmanship, etiquette and the Rules of Golf are of major importance to the Georgia PGA Junior Tour. To promote these areas and to maintain the integrity of the Junior Tour the following guidelines for dress and conduct will apply. Tournament officials will enforce these guidelines at all Junior Tour functions.

Dress Code

1. Boy's shirts shall have collars and sleeves.
2. Mock Turtle Necks are acceptable, provided they adhere to the host facility dress code.
3. T-shirts and tank tops **are not** acceptable.
4. Boys must have their shirts tucked in at all times.
5. Girls may wear collared shirts, sleeveless shirts with a collar, or tailored T-shirts.
6. All shorts must be golf type shorts and Bermuda length. Tennis shorts, gym shorts and blue jeans **are not** acceptable.
7. Clothing containing offensive slogans, languages or pictures, and references to drugs, tobacco or alcohol are not acceptable
8. Hats shall be worn with the bill to the front.
9. During tournaments all participants must wear golf shoes with soft spikes or tennis shoes.

Conduct

Any conduct that is detrimental to the Junior Tour will not be tolerated, including, but not limited to the following:

1. Throwing and or breaking clubs.
2. Using abusive or profane language.

3. Consumption of alcoholic beverages.
4. Usage of tobacco products.
5. Drug use.
6. Gambling.
7. Cheating.
8. Damaging the golf course intentionally.
9. Abuse of club facilities.
10. Disrespect for the host facility staff, Junior Tour staff, sponsors, spectators or other players.

Any breach of the above guidelines will result in disqualification from the event where the incident occurred. You will also be disqualified from the next event in which you are entered without refund. Continued violations will result in dismissal from the Junior Tour.

Care for the Golf Course

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

Caddies and/or Carts

Caddies **are not permitted** at any Junior Tour event. Each player must walk and carry their clubs or **use a pull cart where permitted by the host facility.**

Conduct of Spectators

Spectators are welcome and encouraged to attend tournaments. However it is a privilege for spectators to attend and they are therefore required to conduct themselves appropriately at all times. The Georgia 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 host facility and/or suspension of playing privileges for the member. Rules for spectators are as follows:

1. **Spectator carts will be allowed at the discretion of the host facility. Information as to whether spectator carts will be allowed will be on each tournaments website. Spectator carts must remain on the cart path at all times. Please be aware of groups in front and behind the group you are following.**
Handicapped carts will be allowed for those who have a handicapped-parking pass at tournaments where spectator carts are not allowed.
2. **Cell Phone and beepers of any sort will not be allowed on the golf course. Spectators will be asked to return to the clubhouse if such devices are used.**
3. **Spectators are asked to stay on the cart paths and 30 yards away from the players.**
4. Spectators are allowed to carry water, umbrellas, jackets, towels and food for the players.
5. **Spectators are not allowed to give advice to players. Players may be penalized for a violation under Rule 8-1 in the USGA Rules of Golf.**
"Advice is any counsel or suggestion, which could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of a club or the method of making a stroke. Information on the Rules or on matters of public information, such as position of hazards or the flagstick on the putting green, is not advice."
6. The **player** is responsible for the actions of their spectators.
7. Spectators may not carry a player's golf bag and/or clubs.
8. Spectators are not permitted to walk on the fairways, tees or greens.
9. Spectators are encouraged to walk ahead of the group they are watching so as to act as a forecaddie and help spot balls. Spectators are allowed and are encouraged to assist in a search for lost golf balls. Spectators should not lag behind the participants as this can delay the group behind.

10. **Spectators are asked to stay away from the players when turning in their scorecards in the scoring tent. Each player is responsible for his or her own score to be correct.**

Age Divisions

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

Boys 11-13	(5,600-6,200 yards)	Girls 11-14	(5,400-6,000 yards)
Boys 14-15	(6,300-6,800 yards)	Girls 15-18	(5,400-6,000 yards)
Boys 16-18	(6,300-6,800 yards)	Girls 19-21	(5,400-6,000 yards)
Boys 19-21	(6,300-6,800 yards)		

All yardages are subject to change based on individual courses and the condition of each course.

The 14-15 and 16-18 age Boys divisions and 11-14 and 15-18 Girls divisions will play from the same set of tees and are eligible to compete for the Overall Championship of a tournament. One Boy and one Girl overall winner will be awarded.

Determining Age Divisions

A player's age division is determined as of their age on the first day of each tournament. For example, a player who turns 16 on July 1st will play all events before July 1st in the 14-15-age division, and will be automatically moved to the 16-18 division after that date. If that player turns 16 on the first day of an event he or she will be moved into the 16-18-age division for that event.

If a player changes ages in the middle of the season, **their Player of the Year points for that age division will be lost and they will start fresh in his/her new age division.** If a player does not want to lose his/her points, they may "play up" a division at any point during the year. **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.

Tournament Prizes

Trophies will be awarded to the top finisher in each age division as well as the overall boy and girl winner. Gift certificates will also be awarded to the top individuals in each age division.

Player of the Year Points

Points will be awarded in each age division to all regular 36-hole Junior Tour events as follows:

Boys 14-15 and 16-18 Age Divisions

1 st place	100	6 th place	40
2 nd place	85	7 th place	30
3 rd place	70	8 th place	20
4 th place	60	9 th place	15
5 th place	50	10 th place	10

Girls 11-14, 15-18 and Boys 11-13

1 st place	100	4 th place	30
2 nd place	75	5 th place	20
3 rd place	50	6 th place	10

Ties will split points equally.

Points will be awarded in each age division to all **MAJOR** Junior Tour events as follows:

Boys 14-15 and 16-18 Age Divisions

1 st place	200	7 th place	60
2 nd place	150	8 th place	50
3 rd place	125	9 th place	40
4 th place	100	10 th place	30
5 th place	85	11 th place	20
6 th place	70	12 th place	15

Girls 11-14, 15-18 and Boys 11-13

1 st place	200	4 th place	75
2 nd place	140	5 th place	50
3 rd place	100	6 th place	30

Ties will split points equally.

Majors for 2012 will be the Georgia PGA Junior Championship and Callaway Gardens Junior Classic*.

**For the Junior Championship, you must be a member of the Junior Tour to receive points. Points will be awarded for the 16-18-age division as normal. Points for the 14-15-age division of the Junior Tour will be awarded from the 13-15-age division of the Junior Championship to players in the Junior Tour 14-15 age division. No points will be awarded to 13 year olds in the Boys 11-13 age division form the Junior Championship.*

Points will be awarded in each age division to all 18-hole Junior Tour Summer Series events and the North Georgia High School Golf Classic (**Boys only**) as follows:

Boys 14-15 and 16-18 Age Divisions

1 st place	60	6 th place	20
2 nd place	50	7 th place	15
3 rd place	40	8 th place	12
4 th place	30	9 th place	9
5 th place	25	10 th place	6

Girls 11-14, 15-18 and Boys 11-13

1 st place	60	4 th place	15
2 nd place	40	5 th place	9
3 rd place	25	6 th place	6

Ties will split points equally.

Player of the Year

Player of the Year Awards will be given to the top player in the Boys 11-13, 14-15 and 16-18 and Girls 11-14 and 15-18 Age Divisions at the Junior Tour Championship Awards Banquet.

The 2012 Player of the Year in the Boy's 16-18 age division will receive an exemption into the 2013 Georgia Open and the 2012 Player of the Year in the Girl's 15-18 age division will receive an exemption into the 2013 Georgia Women's Open.

Boys Stroke Average Award

The Boys Stroke Average Award will be given to the boy with the lowest stroke average for all rounds completed. The Boys Award will be a given to a player from the combined 14-18 group. **To be eligible for the Stroke Average Award, players must complete a minimum of 12 rounds**.** The Stroke Average Award will be determined after the last official event before the Tour Championship. A withdrawal during play from any event, for any reason, will disqualify the player from receiving this award. ****Note: Any 36-hole event that has a round not played due to weather or**

other circumstance will drop the minimum number of rounds to be eligible for the award. The new number would be 12 minus the number of rounds not played throughout the year.

Girls Stroke Average Award

The Girls Stroke Average Award will be given to the girl with the lowest stroke average for all rounds completed. The Girls Award will be given to a player from the combined 11-18 group. **To be eligible for the Stroke Average Award, players must complete a minimum of 7 rounds**.** The Stroke Average Award will be determined after the last official event before the Tour Championship. A withdrawal during play from any event, for any reason, will disqualify the player from receiving this award. ***Note: Any 36-hole event that has a round not played due to weather or other circumstance will drop the minimum number of rounds to be eligible for the award. The new number would be 7 minus the number of rounds not played throughout the year.*

Tour Championship

The top players from each age division will play in a season ending Tour Championship. In addition, to the top players in each age division, any player who won an individual age division in any tournament will be invited to play even if they have changed age divisions throughout the year and have lost their points. That person will play in their new age division for the Tour Championship. Any player who would change age divisions after the last regular tournament will not lose their Player of the Year points and will play in the age division they competed in throughout the year in the Tour Championship.

Boys

16-18 – Top 25

14-15 – Top 20

11-13 – Top 15

Girls

15-18 – Top 20

11-14 – Top 5

These numbers are subject to change if there are not enough players to fill each age division.

American Junior Golf Association Exemptions

The Georgia PGA is pleased to have the support of the AJGA. They recognize the Georgia PGA Junior Tour as quality competition for junior golfers. The AJGA will provide the Georgia PGA Junior Tour with exemptions into select events. For the latest information on AJGA exemptions, go online to www.georgiapga.com.

Junior Golf Scoreboard

Each Georgia PGA Junior Tour 36-hole tournament will be a ranked event by the Junior Golf Scoreboard. You can access the Junior Golf Scoreboard at www.juniorgolfscoreboard.com.

Tournament Results and Player of the Year Points

After the completion of each event, tournament results, Player of the Year points and Stroke Average results can be seen on the Georgia PGA website at www.georgiapga.com.

Junior PGA Championship

Considered one of golf's major championships for juniors, the PGA Junior Championship (formerly known as the Westfield) is where the best in the world get their start. Begun in 1976 at the Walt Disney World Resort in Lake Buena Vista, FL, the Championship has been a summer stop for many of today's tour professionals.

The Georgia PGA Junior PGA Championship will award the overall boy and girl winner the opportunity to represent the Georgia PGA Section in the PGA Junior Championship on July 31-August 3 in Fort Wayne, IN.

The Georgia PGA Junior Championship will be open to boys and girls in the following three divisions:

Boys/Girls 12 & Under*

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

* Boys/Girls in the 12 & under age division only play 18 holes at the Section Championship and are not eligible to advance to the Junior PGA Championship.

Only players located within the Georgia Section are eligible to compete in the Georgia PGA Junior Championship.

How to Register: Sign up online at www.georgiapga.com.

Deadline: Registration deadline will be June 1, 2012 at 10:00 AM.

Price: \$45.00 (Boys/Girls 12 & Under)
\$90.00 (Boys/Girls 13-18)

2011 Georgia PGA Junior Championship

Athens Country Club

Athens, GA

June 3-4, 2012

Ranked by Junior Golf Scoreboard

2012 Junior PGA Championship

Sycamore Hills Golf Club

Ft. Wayne, IN

July 31 – August 3, 2012

Georgia PGA Junior Tour - 2012 Schedule

Date	Site	Entry Open	Entry Deadline	Field Size	Entry Fee
March 3-4	Junior Piney Woods Glen Arven Country Club, Thomasville	January 18	March 1	84	\$145
March 24-25	The Brickyard Junior Classic The Brickyard at Riverside, Macon	February 8	March 22	84	\$145
April 2-3	North Georgia High School Golf Classic Presented by the Georgia PGA Junior Tour, Achasta Golf Club, Dahlonega	February 2	March 28	144	\$125/Indiv
April 28-29	Oglethorpe Junior Invitational Wilmington Island Club, Savannah	March 7	April 26	84	\$145
May 19-20	Columbus Junior Classic Country Club of Columbus, Columbus	April 4	May 17	84	\$145
May 31	Summer Series # 1 Legacy on Lanier Golf Club, Buford	April 18	May 29	84	\$75
June 3-4	Georgia PGA Junior Championship Athens Country Club, Athens	March 7	June 1	156	\$90
June 25	Summer Series # 2 White Columns Country Club, Milton	May 9	June 22	84	\$75
June 27-28	Stone Mountain Junior Classic Stone Mountain Golf Club, Stone Mountain	May 16	June 25	84	\$145
July 8-9	UGA Junior Classic UGA Golf Course, Athens	May 23	July 6	84	\$145
July 16	Summer Series # 3 The Legends at Chateau Elan, Braselton	May 30	July 13	84	\$75
July 19	Summer Series # 4 TPC at Sugarloaf, Duluth	June 6	July 17	84	\$75
July 23-24	East Lake Junior Classic Charlie Yates Golf Course (23 rd) / East Lake Golf Club (24 th)	June 6	July 20	84	\$180
August 18-19	Callaway Gardens Junior Classic Callaway Gardens Resort, Pine Mountain	July 4	August 186	144	\$145
September 8-9	Cateechee Junior Classic Cateechee Golf Club, Hartwell	July 25	September 6	84	\$145
September 22-23	The Georgia Club Junior Classic The Georgia Club, Statham	August 8	September 20	84	\$145
October 13-14	Kinderlou Forest Junior Classic Kinderlou Forest Golf Club, Valdosta	August 29	October 11	84	\$145
November 3-4	Coosa Junior Classic Kinderlou Forest Golf Club, Valdosta	September 19	November 1	84	\$145
December 8-9	Tour Championship Sea Island Golf Club, St. Simons Island	By Invitation	December 3		\$145

Visit www.georgiapga.com for additions or changes to the schedule.