


GATEWAY PGA JUNIOR TOUR

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2018 MEMBERSHIP GUIDE



We believe that the game of golf can teach lessons and ingrain skills that can be used throughout a lifetime. The Gateway Junior PGA Junior Golf Program is dedicated to growing junior players on and off of the golf course. The Gateway Junior PGA provides professionally run tournaments for all calibers of golfers. Our mission is to provide tournament experience and exposure to junior golfers, whether it is a player competing in their first tournament ever, or a college bound high school player looking to build upon their career and resume.

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WELCOME TO THE 2018
GATEWAY PGA JUNIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION
Tour, 18 Hole and 9 Hole Division

Dear Junior Golfers and Parents:

On behalf of the Gateway PGA Junior Golf Tour and the Gateway PGA Member Golf Professionals, we would like to welcome you to our 2018 Program. The Gateway PGA is made up of over 350 Golf Professionals in Eastern Missouri and Southern Illinois, who recognize the importance of junior golf in growing the game. We are excited that you have chosen to participate in our program.

For more information, call the Junior Golf Director at (636) 486-4062 or view the website www.gatewaypga.org/jrgolf. Sign up today and you can participate as one of our Gateway PGA Junior Golf Members. Membership lasts until December 31st, 2018.

We look forward to seeing you out on the course!

Sincerely,

The Gateway Junior PGA Staff

Returning in 2018

- 18 Hole Division- In an effort to give players the most opportunities to test their skills and improve their game, we are establishing 2-Day events that are open to 18 Hole Division players.
 - Overall standings will be sent to Junior Golf Scoreboard and the AJGA for review.
 - These events will be point-and-a-half events for 18 Hole players.
 - Ex. 1st place in a 2-Day event will receive 37.5 points instead of the 25 for 1-Day events.
 - All players in the Tour Boys, 18 Hole Boys 16-19, and 18 Hole Boys 14-15 will play the same yardage (6,300+)
 - 18 Hole 12-13 Boys will play from around 5,800 yards and no more than 6,000 yards (This division will have its own overall sent to JGS and the AJGA).
 - All players in the Tour Girls and 18 Hole Girls 15-19 will play from the same yardage(5,500+)
 - 18 Hole Girls 12-14 will play from at least 5,000 yards (This division will have its own overall sent to JGS and the AJGA).
- 9 Hole Division
 - New 9 & under division
 - 2,000 – 2,300 yards
 - Also select players will be invited to play 9 Hole 2-Day event which will take place at the same course as the Regular 2-Day Events

Points of Contact:

Junior Tour (9 Hole, 18 Hole, Tour, and College Divisions):

Nolan Toovey – Junior Golf Director – ntoovey@pgahq.com

Junior Development Tour (JDT):

Gavin Hagar – Director of Youth Programs Development

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All Junior Members will receive the following:

- Ability to sign up for Spring, Summer and Fall Series Events for the 2018 Season
- Golf Pass Book with discounts and free rounds, as well as range balls at select golf courses
- Up-to-Date USGA rulebook
- Membership and Tee Gifts
- GHIN Handicap Membership
- Member PLUS will be eligible for early registration to spring, fall and summer events
- Member PLUS will be eligible for discounts on spring and fall events.

Types of Membership

Gateway Junior PGA Member PLUS-

- Cost: \$100
- Access to all Spring, Summer and Fall events
- Early registration period for Spring, Summer, and Fall Tournaments
- Discount on Spring and Fall events.
- Receive a junior passbook and membership gifts.

Gateway Junior PGA Member-

- Cost: \$75
- Access to all of the Spring, Summer, and Fall events
- Receive a junior passbook and membership gifts.

Family Discount

If you have more than one child participating in the Gateway PGA Junior Tour you are eligible for our family discount! Receive \$25 credit for each additional sibling that registers as a Gateway PGA Member. Please contact the Gateway Junior PGA Staff for more details.

BLUE GOLF and Player's Club Membership

Blue Golf is the tournament administration software that the Gateway PGA uses for all tournament operations.

Player's Club	
Id:	<input type="text"/>
PWD:	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Remember me
<input type="submit" value="Submit"/>	
New member? Sign up now!	
Forgot your password?	
Powered by BlueGolf	

The Blue Golf program will allow our Junior Golfers to:

- Register and pay for tournaments online
- Interactive online calendar of events
- Create player profiles with pictures and side-by-side player comparisons
- Receive tee times and tournament results online and via email
- Track scoring averages and statistics
- View player scorecards from current and previous events
- View up-to-date Player of the Year Points
- Stay connected with fellow competitors through online directories
- View course info, scorecards, directions, weather, and more

Blue Golf will enhance our ability to communicate while allowing our juniors and parents the benefit of tracking their game through the use of advanced technology. Blue Golf has the ability to work in sync with our website to produce up to the minute results, tee times, and player of the year points.

Blue Golf also offers an additional feature with its' Player's Club Membership. This cost is \$30 for the year. The benefits of the Player's Club Membership are:

- Tracking of Greens in Regulation
- Tracking of Putts Per Round and Fairways Hit
- In-Depth analysis of your strengths and weaknesses from the season
- Player's Club is a great opportunity to show coaches your stats for the season!

If you have trouble with your log in information, please contact Nolan Toovey at ntoovey@pgahq.com or call (636) 486-4062.

Eligibility for all Junior Tour Events

Boys and girls from age 8, as of June 1, 2018, to the graduating high school seniors who are not over 19 years of age as of August 6, 2018 and who have not yet participated in college academic or athletic programs on a fulltime basis, are eligible to participate. Registration begins January 8th 2018.

* Age as of June 1, 2018 will determine age division placement for the 2018 season. *

If a player wishes to play up an age group or division, they must complete a "Play Up" form. [Click Here for play up form](#)

Summer Tournament Divisions: Gateway Junior PGA Tour Division

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Tour Division is to provide advanced golfers with tournaments that will help them build their golf resume and is designed for the highly competitive or college-bound golfer. The Tour Division has 5, two-day, nationally-ranked events on schedule. It also has 10 “Tour Tune-Up” events. These are single day events designed to keep your game in gear in-between two day tournaments. This division is designed to have the highest level of competition of all Gateway PGA Junior divisions.

Description:

Format: 36 holes, stroke play, played in one day or over the course of two days.

Tour Tune-Up: 18 holes of stroke play.

Age divisions: Boys and Girls ages 12-19 are eligible to play in the Tour. In order to create a true “tour” feel, there are no age categories within the Tour, only divisions made by gender. All boys will go head-to-head and all girls will go head-to-head, creating a highly competitive field.

Additional Information: All two day tournaments are open to collegiate athletes allowing players of this division to compare themselves to current college players, on the same course, under the same conditions!

Two-Day Events include a lunch, tee gifts, and range balls!

Yardage: All Players will compete from collegiate yardage.

- Boys 6,400+ Yards
- Girls 5,800 + Yards

Requirements: Boys must have a GHIN handicap of 14 or below and must maintain an 90 or below average while competing on the Tour. Girls must have GHIN handicap of 24 or below and must maintain a 95 average. If an average is not maintained you may

be asked to move back down to the regular 18 Hole Division. A GHIN handicap membership is included in your GJPGA membership.

Awards: Flags will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. As well, Player of the Year points will be awarded to the top ten finishers. All two day tournament results will be sent to National Junior Golf Scoreboard and our college coach's database. Tour events are subject also to receiving AJGA Performance Based Entry Stars.

Cost Per Event: \$125- Two Day Events

\$45-\$55 -Tour Tune-Up

Gateway Junior PGA 18 Hole Division

Mission Statement:

The mission of the 18 Hole Division is to provide single day, professionally run 18 Hole events for the golfer still on the cusp of highly competitive competition and looking to grow in their tournament experience. The goal of the 18 Hole Division is to provide competition without the intimidation that the Tour Division brings. This division is designed as the step above the 9 Hole Division and for players who are not yet ready for the Tour Division.

Ability to play in 2-Day events. For more info reference page 5 of this manual.

Format: 18 holes of stroke play (single day)

Age Divisions:

- **Boys:** 12-13, 14-15, 16-19
- **Girls:** 12-14 and 15-19

Yardage:

- 18 Hole 12-13 Boys: 5,200-5,600 yards (2-Day events 5,800 -6,000 yards)
- 18 Hole 14-15,16-19 Boys: 6,000-6,200 yards (2-Day events 6,300+ yards)
- 18 Hole Girls 15-19 5,200-5,500 yards (2-Day events 5,500+ yards)
- 18 Hole Girls 12-14 4,800-5,200 yards (5,000 - 5,200 yards)

Requirements:

Boys must maintain an average below 100 and girls must maintain an average below 110. Any player who does not maintain the above average requirements will be asked to move down to the 9 Hole Division

Awards:

Medals will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and Player of the Year points will be awarded to the top ten finishers.

Cost per event: \$45 - \$55, 2-Day events \$125

Gateway Junior PGA 9 Hole Division

Mission Statement:

The Mission of the 9 Hole Division is to introduce the beginner golfer to tournament play. The goal of the 9 Hole Division is to prepare golfers for moving up the tournament ladder. This division is designed for the golfer that is not yet at the 18 Hole Division level but are ready to start competitive golf.

Description:

Format: 9 holes of stroke play

Age Divisions:

- **Boys** 9 & under, 10-11, 12-13, 14-19
- **Girls** 9 & under, 10-11, 12-13, 14-19

Yardage:

- Boys and Girls: 2,500-2,900 yards
- 9 & Under Boys & Girls: 2,000-2,300 yards

Stroke Limits:

- 10 Stroke limit on a hole- Once a player has played 9 strokes they **MUST** pick up their ball and record a 10 on the card and proceed to the next hole.

Caddies: 9 & under and 10-11 divisions only

Requirements:

Boys and Girls must average below 65.

Awards:

Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers, as well as Player of the Year points for the top ten finishers.

Cost Per Event: \$25 - \$35

Spring and Fall Series

Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Gateway Junior PGA Spring and Fall Series is to offer competitive golf experience for players year round. The goal is to help players maintain their game in the off-season, or help them prepare for their upcoming season. These tournaments will have broader age divisions than during the Summer and not as many requirements to play.

Description:

Format: 18 or 9 holes of stroke play

Ages:

- **18 Hole Boys:** 15 & UP, 14 & Under
- **18 Hole Girls:** 15 & UP, 14 & Under

- **9 Hole Boys** 11 & Under, 12-14, 15 & UP
- **9 Hole Girls** 11 & Under, 12-14, 15 & UP

Yardage: Approximate subject to course conditions and set up.

- 18 Hole Boys 14 & Under: 5,200-5,600 yards
- 18 Hole Boys 15 & UP: 6,000-6,200 yards
- 18 Hole Girls 15 & UP 5,200-5,500 yards
- 18 Hole Girls 14 & Under 4,800-5,200 yards
- 9 Hole Boys and Girls: 2,500-2,900 yards

Requirements:

Tournaments are open to Members and Non-Members. It is the responsibility of the players to have an understanding of the rules of golf

*Please note that registration deadlines and withdraw deadlines are slightly different than the Summer Series

Cost per event: varies per division and type of membership

Gateway Junior PGA Tournament Rules

The following are rules that will be implemented and followed at every Gateway PGA Junior event. The rules are in addition to the 2012-2018 USGA rules of golf.

Distance Measuring Devices (Appendix 1, Part B)

During any Gateway Junior PGA Event, a player may obtain distance information by using a competition conforming yardage device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions such as, slope or wind speed, that player is in breach of Rule 14-3, and will be disqualified.

A player may share yardage that they measure with fellow players in their group, as yardage is public information and NOT advice.

Cellphones or any other electronic communication devices that are not solely designed for measuring yardage are prohibited. The use of such items will result in disqualification.

Conforming Driver Heads, Clubs, and Golf Balls (Appendix 1, Part C)

List of conforming Driver Heads— A player must play with a driver that is listed on the current conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA

List of conforming Golf Ball- A player must play with a ball that is listed on the List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA

One Ball Rule- will not be in effect for Gateway Junior PGA tournaments.

Pace of Play Policy/Guidelines

Rule 6-7 of the USGA Rules of Golf states: "The player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which the Committee may establish. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player shall not unduly delay play."

Note 1: If the player unduly delays play between holes, he is delaying the play of the next hole and the penalty applies to that hole.

Note 2: For the purpose of preventing slow play, the Committee may, in the condition of a competition (Rule 33-1) lay down pace of play guidelines including maximum periods of time allowed to complete a stipulated round, a hole or a stroke.

The Gateway PGA Junior Golf Tour does not wish to apply penalties for undue delay. However, we insist that, in the interest of all, the pace of play be reasonable. We believe that, it would be reasonable for a group of three (3) players to take 15 minutes, on average, per hole. Meaning an 18-hole round should be completed in less than 4 hours and 30 minutes and a 9-hole round should be completed in less than 2 hours and 15 minutes.

A group/competitor is considered out of position if at any point in the round:

- A group falls behind allotted time for holes already play, and;
- A group falls behind more than 14:59 to the group in front of them.
- A player is taking more than the allotted time to play a stroke (40 sec from the time you arrive at your ball).

When a group is out of position the following will occur

- 1) Group will be approached and discuss why group is behind
- 2) If a group falls behind more than 14:59 to the group in front of them, a PACE OF PLAY warning sign will be placed on the group's next tee box. That group will have THREE holes to catch up with the group in front of them. If the group is unable to regain proper position, EACH player in the group will be assessed a stroke penalty.
- 3) Next violation a two-stroke penalty will be assessed

4) Any further violation will result in disqualification (DQ)

Gateway PGA Junior Golf Tour on-site administrators will be monitoring the Pace of Play of all groups. We sincerely request your cooperation. If all competitors will cooperate, each event will be a more pleasant experience for everyone.

Pace of Play Tips

1. Our goal is to educate and inform our members on ways to continually improve pace of play. We realize that there are many factors that can affect the pace of play on any given day, however the bottom line is that slow play affects not only the players in the tournament, but it also affects the Gateway PGA Junior Golf Tour Staff, the host facility and parents of the players.

Play “ready” Golf. This is where order of play is based on who's ready, not on who's away.

2. Place your bag across from you, not behind you when you get to your next shot.

3. Members of a group should not travel as a pack, with all members walking together to the first ball, then the second, and so on. Each member of the group should walk directly to his own ball.

4. Use the time you spend getting to your ball to think about the next shot - the yardage, and club selection. When you reach your ball you'll then need less time to figure out the shot.

5. If you are unsure whether your ball has come to rest out of bounds, or may be lost, immediately hit a provisional ball so that you won't have to return to the spot to replay the shot.

6. Begin reading the green and lining up putts as soon as you reach the green. Don't wait until it's your turn to putt to start the process of reading the green. Do it as soon as you reach the green so that when it's your turn you can step right up and putt.

7. Never delay making a stroke because you're having a conversation with a playing partner. Put the conversation on hold; make your stroke, then pick up the conversation again.

8. After putting out, don't stand around the green chatting or take any practice putting strokes. Leave the green quickly so the group behind can play.

Rule 3-3

In stroke play, if a player is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure during the play of a hole, he may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls. The player must announce to his group that they are going to play two balls and which ball he wishes to count if the rules permit. The players must report the facts of the situation to the GATEWAY PGA Staff before returning his score card. If the player does not report the situation they will be disqualified.

Transporting Players

Any player who accepts any form of transportation during a tournament round will be given a **2 stroke penalty**. The only time a player may accept transportation is when the Tournament Committee authorizes them to do so.

Time of Starting and Groups (Rule 6-3)

A player must start at the time established by the Committee. IF the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes. If a player arrives five minutes after his starting time then they are disqualified. (There is no exception for traffic, construction, going to the wrong golf course, or not waking up on time).

Groups: Players must remain throughout the round in the group they began the round with. Unless authorized to change by the Gateway Junior PGA Staff. **Penalty: disqualification**

Suspension of play for a Dangerous Reason (6-8)

A suspension for a dangerous situation shall be signaled by one prolonged horn blast.

When play is suspended for a dangerous situation, i.e., lightning, tornado, etc. if the players groups are between the play of two holes, they shall NOT resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play immediately and shall not thereafter resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. Players should MARK their balls before proceeding to safety. Spectators, in this situation, may transport players to safety.

All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open for use.

Penalty: Disqualification.

Along with severe weather, temperature plays a role in whether or not a tournament will be conducted. If the forecast permits the Junior Program Staff, Committee, and facility staff will be in communication about playable conditions. There are multiple variables when considering playable temperature (precipitation, wind, cloud cover). The Junior Golf Committee reserves the right to cancel any event in the interest of safety for junior competitors.

Scoring Area (Rule 6-6)

A player is to report immediately to the scoring area after their round is completed. At this time players must sit down, check their hole by hole scores, report any rulings or questions, and sign their scorecards. Absolutely no alteration can be made once a player leaves the scoring area. The scoring area will be defined by rope or tape. In situations when rope or tape is not present, the scoring table and chairs will define the scoring area. A player is deemed to have left the scoring area when they have either 1.) Stepped out of the area with both feet or 2.) Left their chair at the scoring table.

Penalties for Disqualification of a Player may include:

- Signing for a lower score than the player actually shot

- Not having two signatures on the score card
- Not reporting a rules infraction to the committee.

If a number is not legible on a scorecard, and a player has left the scoring area, then the player is subject to the score the Committee infers the number to be.

To avoid this:

- Make sure all numbers are neatly written and bold.
- If you have to scratch out and change a score, write the correct score above or below the box and have your marker initial by the number.
- Stay seated until the Gateway PGA Staff member has verbalized your total score back to you.

PARENTS AND SPECTATORS ARE NEVER TO BE PRESENT IN THE SCORING AREA UNLESS AUTHORIZED TO DO SO, BY A GATEWAY JUNIOR PGA STAFF MEMBER. ANY VIOLATION OF THIS WILL RESULT IN THAT INDIVIDUAL BEING BANNED FROM ALL GJPGA EVENTS.

Awards and Ties

At the conclusion of each event, medals will be awarded in each age group for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. In the case of ties, for 9 Hole division matching cards we will determine the winner on the basis of the best score for holes 4-9, holes 7-9, the 9th hole, and finally hole by hole going backwards starting with #9. For 18 Hole Division matching cards we will determine the winner on the basis of the best score for holes 10-18, holes 13-18, holes 16-18, the 18th hole, and finally hole by hole going backwards starting with #18. There are certain tournaments throughout the season in which a playoff will be used to determine medalist ties (example: qualifiers and championships). This information can be found on the Notice to Competitors for that event.

Junior Golf Regulations

Tournament Registration:

All tournament registration must be done through the Junior Golf webpage. Juniors may play in as many events as they desire. A player may only register for a tournament for the division which they stipulated at the beginning of the season. (Please see "Playing Up" for changing divisions once the season has begun.)

There will be NO LATE REGISTRATIONS accepted. Deadlines for tournament registration are as follows:

- Summer Events: Tuesday at Midnight for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday events. Thursday at Midnight for Thursday and Friday events. (all the week prior)
- Spring and Fall: Tuesday at Midnight the week before the event.

Tournaments are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each tournament payment must be accepted manually. It may take up to 2-3 days for your email confirmation of acceptance into an event. We appreciate your patience.

Wait List Policy:

At times throughout the season, the Gateway Junior PGA experiences more registrants for a tournament than the event can accommodate. For this reason, the Gateway Junior PGA allows for additional registrants to be put on a wait list on a first-come, first-served basis for each tournament once the maximum field size has been reached. Each online registrant will be notified via email that they will be put on a wait list. We recommend that you wait list only if:

- You make yourself available for a last minute notification

- You live nearby
- You plan on being in the area for another reason

The reason for this recommendation is that almost all withdrawals and/or cancellations occur within 1 week of the tournament date, if not a day or two before the tournament due to illness, injury or family emergency, and thus do not allow for an adequate time for most people to make the appropriate arrangements.

All Wait List decisions are at the discretion of the Junior Golf Director

If you are on the Wait List, please adhere to the following procedures:

- If you wish to check the availability of an event more than 3 days prior to the tournament date, you may send 1 email to the Junior Golf Director.
- If you wish to check your position on the Wait List by phone and it's less than 3 days prior to the tournament date, you may make 1 phone call to the Junior Golf Director at (636) 486-4062 (To better and timely serve all members, please make 1 email or phone call in regards to your position on the waiting list).
- If you wish to remove your name from the Wait List, please log-in to your Player's Club Account and cancel your registration.

A player on the Wait List will not be charged until they have confirmed they would like to play in the event. If this process is not met or the player does not wish to participate in the event, the player will not be charged.

Playing Up an Age Division or Switching Divisions during season:

A player may play up an age division if they are able to maintain a competitive score for the division they wish to play up in. Once a player decides to play up an age division they may NOT go back to the original age division that they started in.

A player who wishes to switch divisions during a season may do so as well. They must be able to maintain the requirements for these divisions. Players are not allowed to switch to a lower division; they may only switch to a higher one.

Once a player plays up in age or a player switches a division they may not go back down in age or division. Also, when a player switches divisions and ages they forfeit the Player of the Year points accumulated up until that point and championship qualifying status.

In order to switch a player to a different division or age, a "Play Up" form must be completed. The "Play Up" form can be found on the Junior Website. The Gateway Junior PGA reserves the right to deny a players request to play up.

Pairings and Tee Times:

Tee times and pairings will always be sent out the Thursday Afternoon or Friday Morning the week before an event. Starting times are different for each event and can be found on the Tournament Information Page. Starting times are at the discretion of the Golf Course and are subject to change. Tee times and pairings are made randomly through our Blue Golf software; therefore, the Gateway Junior PGA CAN NOT and WILL NOT accept tee time or pairing requests. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Membership Refund:

Prior to May 1st, 2018 refunds are made only in the case of a medical emergency, provided you have not competed in an event. After May 1st, 2018, no refunds are available. Membership expires on December 31st, 2018. Credits are not transferable from year-to-year.

Withdraw Policy and Tournament Refunds:

In order to provide accurate and quality tournament administration, a player must properly withdraw from a tournament in one of two ways: You may either cancel out through the tournament's home page in Blue Golf or email/call the Junior Golf Director. The reach out must include the name of the contestant, the date and location of the event, and how you wish for the credit to be applied or to which event you wish to transfer. Please see the proper procedures for cancelling below:

Withdrawing before the event registration closes:

If the registration for the event has not closed, Thursday before midnight week before the event(summer), or Midnight of the Sunday before the event(spring) the player has the ability to cancel out of an event through Blue Golf or via email and may receive a refund either:

- 1.) On their credit card (Minus a \$5 processing fee).
- 2.) In the form of tournament credit. (Minus a \$5 processing fee).
- 3.) Transfer into an Open Event. (Must withdraw via email to transfer).

Withdrawing from an event after registration has closed:

If a player must cancel out of an event after the event has closed they must withdraw via email. A \$10.00 cancellation fee will be charged. The player has the ability to receive a refund either:

- 1.) On their credit card (Minus a \$10 processing fee).
- 2.) In the Form of Tournament Credit (Minus a \$10 processing fee).
- 3.) Transfer into an Open Event.

Withdrawing the Day Before or the Day of an Event:

There will be NO REFUNDS for Withdraws the day before or the day of the event.*
To avoid No Show Penalty's the Gateway PGA must be notified via email, before the event begins that the player will be absent.

**Considerations will be made for extraordinary circumstances*

Notes for Withdrawal:

All tournament credits remaining after the final Fall Event will be forfeited.

Players who do not withdraw in accordance with this policy will forfeit their entry fee for that event

No monetary credit can be applied to the Final Championship entry fee.

No Show Policy

If a player fails to withdraw from an event in accordance with the withdrawal policy, and does not play, it will be considered a No-Show and tournament credit will not be authorized. If a player fails to show up for the second round of a two day event, without discussing it with the Tournament director, they will be recorded as a NS.

Penalty:

First Offense: Player will be sent an email warning.

Second Offense: Player will be removed from their next event without refund. If they are not registered for another event, the player will remain ineligible for one week of the season. Player will not be eligible for the Final Championship at the end of the year, Player of the Year and the Low Stroke Average.

Third Offense: Player will be ineligible for the remainder of the season. No Refunds will be issued.

No Card Policy

If a player starts a round and does not turn in a score card with valid scores for the day, a NC will be posted as the player's score. Any player who leaves the course without notifying the Gateway Junior PGA Staff will be recorded as a NC. The only way to have a Justified Withdrawal during an event is to prove that the junior is seriously ill and physically unable to complete the round.

Penalty:

First Offense: Player will be sent an email warning.

Second Offense: Player will be removed from their next event without refund. If they are not registered for another event, the player will remain ineligible for one week of the season. Player will not be eligible for the Final Championship at the end of the year, Player of the Year and the Low Stroke Average.

Third Offense: Player will be ineligible for the remainder of the season. No Refunds will be issued.

Rain and Policy

We will do our best to call the event NO LATER than one hour prior to the first tee time for the day. All cancellations or delays will be communicated via email. No rain-dates are available. If an event is cancelled due to weather, the junior MUST check the schedule for another event that is not filled, and call or email gatewaypga@gmail.com with the tournament you would like to enter that event at no additional charge. Credits will not be given if a 9 hole event completes five holes of play or an 18 hole event completes 9 holes of play or a Tour event completes 18 holes, no rescheduling will be allowed. Medals will be awarded. *The same rule goes for uncompleted rounds due to daylight or severe weather.

Player of the Year

The top ten finishers in each division at every tournament will be awarded points. The Player of the Year will be determined by total points, from player's top 7 finishes (4 for the Tour division). Once the season finishes, the Player of the Year is awarded to the boy and girl in each division with the most amount of points. If there is a tie for Player of the Year, the next best finish outside the 7 counted, will be the tie breaker.

Throughout the season, the accumulation of points will count toward the Championship Tournament at the end of the season. Invitations to this tournament will be given based on number of points. At the Championship tournament, the top ten finishers will be awarded double points.

Final Championships

Ways to earn an invitation to the final championships:

- Being one of the top ten Players of the Year as of July 20th, 2018
- Medaling (1st, 2nd or 3rd place) at any of the events during the summer.

Final Championships will take place during the last week of July. Tour/18 July 23rd – 24th and 9 Hole/JDT July 26th – 27th

- The Junior Golf Board may also extend invitations to the Championship based upon support of the program, sportsmanship, and field size.

Gateway PGA Junior Publicity and Broadcasting Policy

In consideration of the player's participation in the Gateway PGA Junior Program, the applicant and the parent/guardian do hereby release the Gateway PGA to the recording and/or transmission of his/her voice and image and to being filmed, videotaped, photographed and/or televised in connection with his/her participation in the Gateway PGA Junior Program conducted in conjunction with the events: waives, releases and assigns his/her private rights to: the production, reproduction, publication and dissemination of any recordings. Transmissions, video recordings, motion pictures, photographs, images and all other electronic transmissions which depict him/her as a participant in the Gateway PGA program or any affiliates or use in connection with advertising, promoting, publicizing the programs or any broadcast thereof, and subsequent events in perpetuity. The applicant grants and assigns his/her individual media/photo rights in perpetuity respecting participation in the competition without exception to the sponsors, the Gateway PGA Section. A parent/guardian signature or agreement will be required when entry applications are processed by the Gateway PGA or online with Blue Golf.

Conduct of Players and Spectators

Conduct of Players

Inappropriate behavior by any junior, witnessed by our staff, fellow competitor, or employee of the host facility will result in the player immediately being disqualified from the current event and their next event without a refund.

Inappropriate behavior could include, but is not limited to: the use of improper language, dressing in non-golf attire, throwing clubs, damaging the course, failure to repair ball marks on the greens or replace divots on the course, cheating, talking while a fellow competitor is playing a shot, knowingly violating the rules of golf, affecting play of another, overall display of poor sportsmanship or the use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs.

Conduct of Spectators

Spectators are welcomed and encouraged to attend events. Rules for spectators are as follows:

Advice (Rule 8) 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. In addition, any conversation between player/spectator may be construed as advice. This includes any conversation between player/spectator in their native language. In either instance, penalty for breach of this rule is two strokes.

Players are responsible for the actions of their relatives and spectators in regards to this rule. Penalty: 2 strokes on the Player

- **Example of Advice:** “Take an Unplayable Lie”, “Take two club lengths”, “Hit a 5 wood”, “Keep your head down”, “Do not hit that”, “Go for the Green”
- **Public information such as yardage and Hole Location is not considered advice.**
- Keeping the above in mind, keep your conversation with player to **words of encouragement** as long as advice is not given.
- Please turn off all cell phones or turn your ringer to silent or vibrate mode while on the course.
- Spectators should **remain on the cart paths at all times!** Spectators should remain a minimum of **50 yards** from players at all times. (Please see next bullet point for the **ONLY** exception).
- Spectators should stay one shot ahead of the group they are following. This allows spectators to follow errant shots and help identify where the ball comes to rest. **Spectators are allowed to aid in the search for lost golf balls in overgrown and hazardous areas, BUT must immediately return to the cart path once the ball has been found.**
- Spectators should **not** give rulings. Please seek a marshal or rules official if the need arises.
- Spectators are allowed to carry medicine, drinks, food, umbrellas, etc.
- The Rules Official may assess a penalty to the player based on the severity of the spectator violation. If a serious breach has occurred, the spectator may be asked to leave the facility.
- For your personal safety, we ask you exercise caution at all times. When inclement weather moves into the area, play will be suspended and you should seek shelter immediately. Players will be evacuated from the course first and then spectators.
- Spectators must **NEVER** transport players during the event unless authorized to do so by the committee. Transporting a player can result in the player being disqualified.

The Gateway Junior PGA staff reserves the right, without warning, to remove any Spectator to leave the facility at any time for an infraction of these rules.

Cheating and Dishonesty

The Gateway Junior PGA has a ZERO TOLERANCE cheating policy:

- Any player who witnesses a fellow competitor cheating or committing a rules infraction is to notify their playing group and the player who committed the infraction. Juniors are to report rules infractions IMMEDIATELY to the Gateway Junior PGA Staff.
- If a Gateway PGA Staff Member witnesses cheating or a rules infraction, they will approach and disqualify the player immediately.
- Any Spectator who is caught cheating for their player will result in automatic removal from the program for the player with NO Refunds.
- Penalties for cheating will be as follows, depending on the severity of the situation: 1.) Immediate Disqualification from event and notification to parents of the situation, 2.) Removal from next event with no refund or 3.) Removal from the Gateway Junior PGA Program, with no refund.

Dress Code

Proper attire is required at *all* tournaments, events and/or functions. The dress code prohibits shoes with metal spikes, short shorts (finger tips must touch bottom of short or skirt), halter tops, shirts exposing mid riffs, tank tops, T-shirts, gym shorts, and all denim. (No visible body piercing is permitted; however, girls may wear earrings.) All hats must be worn properly, bill forward; collared shirts must be worn and tucked in

(girls may wear shirts without collars if the shirt is part of a coordinated outfit). Any violation of this rule results in either disqualification or the junior not being allowed to participate until he/she has met the above regulations. Spectators at private clubs must adhere to player dress code policy. If not in proper attire, spectators may not follow the golfers and must leave the facility.