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*Junior Tour*

# **NORTHERN OHIO PGA JUNIOR TOUR Membership Book**

**18-HOLE NOPGA JUNIOR SERIES  
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## Mission

The Northern Ohio PGA Junior Golf tours are for juniors looking for a competitive experience on a local level. The mission of the Northern Ohio PGA is to share the learning experience of golf and to help young people learn the meaning of honesty, self-discipline, courtesy and respect through golf.

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## Tours

### **THE NORTHERN OHIO PGA JUNIOR SERIES**

The Northern Ohio PGA Junior Series are tournaments for boys and girls ages 11-15 and 16-19. The tournaments are held at various Northern Ohio sites. These events are designed to offer juniors of all skill levels the opportunity to compete and enjoy learning how to handle the competition of tournament play. A year-ending point list will determine qualifiers from each age group that will advance to the Championship held at Club Walden in Aurora, Ohio. Juniors will automatically qualify if they are the winner of one of the tournaments leading up to the championship. Junior must be able to average a score of 125 or below for eighteen holes to compete in the championship. Double points will be issued at the championship at Club Walden. Players must compete in the age division they would be in as of the Tour Championship at Club Walden.

#### **Player of the Year Points**

The top boys' and girls' finishers of each age division will receive Player of the Year points based on their finish. Player of the Year points will be distributed as follows except for the Tour Championship where points will be doubled:

#### **Place Points**

|        |        |          |
|--------|--------|----------|
| 1. 220 | 8. 85  | 15. 30   |
| 2. 180 | 9. 70  | 16. 25   |
| 3. 150 | 10. 65 | 17. 22.5 |
| 4. 130 | 11. 55 | 18. 20   |
| 5. 120 | 12. 45 | 19. 17.5 |
| 6. 110 | 13. 40 | 20. 15   |
| 7. 95  | 14. 35 |          |

In the event of ties, points are added up and split.

**For more information and to view the Schedule -**

<https://thenorthernohiopga.com/junior-golf/nopga-jr-series/>

## Tours Cont.

### **THE NATIONAL JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Junior PGA Championship is a national tour. The Northern Ohio PGA runs multiple qualifiers for boys and girls 11-15, and 16-18 that have not entered college by the National Junior PGA Championship date. Players will play in the age division they will be during the Junior PGA Championship. Players must live in Northern Ohio and be a member of the Northern Ohio PGA Junior Tours. These events are designed to offer juniors of advanced skill levels the opportunity to compete and enjoy learning how to handle the competition of tournament play. Winners in each division at any event before the Championship will automatically be invited to advance to the NOPGA Junior PGA Section Championship. The remainder of the field will be filled from the POY points list at a specified cutoff date stated on the Championship Website. The two boy and two girl top finishers in the 11-18 Overall age division will advance to the National PGA Finals.

To view the Junior PGA Championship rules, please go to <https://www.juniorpgachampionship.com/>

**For more information and to view the Schedule -**  
<https://thenorthernohiopga.com/junior-golf/2012-junior-pga-championship/>

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## COLLEGIATE SERIES

The Northern Ohio PGA Collegiate Preview is a series of tournaments designed for young men and women ages 16-22. These events are designed to provide preparation for the college golf experience by conducting tournaments on challenging golf courses and offering a higher level of competition.

**For more information and to view the Schedule -**  
<https://thenorthernohiopga.com/junior-golf/collegiate-preview/>

## THE NORTHERN OHIO PGA 9-HOLE FUTURES TOUR

The Futures Tour is a developmental tour where boys and girls 8 to 15 can now play nine holes in selected Northern Ohio PGA Junior Tour event. These events are designed to introduce young juniors to tournament golf. For many, this will be their first tournament experience. Players should have the maturity to be able to play on their own and possess intermediate or advance skills relative to their ages. In general, the 9-hole Tour is not meant for brand new golfers; players should be able to keep score by themselves.

**Age Divisions**  
**Boys & Girls - 8-11, 12-15**

**Caddies**  
Through experience, the Northern Ohio PGA Junior Golf Committee has learned that the tournaments for this age group have limited value without adult supervision. Caddies are asked to help: keep accurate score, supervise safety, courtesy, etiquette, speed of play, and to promote good sportsmanship.

**For more information and to view the Schedule -**  
<https://thenorthernohiopga.com/junior-golf/9hole-tour-presented-by-golftec/>

## **Membership Registration**

**Required:** To participate in Northern Ohio PGA Junior Golf Tours Events, registering for Membership prior to Tournament Registration is required.

**Opens:** March 1, 2020

**Fees:**       **\$98.00** – 18 hole NOPGA Junior Series Participants  
                  **\$45.00** – 9 hole Futures Tour Participants

**Procedure:** Visit the Northern Ohio PGA Junior Golf Page at [TheNorthernOhioPGA.com](http://TheNorthernOhioPGA.com) – click on Junior Golf. Look for the registration box outlined in red and click on the “Sign Up Now” link and complete registration. You will be assigned a password and ID number. Return to the registration box and insert your password and ID and click on, “Sign in” to access your player profile where you will be able to register for tournaments.

**Medical Form:**       **It is Required that each player turns in one medical form** for all Northern Ohio PGA Junior Tours. You can download the medical form on the Junior Forms Page ( [VISIT HERE](#) )  
Please bring your form to your first event.

### **BlueGolf Premium Player Profile**

This feature of BlueGolf allows players to import scores from non Northern Ohio PGA events and compare those scores to other players in the BlueGolf system. In addition players will be able to input result from practice rounds, make notes from each event, and network with fellow tour members. Please sign up by clicking the Premium Player Profile Tile on the Junior Golf Page of [www.thenorthernohiopga.com](http://www.thenorthernohiopga.com).

**Fee: \$30.00** – this fee is in addition to the Membership Fee

## **Tournament Registration**

**Opens:** March 1, 2020

**Procedure:** Please visit [www.thenorthernohiopga.com](http://www.thenorthernohiopga.com) Junior Golf Page. Insert Blue Golf Membership ID & password in the appropriate places on the Blue Golf Membership Box. Click on, "Sign in" to access your player profile where you will be able to register for tournaments. Registration for all Northern Ohio PGA Junior tournaments must be made on-line by the deadline date (7 days prior). Tee times will be emailed to all who are registered approximately five days before each tournament.

**Deadlines:** Tournaments will close on specified deadline date.

**Late Registration:** There will be a charge of \$10.00 for registration done by a staff member after the deadline date.

**Wait List:** If an event reaches its maximum participation limit, juniors will be placed on a waiting list. Juniors will gain a spot in the event in the order that they registered in their age division. Anyone on a waiting list will not be charged until they gain entry into the event. Wait lists will be used up to 24 hours before the event, so please check your e-mail often.

**Cancellations:** If you need to cancel before the deadline date, please go to your profile online and do so. If you need to cancel after the deadline date, please e-mail [Bsims@pgahq.com](mailto:Bsims@pgahq.com), and if there is a waiting list you will be replaced with a junior on that list. If you do not cancel with the Northern Ohio PGA, you will be preventing another junior from playing. Please note that there is a \$5.00 charge for cancellations before the deadline date and no refund after the deadline date.



**No Shows:** If a junior does not show for a tournament after they have registered, they will forfeit their entry fee for that tournament. After the tee times are posted, it is appreciated that you e-mail [Bsims@pgahq.com](mailto:Bsims@pgahq.com) as soon as you know that you cannot attend a tournament. This will help the starter, interns and host site.

**Tee Times:** Tee times will be e-mailed to the address provided in the junior's profile five days before the event. Please be sure to keep your e-mail updated. Every effort will be made to pair juniors within their own age division and gender. The pairings are done at random unless stated otherwise. Please note we cannot take personal requests. You may also view your tee time through your BlueGolf account. It is important that parents and juniors both have their e-mail addresses on the junior's profile.

**Practice Rounds:** Please call the host site to schedule a tee time and make appropriate guest fee arrangements for your practice round. Parents and guests are invited to play at the discretion of the club; and appropriate guest fees will be charged.

**Practice Rounds are not guaranteed and are available at the facility's discretion.**

## Rules of Conduct

**Dress Code:** *Girls:* Golf shirts, golf slacks, golf skirts, or golf shorts. No jeans, t-shirts, gym shorts, tennis shorts, tank tops, bare mid- riffs.

*Boys:* Golf shirts with collars, slacks or shorts that are not gym shorts, tennis shorts. No Jeans, cargo shorts, or t-shirts.

**Conduct:** Any violation of the Northern Ohio PGA rules by a player or spectator will result in disqualification from the tournament. Please note that players will be responsible for the actions of their spectators. Cheating and not following the United States Golf Association Rules and Etiquette of Golf are not permitted.

Please conduct yourself properly and courteously on the course, in the clubhouse and on the property of the host site.

Use of cell phones by players is only permitted for mobile scoring purposes only. **Not permitted** is: use of tobacco, drugs or alcohol; throwing of clubs or breaking of clubs; causing damage to course property; bad language to the rules official, competitors, spectators, tournament staff, and host staff; or gambling.

All players must turn in a scorecard. Golf is a game of 9 or 18 holes for all NOPGA tournaments and not turning in a scorecard will result in a letter from the NOPGA to parents or guardian. Scorecards must be turned in by the player to the scoring table. Membership may be suspended or cancelled for willful disregard of the Rules of Golf, proper Golf Etiquette, not turning in a scorecard or for dishonest unsportsmanlike or unbecoming conduct of a player or guardian.

## **Rules of Golf**

Play will be governed by the USGA Rules of Golf. If there are any issues on the rules, it will be settled by a Section Staff or the PGA professional on site. All tournaments are stroke play competition and summer rules will be in effect for all tournaments unless noted otherwise. Host professional may invoke a local rule to permit preferred lies in extreme weather conditions and will have the right to cancel due to extreme weather.

## **Rain Rule**

All age brackets will be competing on the same nine holes. If an age bracket has completed nine holes then the tournament will be deemed complete.

## **Pace of Play**

It is the responsibility of all players to ensure they play at or under the recommend time par for each hole and the entire course. Each group must keep up with the group ahead, regardless of how far behind the group behind them may be. Violations for falling off pace will be a one stroke penalty for the first offense, two strokes for the second, and a disqualification for the third offense.

## **Caddies and Carts**

In the Northern Ohio PGA Junior Series and PGA Junior Championship, all players must walk, carry their own clubs or use a pull cart. Caddies will not be permitted in the Northern Ohio PGA Junior Series or PGA Junior Championship. However, a caddy will be permitted in the Pups Tour.

## Range Finders

Range finders and other measuring devices are permitted with the Northern Ohio PGA Junior Tours as long as they only measure distance and not other elements (cannot measure: elevation, slope, wind speed, wind direction, temperature, etc.)

## Tournament Day Procedures

Please check in at the registration table once you arrive to the tournament site. Players are asked to be at their respective starting tee at least ten minutes before their starting time.

Scorecards and rules sheets will be passed out at the player's starting first tee.

Please return your signed scorecard to the scoring table after the completion of your round of golf. The scoring area is for **players only**, except for the PUPS Tour, where caddies are permitted.

**Prizes:** Prizes will be award at the conclusion of each age division on tournament day for first, place finishers in each age division.

**Parent  
Player  
Concerns:** If a player is concerned or upset by the actions of another player or parent, they must report the problem to a NOPGA staff member before they sign their scorecard. Although the NOPGA loves to have parents continue to watch their juniors play, parents cannot get involved with the players. Please read the enclosed spectator sheet before attending you first NOPGA Junior Tour Event.

**Spectators:** The host site may have special regulations regarding spectators; However, in most cases spectators are permitted. Please call host site for club policy regarding spectators. Spectators may not advise participants on club selection or how to play a shot on a hole, and must remain 1/2 hole away from all participants and caddies.

*Examples that spectators cannot do:* Tell a player what club to hit; Tell a player where to aim or line up his or her shot; Tell a player where to drop a ball in the case of a ruling.

### **Copy of Spectator Sheet Handed Out At Each Event**

**Welcome to the NOPGA Junior Tours**

**We, at the Northern Ohio PGA Junior Tours appreciate your attendance at our events. Should you have any questions during the course of play please do not hesitate to contact a Tournament Official or the Host Professional.**

**We remind you, as a spectator, that our tournaments exist for the sole-benefit of the contestant.**

**NOT FOLLOWING THE RULES BELOW MAY RESULT IN THE NORTHERN OHIO PGA JUNIOR GOLF COMMITTEE NOT ALLOWING SPECTATORS TO WALK ON THE GOLF COURSE DURING COMPETITION**

**From the moment a player checks in to a tournament to the moment they leave the scoring table, they are on their own**

**A few reminders for all the spectators regarding the competition:**

- 1. Conversation with contestants should only take place before and after their round (Only contact should be when giving the player food, water, rain gear, etc.)**
- 2. Spectators under the age of 16 should be accompanied by an adult.**
- 3. Caddies may only be used during a PUPs tour event.**
- 4. All players must carry his/her own clubs or use a push cart during a stipulated round. In the event that a player has a disability, motorized golf carts will be allowed during their round.**
- 5. For safety reasons, spectators should remain on golf car paths. If no paths are available, spectators should remain 15+ yard away from competitors. Spectators are also responsible for their own safety and must spectate at their own risk.**
- 6. Cameras are permitted at all NOPGA Junior events; However, they must not interfere with play during the round.**
- 7. Cell Phones are also permitted at all NOPGA Junior Events; However, they should be set to silent mode. No communication between player and spectator should happen unless an emergency situation arises outside of the golf being played**
- 8. In case of inclement weather leading to suspension of play (One long air-horn blast), all players and spectators must immediately take shelter. We ask that if a spectator has a cart and is assisting in bringing players in, please follow safety guidelines for a golf car. We will have many people assisting the clearing of the golf course and our players safety comes first.**
- 9. After the completion of play, only players are allowed inside the scoring area.**

**Thank you for your cooperation in the matters, your support is greatly appreciated!**



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