



HOWARD BAILEY JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM

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HISTORY

The Indiana Junior Golf Program was founded in 1987 through the Indiana Golf Foundation. When it began, the program had 10 tournaments and 300 players. Today, the program consists of about 65 events and nearly 1,100 players. The program is now called the Howard Bailey Junior Golf Program, and it exists to provide junior golfers in Indiana the opportunity to gain competitive golf experience while learning the Rules and etiquette of the game. The program is designed to help junior golfers progress through its different levels from learning competitive golf through playing at a high level. In addition to the Howard Bailey Junior Golf Program, the Indiana Golf Foundation also includes funding for college scholarships, educational clinics and seminars. The program is very well respected across the country and has served as a model for many other programs.

The Howard Bailey Junior Golf Program is part of the Indiana Golf Office, which is currently located in Fishers, IN and is comprised of five organizations including: The Indiana Section PGA, the Indiana Golf Association, the Indiana Women's Golf Association, the Indiana Golf Foundation and The First Tee of Indiana. The Indiana Golf Office is also home to the Indiana Golf Hall of Fame.

MISSION: The Indiana Golf Office exists to provide quality programs and experiences to both active and interested people in an effort to promote, develop and enhance the game.

VISION: With one staff working in unison as the administrative arm for all five organizations, the Indiana Golf Office provides a vital hub for golf in Indiana, therefore providing opportunities to our constituencies in order to positively influence the golfers of today and tomorrow.

STAFF

Junior Golf Director: Paxton Manns is responsible for all operations of the Indiana Junior Golf Program.

PJ Boatwright Intern: We hire one PJ Boatwright intern, which is funded by the United States Golf Association. This intern's primary function is to be the main in-office contact for all program related issues. If you contact the office during the summer tournament season, this is most likely going to be the person that you speak with.

Junior Tour Coordinators: We hire additional summer interns that are responsible for being on-site to assist in the administration of events. These are the staff members that you will see at all of your tournaments throughout the season. These interns are mainly college students and many of which are former players in our program!

Contact Info:

Junior Golf Director– Paxton Manns

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PJ Boatwright Intern- For general questions, tournament withdraws, schedule changes, etc.

juniors@indianagolf.org 317-739-3022

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2023

TOUR & RULES ORIENTATIONS:

- ◆ All New Members will still be required to complete the 2023 Tour Orientation and the Rules Orientation
- For the Prep Tour, 7 year olds are now eligible. Division Breakdown: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12.

JUNIOR TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP:

- ◆ The Top-18 Girls and Top-27 Boys in each Age Division of the Season Points Standings as of July 21, 2023 will receive an invitation to register for and compete in this event.
- ◆ Entry fee will be \$55 for those that are invited and elect to register for this event

TEAM SERIES EVENTS:

- ◆ We are excited for the fourth year of these 9-hole Team Scramble tournaments
- ◆ Open to players aged 7-15
- ◆ All players will compete from the same set of tees, as they would in a PGA Jr. League and play from similar yardages as set by the PGA Jr. League
- ◆ Entry Fee will be \$15 per player or \$30 per team
- ◆ Membership **is not required** to compete in these Team Series tournaments

DRESS CODE: **PROPER DRESS IS REQUIRED AT ALL JUNIOR EVENTS!**

- ◆ **Boys-**
 - > Collared shirts or mock turtlenecks **MUST** be worn and tucked in **at all times**.
- ◆ **Girls-**
 - > Racerback with a mock or regular collar are allowed (**no collar = no racerback**)
 - > Plunging necklines are **NOT** allowed
 - > Leggings, unless under a skort or shorts, are **NOT** allowed. Length of skirt, skort and shorts **MUST** be of fingertip length.
- ◆ All hats or visors **MUST** be worn with the **brim forward**.
- ◆ Appropriate footwear **MUST** be worn **at all times**
 - > Close toed tennis shoes or golf shoes are required
 - > **NO sandals, cleats (soccer, baseball, softball, football or the like)**

*****Absolutely NO denim/cargo pants/shorts, cut-offs, athletic/basketball shorts or legging type pants/shorts permitted*****

If a player breaks any part of the dress code policy, a IJGP staff member will ask them to change. Players will NOT be allowed to compete in the tournament if they do not adhere to the dress code policy with NO REFUND.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

HOW TO ENTER: Below is the date that players may begin registration for tournaments for the 2021 season:

<u>First Year of Membership</u>	<u>Membership Level</u>	<u>Tournament Registration Opens</u>
2022 & Prior	Prep Tour & Junior Tour	February 6, 2023
2022	Prep Tour, Junior Tour & Non-Members	February 13, 2023
ALL	Masters Tour	February 6, 2022

> Masters Tour Members will have priority registration for Masters Tour tournaments from February 6, 2023 until March 27, 2023. Once this date has passed Junior Tour Members will be allowed to register for the Northern, Southern and/or Central Masters Tour events. If you are a Junior Tour Member, you MUST meet one of the two requirements noted at the bottom of Page 9 of this Guide in order to be eligible for a Masters Tour event. If you have not met one of these requirements, you will automatically be put on the waiting list.<<

HOW TO REGISTER ONLINE:

- ◆ Go to **indianagolf.org** and select **Membership & Tour Information** under the **Juniors tab**
- ◆ If you are a returning member, register by clicking the **2023 Membership Renewal**
- ◆ If you are a new member, register by clicking the **New Member Registration**

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR TOURNAMENTS:

- ◆ Once your membership has been approved you will receive an email with a username and password
- ◆ Use your credentials to login to your account by going to **indianagolf.org** and clicking on **'Junior Login'** in the top right corner above the **orange 'Donate'** button.
- ◆ Once you have logged in, you may begin signing up for tournaments by **clicking on Registration** under the **Tournaments Tab** in the players account

NOTES ABOUT REGISTRATION:

- ◆ All entries for tournaments will be confirmed by email only. Please be sure to provide an accurate email address that is checked on a regular basis to receive these confirmations along with details regarding certain events if there is a weather delay, cancellations, starting time reminder, etc.
- ◆ The first mailing of Membership Packets, (towel, bag tag, Rules book) will be sent sometime in May.

DEADLINES & REFUND POLICIES

DEADLINES:

- ◆ All tournament deadlines will be at 11:59pm ET, **SEVEN (7) days prior to the event**, unless noted otherwise on the Tournament Info Page.
- ◆ Event deadlines may be extended before pairings are published for some events.
- ◆ If a later registration deadline is in place, the revised date will be noted on the event listing.

WAITING LIST:

- ◆ If a tournament reaches its maximum capacity before the tournament deadline, a waiting list will be established
- ◆ If a spot becomes available, the first player off the waiting list will be added to the event. However, if pairings have already been established, the spots will be filled according to age division
- ◆ For example, if a player in the Boys 13-15 Division withdraws from the event, **the first player in that same division on the waiting list will be added to the event. If there are no more registrations in that division on the waiting list, the open spot will not be filled.**

REFUNDS:

- ◆ Refunds for tournament entries will only be granted to participants whose requests are received via a phone call, voicemail, e-mail, or online at least SEVEN (7) days prior to the scheduled event date
- ◆ All refunds are subject to a cancellation fee
- ◆ **Cancellations can be done online through the players account** or by emailing juniors@indianagolf.org with the date and location of the event they would like to cancel from

WITHDRAWALS/TRANSFERS:

- ◆ Participants **MUST** notify the staff in advance if they need to withdraw from an event. Failure to properly withdraw from a tournament and/or not showing up will forfeit the entry fee and will be considered a **"No Show"**, which may result in the player being suspended from their next tournament
- ◆ Withdrawals made SEVEN (7) days prior to the event are eligible to:
 - 1.) Transfer to a different event within the same tour or
 - > The participant **MUST** check the schedule for another event that is not filled and call to enter that event at no additional charge
 - 2.) Receive BlueGolf account credit for the full amount or
 - 3.) Receive a partial refund to the credit card used
- ◆ In the event of **an extreme circumstance**, after the SEVEN (7) day deadline, resulting in the participant not being able to compete in the tournament, contact the IJGP immediately. Each situation will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Partial BlueGolf account credit may be given.

NO SHOW/NO CARD POLICY:

- ◆ Any player that **accumulates two or more No Shows, No Cards or a combination of the two**, will result in the player being removed from their next scheduled event **without a refund and/or suspension from the IJGP.**

RAINOUTS:

- ◆ If the event is a total rainout an attempt will be made to:
 - 1.) **Reschedule event**
 - 2.) **Place all players into another Tour event**
 - 3.) **Give refunds/credits to all registered participants**
 - > **Credits will NOT be given/distributed if an event is considered complete as stated on Page 16**

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY INFO.

Eligibility

- ◆ Membership is for **Indiana Residents Only, meaning a players Permanent Residence MUST be in Indiana**
- ◆ First year players **MUST** complete the Online Tour Orientation to become eligible to participate, regardless of age, ability or experience. (players do not have to complete the orientation prior to tournament registration, but **MUST** be completed in order to compete in tournaments).
- ◆ Entries are subject to rejection at any time by the Indiana Golf Staff
- ◆ High School graduates are eligible for tournament play **only during the summer immediately following their graduation**, even if they are not yet 19 years of age.

Membership Levels

- ◆ **Prep Tour-**
 - * Open to Girls & Boys ages 7 to 12 as of July 27, 2023
 - * Annual membership fee is \$45 (Membership is required in order to register for Prep Tour events)
 - * Entry fee is \$30 for Girls & Boys 11-12 and \$20 for Girls & Boys 7-10
- ◆ **Junior Tour-**
 - * Open to Girls & Boys ages 13 to 19 as of July 27, 2023
 - * Annual membership fee is \$65 (Membership is required in order to register for Junior Tour events)
 - * Entry fee is \$40 for single day events and \$80 for two day events
- ◆ **Masters Tour-**
 - * Open to Girls & Boys ages 13 to 19 as of July 27, 2023
 - * **Membership is by Invitation Only.** Players who have earned an invitation will be notified prior to registration for the upcoming season.
 - * Annual membership fee is \$65
 - * Entry fee is \$125 for Masters Members and \$150 for Junior Tour Members (Jr. Tour members must meet certain criteria to be eligible for registration for Masters Tour events)
 - * Eligible for year end Masters Tour Championship (for Masters Tour members only)
- ◆ **Masters & Junior Tour-**
 - * Open to Girls & Boys ages 13 to 19 as of July 27, 2023
 - * This membership level is for players who have **received an invitation to become a Masters Tour Member**, but would also like to compete in Junior Tour events.
 - * Annual membership fee is \$115

**** \$10 of each membership fee goes to the Indiana Golf Foundation Scholarship Fund. Scholarship information can be found on our website at www.indianagolf.org ****

Membership Benefits:

- ◆ Indiana Golf Membership (Handicap) Doesn't include Prep Players
- ◆ Online Tour Orientation
- ◆ Tour Bag Tag & Towel
- ◆ Awards at each tournament
- ◆ Access to customizable bio page through your Player's Club account

Membership Cancellation:

- ◆ If a player wishes to cancel their membership prior to May 30, 2023, they may do so without penalty. Membership cancellations will result in a \$10 service fee. Membership cancellation requests can be made by **e-mailing juniors@indianagolf.org** and cannot be completed online.

TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY INFO.

Below is the list of tournaments that each Tour Member or Non-Member is eligible to compete in.

- ◆ **Prep Tour:** Listed on schedule as **PREP**
 - > All Prep Tour events & Team Series events
 - > Some Championship events
 - > Some Spring Series or Fall Series events
- ◆ **Junior Tour:** Listed on schedule as **JR TOUR**
 - > All Junior Tour events
 - > Championship events
 - > Spring Series or Fall Series events
 - > Junior Tour Championship (will receive an invitation if you are eligible)
 - > Team Series events (for ages 7-15)
 - > Masters Tour events (One of the criteria must be met listed on Page 9. Excludes Masters Championship)
- ◆ **Masters Tour:** Listed on schedule as **JUNIOR MASTERS**
 - > All Masters Tour events (including the Masters Tour Championship)
 - > Championship events
 - > Spring Series or Fall Series events
 - > Team Series events (for ages 7-15)
- ◆ **Non-Members:**
 - > Championship events
 - > Spring Series or Fall Series events
 - > Team Series events (for ages 7-15)

****Players are allowed to compete in an UNLIMITED number of tournaments. However, for Prep Tour & Junior Tour only the players top-6 events will be counted toward the Season Points List.****

Event Age Eligibility-

- ◆ **Girls Spring Series at Players Club**— Girls Ages 12-19 as of April 30, 2023
- ◆ **Girls Spring Series at Kokomo CC**— Girls Ages 12-19 as of May 7, 2023
- ◆ **Girls Spring Series at Legends**— Ages 12-19 as of May 21, 2023
- ◆ **Indiana Girls Junior PGA Championship**— Ages 12-18 as of August 4, 2023
- ◆ **Indiana Boys Junior PGA Championship**— Ages 12-18 as of August 4, 2023
- ◆ **Age Group Championship**— Girls & Boys Ages 11-18 as of June 22, 2023
- ◆ **Boys State Junior Qualifiers & Championship**— Ages 19 & Under as of June 30, 2023
- ◆ **Girls State Junior Championship**— Ages 10-19 as of July 13, 2023
- ◆ **Indiana Junior Team Championship** - Boys and Girls ages 12-19 as of July 26, 2023.
- ◆ **Boys Fall Series**
- ◆ **Boys Fall Series**
- ◆ **Hoosier Junior Championship** - Boys and Girls Ages 12-19 as of October 8, 2023

MASTERS TOUR CRITERIA

Member Selection (based on previous season):

BOYS:

1. **IHSAA State Finals:** Top-25 finishers and any player that is an All State Team Selection
2. **Age Group Championship:** Top-3 finishers in 13-18 age divisions
3. **Indiana Jr. PGA Championship:** Made Cut
4. **Boys State Jr. Championship:** Match Play Qualifier
5. **Hoosier Jr. Championship:** Top-40 finishers
6. **Fall Series Event:** Top-10 finishers
7. **End of Season Junior Tour Points List:** Top-3 in each age division
8. **Men's State Am./State Open:** Qualify & make the tournament field
9. **Junior Tour:** Any player that wins at least 3 tournaments the previous season
Junior Tour Championship: Top 10 finishers in each division

GIRLS:

1. **IHSAA State Finals:** Top-20 finishers and any player that is an All State Team Selection
2. **Age Group Championship:** Top-3 finishers in 13-18 age divisions
3. **Indiana Jr. PGA Championship:** Top-25 finishers in Overall Standings
4. **Girls State Jr. Championship:** Top-40 finishers in Overall Standings
5. **Hoosier Jr. Championship:** Top-15 finishers
6. **Spring Series/Fall Series Event:** Top-10 finishers
7. **End of Season Junior Tour Points List:** Top-3 in each age division
8. **Women's State Am./State Open:** Top-25 finishers
9. **Junior Tour:** Any player that wins at least 3 tournaments the previous season
10. **Junior Tour Championship:** Top 7 finishers in each division

Junior Tour Member Eligibility:

- ♦ In order to play in a Masters Tour event, a Junior Tour Member **must meet ONE** of the following requirements.
 1. Have a score on record of 82 or better in an IJGP Championship, Junior Tour, Spring Series or Fall Series event.
 2. Possess a valid Indiana Golf Handicap Index of 10.0 or better. The players Indiana Golf number will need to be shown in the players account. It is a seven (7) digit number.
****For players with no IJGP history, scores used from a comparable State Golf Association, PGA Section, regional or national programs may be considered.****
- ♦ Additionally, any Junior Tour Member that shoots a two day score over 180 (Boys) or 185 (Girls) in a Masters Tour event, will not be eligible for additional Masters Tour events in that season. Future scheduled Masters events will receive a full refund.
 - > Junior Tour Members who **DO NOT** meet eligibility requirements at the time of registration will be placed on the Masters Tour event waiting lists until they fulfill those requirements. Masters Tour Members will be placed from any Masters Tour event waiting list ahead of eligible Junior Tour Members regardless of registration date.

In Season Masters Tour Membership Qualifications:

- ♦ **Master Tour Event:** Finish in the top 40% of your field at a Masters Tour event
- ♦ **Girls State Jr. Championship:** Top-40 finishers in overall standings
- ♦ **Age Group Championship:** Top-3 finishers in 13-18 age divisions
- ♦ **Indiana Jr. PGA Championships:** Boys– Made Cut; Girls Top-25 in overall standings
- ♦ **Boys State Jr. Championship:** Match Play Qualifiers

AGE DIVISIONS, YARDAGES & SCORING LIMITS

Age Calculations: Age is calculated based on the final tournament day of the season. Players will compete in the division matching their age as of the date listed below.

♦ **Prep Tour:** Age as of July 27, 2023

Players that turn 13 prior to this date will be given the option of which tour they wish to compete on (Prep Tour or Junior Tour). Players that turn 13 before the above date and elect to participate on the Prep Tour would not be eligible for any Prep Tour events conducted on or after their 13th birthday.

♦ **Junior Tour & Masters Tour:** Age as of July 27 2023

High School graduates are eligible for tournament play only during the summer immediately following their graduation, even if they are not yet 19 years of age.

Scoring Limits: Any player who shoots a score over the posted limit for his/her age division at **TWO** different events will be subject to review and withdrawn from the remainder of their scheduled events. Nine hole scores will be evaluated only when an event is shortened to nine holes. A 50% refund will be given for their membership along with a full refund for all future scheduled events. Additionally, any player that shoots **ONE** score that is not within a reasonable amount over the scoring limit, as determined by the Junior Golf Director, will also be withdrawn and refunded.

We would like to remind both parents and juniors that although it is meant to be an enjoyable learning experience for those involved, there is a high level of competition. For that reason, and to help maintain a reasonable pace of play, the IJGP has found it necessary to implement the following policy. The policy is not in effect to discourage junior golfers, it is meant to provide a competitive program on a state-wide level.

If you do not feel that your player can meet these requirements, please visit our website for info on opportunities that are a better fit for your players current ability level.

**** PLAYERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO "PLAY UP OR DOWN" A DIVISION ON THE PREP TOUR OR JUNIOR TOUR FOR ANY REASON****

<u>Prep Tour Age Divisions</u>	<u>Approximate Yardages</u>	<u>Scoring Limit</u>
Girls 7-8 (9-holes) Girls 9-10 (9-holes)	1,500-1,800	75
Boys 7-8 (9-holes) Boys 9-10 (9-holes)	1,900-2,200	70
Girls 11-12 (18-holes)	4,000-4,300	130
Boys 11-12 (18-holes)	4,800-5,200	120

<u>Team Series</u>	<u>Approximate Yardages</u>
Girls 13 & Under, Boys 11 & Under	Maximum of 2,300
Girls 14-15, Boys 12-15	Maximum of 2,600

<u>Junior Tour Age Divisions</u>	<u>Approximate Yardages</u>	<u>Scoring Limit</u>
Girls 13-15 (18-holes)	5,100-5,400	115
Boys 13-15 (18-holes)	6,000-6,300	105
Girls 16-19 (18-holes)	5,100-5,400	110
Boys 16-19 (18-holes)	6,400-6,700	100

<u>Masters Tour Age Divisions</u>	<u>Approximate Yardages</u>	<u>Scoring Limit (Jr. Tour Members Only)</u>
Girls Overall (36-holes)	5,400-5,800	185 two day total
Boys Overall (36-holes)	6,500-6,900	180 two day total

<u>Spring/Fall Series Age Divisions</u>	<u>Approximate Yardages</u>	<u>Scoring Limit</u>
Girls Overall (12-19) (36-holes)	5,500-5,800	210 two day total
Boys Overall (12-19) (36-holes)	6,500-6,900	200 two day total

WHAT TO EXPECT AT A TOUR EVENT

What you can expect from our events will depend on what type of event you're playing in. Here is a quick breakdown of what you can expect at different Tour events:

The IJGP will have a minimum of two staff members on site for each event. These staff members should be your contact for any issue or question regarding the days event. The IJGP **cannot be held responsible** for any information regarding rules or tournament policies and procedures that come from sources other than staff members.

Prep Tour:

- ◆ Tee time start with the earliest tee time being 7:30am (local time of the course), unless a different start time has been established and is noted on the Tournament Information Page.
- ◆ Tee times & Pairings will be emailed and posted online **no later than 3 days prior to the event**
- ◆ Players need to be at their starting tee **10 minutes prior** to their scheduled tee time
- ◆ If a player is not present at their starting hole by their scheduled tee time, he/she has 5 minutes to show up. If he/she does show up within those 5 minutes, he/she will be **assessed a 2 stroke penalty**. If he/she shows up after the 5 minutes, he/she is **disqualified from the event**.
- ◆ Scorecards, drink tickets and any additional information will be given to each player on their starting tee when they show up 10 minutes prior to their scheduled time
- ◆ Awards will be given to the top-3 finishers in each age division once play has concluded

Junior Tour:

- ◆ Typically tee time starts at 8:00am (local time of the course) unless a different start time or format has been established and is noted on the Tournament Information Page.
- ◆ Players **MUST** check-in at the first tee **10 minutes prior** to their tee time.
- ◆ Scorecards, drink tickets and hole assignments will be distributed at the first tee.
- ◆ Awards will be given to the top-3 finishers in each age division once play has concluded

If a player is not present at their starting hole by their scheduled tee time, he/she has 5 minutes to show up. If he/she does show up within those 5 minutes, he/she will be **assessed a 2 stroke penalty**. If he/she shows up after the 5 minutes, he/she is **disqualified from the event**.

Masters Tour, Spring Series & Fall Series:

- ◆ Tee time starts. Starting times for each day will vary at each event. Typically late morning/early afternoon on Day 1 and early morning on Day 2
- ◆ Tee times & Pairings will be emailed and posted online **no later than 3 days prior to the event**. Tee times for Day 2 will be based on standings after round one.
- ◆ Players need to be at their starting tee **10 minutes prior** to their schedule starting time
- ◆ If a player is not present at their starting hole by their scheduled tee time, he/she has 5 minutes to show up. If he/she does show up within those 5 minutes, he/she will be **assessed a 2 stroke penalty**. If he/she shows up after the 5 minutes, he/she is **disqualified from the event**.
- ◆ Scorecards, drink tickets, hole locations & rules sheets will be given to each player on their starting tee when they arrive 10 minutes prior to their scheduled time
- ◆ Awards will be given to the top-2 finishers in each division once play has concluded

Playoff Procedure

- ◆ All on course playoffs are time, weather, course availability and staff permitting
- ◆ All ties for first place will be determined by a sudden death playoff **(if the playoff involves more than 2 players, the playoff is for 1st place only)**
- ◆ All other ties will be broken by a scorecard playoff starting with the players back nine score, then going from hole 18 working backwards
- ◆ Players tying for a place other than first will split the appropriate points evenly. We highly encourage players to stick around for the awards presentation especially if they will be receiving a medal.

PLAYER POLICIES

Teaching sportsmanship, etiquette, and the Rules of Golf are a primary goal of the IJGP. To promote these ideals and to maintain the integrity of this program, the following guidelines for dress and player conduct will apply. Tournament officials will enforce these guidelines at all IJGP events.

PLAYER CONDUCT: Any conduct which may be detrimental to the IJGP and the Spirit of the Game will **NOT** be tolerated. Such behavior includes:

- ◆ Swearing, vulgar or abusive language/behavior
- ◆ Club throwing/slamming
- ◆ Damage to the golf course or another player's belongings
- ◆ Disrespect to volunteers, officials or fellow competitors
 - > Any of the above actions may result in a warning, two stroke penalty, or immediate disqualification. Multiple violations or the severity of the first violation may result in suspension or dismissal from the IJGP
- ◆ Possession of drugs, alcohol, smoking/chewing tobacco, vaping products or the like or gambling
 - > This will result in immediate disqualification and may result in suspension or dismissal from the IJGP
- ◆ Cheating is strictly prohibited
 - > Could result in immediate disqualification or suspension from current events, future events or the entire IJGP with **NO REFUND**
 - > Cases will be reviewed on an individual basis by the Junior Golf Director, Executive Director and the IGF Board of Directors

DRESS CODE: PROPER DRESS IS REQUIRED AT ALL IJGP EVENTS!

- ◆ **Boys-**
 - > Collared shirts or mock turtlenecks **MUST** be worn and tucked in **at all times**.
- ◆ **Girls-**
 - > Racerback with a mock or regular collar are allowed (**no collar = no racerback**)
 - > Plunging necklines are **NOT** allowed
 - > Leggings, unless under a skort or shorts, are **NOT** allowed. Length of skirt, skort and shorts **MUST** be of fingertip length.
- ◆ All hats or visors **MUST** be worn with the **brim forward**.
- ◆ Appropriate footwear **MUST** be worn **at all times**
 - > Close toed tennis shoes or golf shoes are required
 - > **NO sandals, cleats (soccer, baseball, softball, football or the like)**

*****Absolutely NO denim pants/shorts, cut-offs, athletic/basketball shorts or legging type pants/shorts permitted*****

If a player breaks any part of the dress code policy, a IJGP staff member will ask them to change. Players will NOT be allowed to compete in the tournament if they do not adhere to the dress code policy with NO REFUND.

CARE FOR THE COURSE: All players are expected to maintain the condition of the golf course by repairing ball marks on the greens, raking bunkers, replacing divots, picking up and properly disposing of trash, etc. as **you are a GUEST** at the host course. Players and parents are highly encouraged to thank the host course, its staff and volunteers for hosting and their support of the IJGP. Thank you notes to the host facilities are also encouraged and much appreciated.

USE OF MOTORIZED CARTS: It is a condition of participating in Indiana Junior Golf tournaments that the competitors are not permitted to use motorized golf cars. The IJGP is committed to conduct golf competitions within the parameters of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Players who request relief under the Americans with Disabilities Act and seek a reasonable accommodation for their disability by the use of motorized golf car during the competitions shall be required to submit their request in writing to the Indiana Golf Foundation Board on or before the entry deadline date for review and determination.

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

RULES OF PLAY: The 2022 USGA Rules of Golf shall govern all play. The Indiana Junior Golf Local Rules & Terms of the Competition will be handed out to players at each tournament prior to play. A Notice to Players will be provided if needed.

CADDIE GUIDELINES: Caddies are **NOT** permitted in Prep Tour, Team Series, Junior Tour, Masters Tour, Spring Series or Fall Series events. Please check individual Championship events for additional caddie guidelines for select events.

USE OF PUSH/PULL CARTS: Manual push/pull carts are permitted by the Indiana Junior Golf Program for all tournaments.

NON CONFORMING EQUIPMENT: The IJGP recognizes the USGA as the governing body of the Rules of Golf. In accordance with the USGA Rules, the IJGP will not allow any participant to use a non-conforming golf ball or golf club. Should the use of non-conforming equipment take place the participant will be disqualified. A list of non-conforming equipment is available at www.usga.org

KEEPING SCORE:

- ◆ Players are responsible for keeping their own score along with the score of a player in their group during a round, **WITHOUT the assistance of parents/spectators.**
 - ◆ Players must report to the designated scoring area **IMMEDIATELY** after completing their stipulated round. Scorecards will be checked and signed by the players in the scoring area **WITHOUT the assistance of parents/spectators.**
 - > **Rule 3-3b(1)** in the Rules of Golf states: “After each hole during the round, the marker should confirm with the player the number of strokes on that hole (including strokes made and penalty strokes) and enter that score on the scorecard.”
 - > **Rule 3-3b(2), (3)** in the Rules of Golf states: “During the round, the player should keep track of his/her scores for each hole. When the round has ended the player should carefully check the hole scores entered by the marker and raise any issues with the Committee. If the player returns a scorecard with a wrong score for any hole that is higher, then the score stands. If it is lower, then the player is disqualified.”
- **BE SURE THAT YOUR HOLE-BY-HOLE SCORES ARE CORRECT PRIOR TO SIGNING & TURNING IN YOUR SCORECARD! The Committee will take care of adding up the score for you.****

RULES ISSUE IN STROKE PLAY– Rule 20.1c(3): Playing Two Balls When Uncertain What to Do: A player who is uncertain about the right procedure while playing a hole may complete the hole with two balls without penalty:

- ◆ The player must decide to play two balls after the uncertain situation arises and before making a stroke
- ◆ The player should choose which ball will count if the Rules allow the procedure used for that ball, by announcing that choice to his or her marker or to another player before making a stroke.
- ◆ If the player does not choose in time, the ball played first is treated as the ball chosen by default.
- ◆ The player must report the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning the scorecard, even if the player scores the same with both balls. The player is disqualified if he or she fails to do so.
- ◆ If the player made a stroke before deciding to play a second ball: a) This Rule does not apply at all and the score that counts is the score with the ball played before the player decided to play the second ball, b) But the player gets no penalty for playing the second ball

PACE OF PLAY POLICY

Prep Tour, Junior Tour & Team Series Events:

- ◆ 9-holes should take no more than 2 hours and 30 minutes to complete
- ◆ 18-holes should take no more than 5 hours to complete
- ◆ Groups should take no more than 15-16 minutes to complete each hole.

Notification & Timing:

- ◆ A group is deemed **out of position when they are more than one hole behind and/or 15 minutes behind the group in front of them**. All players in the group will be notified by a designated tournament official that the group is out of position and **subject to being timed and penalized**.
- ◆ The timing of a player's stroke will begin when they have had reasonable opportunity to reach their ball, it is their turn to play and they can play without interference or distraction. Time spent **determining yardage counts as time taken** for the stroke when it is their turn to play. **Rule 5— It is recommended that players make the stroke in no more than 40 seconds, and usually more quickly than that**

On the Putting Green:

- ◆ Timing of a player's stroke will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace their ball, repair their ball mark and other ball marks on their line of putt and remove loose impediments on their line of putt. **Time spent looking at the line of putt from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count** as part of the time taken for the next stroke.
- ◆ A player who exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke will be informed by a tournament official as soon as possible.

Rulings or Other Incidents:

If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs which causes the group in question to lose its position, that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time. Time spent waiting for a ruling and searching for a ball is included in the total round time expectation.

Pace of Play Penalties:

The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a group being timed who takes more than the allotted time to play a stroke after timing of the player's stroke begins:

- ◆ 1st offense— Warning
- ◆ 2nd offense— 1 Stroke Penalty
- ◆ 3rd offense— General Penalty in addition to 1 Stroke Penalty
- ◆ 4th offense— Disqualification

****Note— If a group being timed regains its proper position, any previous 'bad timings' will be carried over for the remainder of that round in the event that group requires additional monitoring.****

Any appeal, **(by the player(s) only)**, of a pace of play penalty must be referred to the designated tournament official of this event immediately upon completion of the round and their decision is final.

Championships, Masters Tour, Spring Series & Fall Series Events: When applicable, the Indiana Junior Golf Program will use the following 'Ready Golf' Pace of Play Policy, which is adapted from the program used by the AJGA. This policy will be in effect for all Championships, Masters Tour, Spring Series, and Fall Series tournaments.

We recommend that all players understand this system. All players should take responsibility to ensure that every member in the group is following this policy.

How It Works:

- ◆ Players shall play **Ready Golf** throughout the entire round and **WALK WITH A PURPOSE** between shots
 - > This simply means that the player who is ready to play, regardless if they are 'out' or not, should play their next stroke.
 - > It is recommended that a player **make a stroke in 40 seconds or less** once it is their turn to play.
- ◆ At the completion of each hole, the **first player to putt out** will immediately grab their bag and begin to walk to the next tee in a **quiet and courteous manner** as to not disturb other players.
 - > This player should periodically look back to observe the other player's shots.
 - > This player will be first to play from the teeing ground at the next hole, but has the option of waiting for other players in their group to get to the next hole before teeing off.
- ◆ The **second player to putt out** is responsible for replacing the flagstick (if it has been removed), before walking to the next tee.
- ◆ Players should confirm and mark scores on the tee box and should help each other verify prior to leaving the tee.
- ◆ When officials or spectators are available to help in search for a ball, we recommend that other players in the group go forward to play their next stroke(s) to **hold the group's position on the course**

**** Players who do not abide by this policy will be subject to penalty if they are out of position****

READY GOLF TIPS & DRIVING RANGE ETIQUETTE

READY GOLF TIPS:

Walk With A Purpose:

- ◆ You are an athlete, so walk to your next shot in a quick manner

Prepare While Others Play:

- ◆ Figure out your yardage and club selection while your fellow competitor is playing their shot

Limit Number Of Practice Swings:

- ◆ Players should only take 2-3 practice swings. For example, if a player shoots 85 and takes 2 practice swings prior to every shot, that is a total of 255 swings on the day

Walk Ahead:

- ◆ It is okay to walk ahead of your fellow competitors to get ready for your next shot
- ◆ Remain out of their line of play, make sure that you are not distracting or disturbing them and be alert, pay attention while they play their next shot

Tap It In:

- ◆ If you have a putt that is at or inside one foot, players should be able to tap their ball in so long as they would not be standing in the line of their fellow competitors

Watch Where Your Ball Lands:

- ◆ If you hit a shot offline, make sure to watch where it lands

Play A Provisional Ball:

- ◆ If there is a chance your ball may be lost outside of a penalty area or out of bounds
- ◆ Make sure you announce to your fellow competitors your intentions, along with what kind of ball, number and the markings your provisional ball has on it

Rules Issues in Stroke Play— Rule 20.1c(3): Playing Two Balls When Uncertain What to Do: A player who is uncertain about the right procedure while playing a hole may complete the hole with two balls without penalty:

- ◆ The player must decide to play two balls after the uncertain situation arises and before making a stroke
- ◆ The player should choose which ball will count if the Rules allow the procedure used for that ball, by announcing that choice to his or her marker or to another player before making a stroke.
- ◆ If the player does not choose in time, the ball played first is treated as the ball chosen by default.
- ◆ The player must report the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning the scorecard, even if the player scores the same with both balls. The player is disqualified if he or she fails to do so.
- ◆ If the player made a stroke before deciding to play a second ball: a) This Rule does not apply at all and the score that counts is the score with the ball played before the player decided to play the second ball, b) But the player gets no penalty for playing the second ball

Marking Scores:

- ◆ Take care of this on the next tee box after every hole

DRIVING RANGE ETIQUETTE:

- ◆ When You Should Arrive: Show up to the course in plenty of time to be able to use the range to hit balls before the tournament. On average, contestants show up to the course a little over an hour before a tee time or 1.5 hours before a shotgun. ****Some courses might not have a range so make sure you call before arriving at the course.****

> **Shotgun Start-** If it is an 8:00 shotgun start, try to arrive close to **an hour and a half before** because the range will likely be full, depending on the field size. Everyone will be arriving at the same time and it will take a longer time for a spot on the range to open. Also, every player will need to be **done warming up 30 minutes prior** to the start time to go over the announcements.

> **Tee Time Start-** If your tee time is at 7:30, an adequate time to arrive would be 6:30.

- ◆ Warm-Up: The driving range is intended to be used to loosen and warm up, **not for a lesson** right before the tournament starts. Ideally you warm up with 4-5 clubs in your bag and only hit those clubs 3-4 times each. This allows everyone to get the chance to warm up.
- ◆ Share & Rotate: Some courses have limited space and there might only be a few spots available on the practice range. In this scenario, try to hit fewer balls. **Be mindful of the other contestants** and limit your warm-up so that every player gets a chance to hit balls. It is a great idea to **share a spot with a couple of fellow competitors and rotate after hitting 5 balls** and you can stretch more while you wait for your next turn.

WEATHER POLICY

*****The IJGP does NOT make any event determinations based on forecast. Many delays or course playability issues will be unknown until the morning of the event. If any delays or cancellations are made, the IJGP will email, text and post updates on social media accounts. If there is no word from the IJGP, the event is to be played as scheduled*****

The Indiana Junior Golf Program reserves the right to reduce the number of rounds or holes in an event due to inclement weather.

Prep Tour: An event will be considered complete as follows

- ◆ 7-10 age division completes a minimum of 5 holes
- ◆ 11-12 age division completes a minimum of 9 holes

Junior Tour:

- ◆ An 18 hole event will be considered complete as follows
 - > If all competitors in the same age division have completed a minimum of the same 9 holes, then their total score from those holes will be used to determine results for that event
 - > If all competitors in the same age division have completed a different set of 9 holes, then their score will be determined in relation to par for the holes each player has completed to determine results for that event.
- ◆ A 36 hole event will be considered complete as follows
 - > If one round gets washed out due to inclement weather, then the event will be considered complete with an 18 hole score, from either the first round or second round.

Masters Tour, Spring Series, Fall Series, Girls Junior PGA, Age Group & Hoosier Junior:

- ◆ If one round gets washed out due to inclement weather, then the event will be considered complete with an 18 hole score, from either the first round or second round.

Team Series: An event will be considered complete as follows

- ◆ All teams complete a minimum of 5 holes

Girls State Junior:

- ◆ If day one were to be washed out due to inclement weather the event will become a 36 hole event.
- ◆ All players would compete on day two and then the cut would be made to the low 80 & ties and the field would also be flighted for the day three
- ◆ If day one is completed, but day two gets washed out due to inclement weather, then players will be flighted based on their scores from day one.
- ◆ If day one and two are completed, but day three gets washed out, then players will be flighted based on their scores from their two day totals and awards will be distributed accordingly.

Boys Junior PGA:

- ◆ If day one were to be washed out due to inclement weather, then the event will become an 18 hole event.
- ◆ All players would compete on day two and awards will be distributed accordingly
- ◆ If day one is completed, but day two is washed out due to inclement weather, then awards will be distributed accordingly based on scores from day one

Boys State Junior:

- ◆ In the Stroke Play portion, if one round gets washed out due to inclement weather, then the cut to the low 64 players for Match Play will be made based on standings from the day one or two scores.
- ◆ In the Match Play portion, a match **CANNOT** be washed out. So, if play were to be suspended for the day due to inclement weather, the match would resume the next day from where it was.

Girls & Boys Team:

- ◆ An 18 hole event will be considered complete as follows
 - > If all competitors in the same age division have completed a minimum of the same 9 holes, then their total score from those holes will be used to determine results for that event
 - > If all competitors in the same age division have completed a different set of 9 holes, then their score will be determined in relation to par for the holes each player has completed to determine results for that event.

If the event is a total rainout an attempt will be made to:

1.) Reschedule event

2.) Place all players in another Tour event

3.) Give refunds/credits to all registered participants

The participant **MUST** check the schedule for another event that is not filled and call to enter that event at no additional charge. Credits will **NOT** be given/distributed if an event is considered complete as stated above.

SPECTATOR POLICIES

Spectators are encouraged to attend all IJGP events. However, they must be courteous to all competitors and abide by all rules set in place by the IJGP and the host facility. It is the player's responsibility to keep spectators away. Please come to the course and enjoy watching the juniors compete as an individual. Rules for spectators are as follows:

1.) SPECTATOR CARTS: Availability is at the discretion of the host facility and is on a first come, first serve basis **(NO CALLING TO RESERVE)**. Spectator cart fees are up to the host facility. All spectators with carts **MUST** abide by the rules outlined below:

- ◆ Spectators will respect the entire field of participants and stop all cart movement while a player is preparing to, or in the process of making a stroke.
- ◆ No more than **2 PEOPLE** per cart for any reason (regardless of age)
- ◆ No **PLAYERS** allowed in carts for any reason other than shuttling on and off of the course for shotgun starts and weather situations
- ◆ Carts **MUST** stay on the cart paths at **ALL TIMES** where available. If a cart path is not available, you **MUST** stay in the rough 30 yards away from the players. **DO NOT** cross fairways for any reason, even if you are helping players search for golf balls
- ◆ **DO NOT** lag behind the group you are following as there is another group behind you

****Any disregard of these rules or misuse of the cart will lead to the forfeiture of Spectator Cart privileges for the event and possible future events without a refund. Tournament and course staff reserve the right to remove spectator carts for any reason they deem necessary.****

2.) ADVICE: *Rule 10.2a: is any counsel or suggestion which could influence a player in determining his/her play, the choice of a club or the method of making a stroke.* In addition, **any conversation between a player and spectator may be construed as advice. This includes any signals, gestures or actions made by the spectator.** In any of these instances, **penalty for breach of this rule is two strokes, multiple breaches may result in disqualification and possible suspension from the IJGP.** Players will be held responsible for the actions of their relatives and spectators in regards to this rule.

3.) RULINGS: **Only designated officials from the IJGP** will give rulings to the participants at the request of the individual. The staff will assist in any way possible when they are asked to do so by the players. Players are encouraged to ask **"What are my options?"** when asking for assistance from an official.

4.) DISTANCE FROM PLAYERS: Only participants in the event will be allowed to walk in the fairways. Spectators should always remain on cart paths, when available. In absence of cart paths, spectators should walk in the rough and stay off all teeing grounds, fairways and putting greens. **Spectators must remain at least 30 yards from the players at all times.**

Exception: *If the player requests food, drink, or anything for personal safety, then a spectator may approach a participants to deliver what was requested. The spectator should then leave the area immediately and allow the player to continue his/her play.*

5.) CELLULAR DEVICES: Spectators are required to turn their cellular device to silent mode or off for the entire round. When making calls please be courteous to our golfers

6.) FORECADDIE/SPOTTING BALLS: Spectators are welcome and encouraged to spot shots by moving ahead of the group to view incoming shots from a safe distance. Assisting with the search for a ball is also allowed and encouraged.

Spectators are reminded that they *should not inject* themselves into the competition. That includes making rulings, reporting penalties, asking for scores, or giving advice of any kind. The competitors are expected to go to the scoring area immediately upon the completion of their round without consulting with spectators beforehand. While spectators may share their thoughts with the IJGP Officials and staff, the players are responsible for signing and reviewing their scorecard in the scoring area. Our staff is dedicated to conducting events under the Rules of Golf, and educating players is part of that process.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the easiest way to get in touch with the Junior Golf Staff during the tournament season?

Communication via e-mail is the easiest and preferred way to get in touch with our staff.

PJ Boatwright Intern (juniors@indianagolf.org)

Paxton DeHaven-Junior Golf Director (pdehaven@indianagolf.org).

2. I do not see my son/daughter listed on the player list for a tournament that I thought I had registered him/her for. What should I do?

There are a couple of ways you can do this. First, check your email to see that you received a confirmation email stating that he/she is in the active field for the event. If you have this confirmation email, then he/she is in the event. Second, you can log-in to the players account and under the "Tournaments" tab click on "Upcoming". This will show all events that the player is currently registered for. If you do not see the event on this list, then the player has not been registered for that event. (Please note that for some of these events (Jr. PGA's, Age Group, etc.), we have to manually place the player in the correct division, we will update it periodically so your best options are the two stated above.)

3. I'm trying to register for a Team Series event and am not able to find my partners name in the search bar. What do I do?

There are a couple of reasons this can happen. One— your partner has already registered individually or Two— your partner does not yet have a membership with us for the current season.

You are allowed to register as an individual. You just need to be sure to notify the IJGP staff the name of your partner as we will have to manually put you on the same team together, if you each register as individuals.

4. Can I communicate with my son/daughter during the stipulated round of a tournament?

Only to provide them with a beverage and/or food item at their request (exception: emergency situations). Otherwise, please stay at least 30 yards from all competitors, out of fairways, clear of the putting greens, keeping spectator carts on designated paths (or in the rough in absence of paths) at all times.

5. If I want to rent a spectator cart, how do I go about doing so? How much does it cost?

*This is noted on **Page 17**. Availability of spectator carts is at the sole discretion of the host facility and the number of carts available may vary at each site. It is on a first come, first served basis the day of the event.*

6. Can I use a distance measuring/electronic devices (cell/smart phones, laser range finders, SkyCaddies, Bushnells, etc.) in junior golf events?

*Please refer to the "Distance Measuring Devices & Cell Phone Policy" section on **Page 14**.*

7. If I find it necessary to withdraw from a tournament during the round, how should I go about doing so?

*Please **IMMEDIATELY** find a IJGP staff member to inform them of your decision. They will assist you with the process of exchanging/signing scorecards with fellow competitors prior to your exit from the golf course. You must sign for the scores you have recorded as a marker up until that point and assure that you return your scorecard to the scoring area, or have one of your fellow competitors do so. Also, the card you were keeping must be kept by another member of your pairing/group and if necessary cards must be exchanged so that no competitor is keeping their own score.*

8. How can I become eligible for Masters Tour tournaments as a Junior Tour Member? Or what do I have to do to become a Masters Tour Member?

*Please refer to **Page 9** as it has all content related to the Masters Tour*

Hydration Awareness

If there is a medical emergency, please find someone with a radio or call 911.

SUGGESTIONS TO STAY HYDRATED DURING PLAY

GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

- Players and Spectators should be prepared to protect themselves from the heat. Players and spectators should bring umbrellas, nutritional snacks, sunscreen, light colored clothing, hats, etc.
- If you experience weakness, headache, trouble concentrating, nausea, muscle cramping or other symptoms in the heat, seek medical attention immediately.

BEFORE THE START OF ACTIVITY

- It's important to make sure you're well hydrated during the few days leading up to your long activity day.
- An hour before you start your activity, try to drink about 16 ounces of water or other non-caffeinated fluid.
- Staying hydrated is critical to your performance and, more importantly, for preventing heat-related illnesses. Dehydration in athletes may lead to fatigue, headaches, decreased coordination, and muscle cramping. Other heat-related illnesses, such as heat exhaustion and heatstroke, have even more serious consequences. Athletes need to pay attention to what and how much you are drinking before, during and after activity.
- Make sure you're hydrated before you start your golf game, you should drink another 4 to 8 ounces right before you start.

DURING THE ACTIVITY

- A general rule of thumb for fluid consumption during your golf game: You should take in 4 to 6 ounces of fluid every 20 minutes during your physical activity.
- Some of your fluid intake should include a sports drink to replace lost sodium and other minerals (electrolytes). The carbohydrates and electrolytes in the sports drink also can help you absorb the fluids faster.

Pre-hydrate yourself before, hydrate during, and after your golf game!

WHAT TO EAT BEFORE A ROUND OF GOLF

- Eat lightly in the two hours leading up to tee time. Food in your digestive system diverts blood away from your brain and muscles, affecting concentration and physical performance. A meal approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours prior to play is ideal.
- Eat high quality complex carbohydrates, keep protein and fat intakes moderate since these slow down digestion. Eat slow and chew well.
- Drink pure water to adequately hydrate. Also fresh fruits are great source of nutrition as well hydration source. However, never drastically alter your normal eating patterns prior to competition.

WHAT TO EAT DURING A ROUND OF GOLF

- Take a mix of dried fruit and nuts. Eat just small amounts throughout the round to keep energy and concentration levels regulated. Organic nutrition bars are a convenient snack that can help keep blood sugar levels steady. Avoid the high glycemic varieties.
- Sip water regularly, especially on hot days where you sweat more.

WHAT TO EAT AFTER A ROUND OF GOLF

- Consume a combination of protein and carbohydrate-rich foods and drinks as soon as possible after your round to replenish glycogen stores and replace fluids that have been lost.
- Replace potassium or sodium that has been lost during competition by using foods. Fruits and vegetables are excellent sources of potassium.

HYDRATION AWARENESS TIPS COURTESY OF BAY STAR AND TEXAS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

