

# 2021 Divisions & Events

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The Gateway PGA Junior Tour is dedicated to helping our community's youth learn and grow within the game of golf. In order to provide the best experience possible for juniors at all levels, we have a wide scope of competitive & development junior golf options.

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## JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT TOUR

### **Ages 5-14**

Junior Development Tour offers a non-intimidating, FUN, focused, junior golf environment proposed to foster friendships, inspire commitment and offer guidance in skill development. JDT events include shortened golf courses, stroke limits, parent caddies, levels of progressions, and rules of golf learning components.



## JUNIOR TOUR

### **Ages: 8-19**

The Gateway PGA Junior Tour is home to one of the largest Junior Golf programs in the country. Each year, the Junior Program serves nearly 1,000 Junior Members and their families. The Gateway PGA Junior Tour offers several age groups and provides 9 Hole, 18 Hole, & Tour division options to best fit your junior's skill level and help them to reach their goals in competition & the development of the golf game.

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### **Eligibility:**

**Age as of June 1, 2021 will determine age division placement for the 2021 Season.**

Boys and girls from age 8 (as of June 1, 2021) to the graduating high school seniors who are not over 19 years of age as of August 6, 2021 and who have not yet participated in college academic or athletic programs on a fulltime basis, are eligible to participate.

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# Gateway PGA Junior Development Tour



## What to Expect at a JDT Event?

Each JDT event will offer those in attendance the opportunity to learn the rules & regulations of golf, and to further the junior's skill development during the on-course 9-hole play. The type of learning component will vary from event to event to keep the format from getting stagnant over the course of the year.

### **Learning & Skill Development Components:**

Environment Geared Towards Fun & Development

3 Level Progression System

Target Scores to Inspire Motivation

Parent Caddies

Rule of the Day

JDT's Rules of Golf Cheat Sheet

## JDT Levels of Progression

**Level 1 – Fairway Finders**

**Level 2 – Birdie Ballers**

**Level 3 – Links Legends**

**JDT Teens (Level 3)**

Level 1: Fairway Finders	Level 2: Birdie Ballers	Level 3: Links Legends	Level 3: JDT Teens
1,000 – 1,300 yards	1,300 – 1650 yards	1,650 – 2,000 yards	1,650 – 2,000 yards

Juniors advance to the next level by shooting **Instant Scores & Average Scores**.

**Instant Score** – Allows your junior to “instantly” move up to the next level of play

**Average Score** – Your junior must successfully shoot an average score (3) times throughout the year (Spring – Summer – Fall seasons) to move up to the next level of play

All target scores (Instant & Average) will be posted on the event's information page.

Juniors that have previously played in the Gateway PGA's JDT will be given a recommended level of play. ALL Gateway PGA JDT Team recommendations are final. New juniors must first play in Level 1 -Fairway Finders (OR) Ask your junior's coach/PGA Pro to contact the Gateway PGA to recommend a specific division of play.

# Gateway PGA Junior Tour



## Summer Tournament Divisions

### **9 Hole Division**

(Age Divisions)

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

Girls: 11 & under, 12-13, 14-19

### **18 Hole Division**

(Age Divisions)

Boys: 12-13, 14-15, 16-19

Girls: 12-14, 15-19

### **Tour Division**

(Ages: 12-19)

Tour Boys Division

Tour Girls Division

## Spring/Fall Tournament Divisions

### **9 Hole Division**

(Age Divisions)

Boys: 11 & under, 12-13, 14 & Up

Girls: 11 & under, 12-13, 14 & Up

### **18 Hole Division**

(Age Divisions)

Boys: 14 & Under, 14 & Up

Girls: 14 & Under, 14 & Up

## 9 Hole Division

The **9 Hole Division** introduces 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.

**Boys:** 9 & Under, 10-11, 12-13, 14-19

**Girls:** 11 & Under, 12-13, 14-19

**Eligibility:** Boys and Girls must average below 65 for 9 holes.

**Caddies:** 9 & under and 10-11 divisions only

**Stroke Limits:** 10 Stroke limits on each hole

**Yardages:**

- Ages 11 & Under: Approximately 1,900-2,000 yards
- Ages 12 & Up: Approximately 2,300-2,600 yards (may vary by age group)

**Awards:** Medals awarded to top three finishers & Player of the Year points for the top ten finishers.

**Eligible Event Types:**

- Single day 9-hole events
- Players who place top 3 in any summer event will be invited to compete in the 2-Day Junior Tour 9 Hole Final Championship at Spencer T. Olin Golf Course on July 27-28, 2021



## 18 Hole & Tour Divisions

The **18 Hole Division** provides professionally run 1-day and 2-day 18 hole events for the golfer 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.

**18 Hole Boys:** 12-13, 14-15, 16-19

**18 Hole Girls:** 12-14, 15-19

**18 Hole Boys Eligibility:** Maintain a stroke average below 100

**18 Hole Girls Eligibility:** Maintain a stroke average below 110

**Caddies:** No caddies allowed

**Stroke Limits:** No stroke limits; players must finish every hole

**18 Hole Division Yardages:**

- 18 Hole Boys 12-13: 5,200 – 5,600 yards
- 18 Hole Boys 14-15 : 5,800 – 6,200 yards
- 18 Hole Boys 16-19: 6,000 – 6,200 yards
- 18 Hole Girls 12-14: 4,800 – 5,200 yards
- 18 Hole Girls 15-19: 5,000-5,500 yards



# Tour Division

The **Tour Division** is designed for the highly competitive or college-bound golfer looking for tournament experience that will help them build their golf resume. This division generally plays longer course yardages and is designed to have the highest level of competition of all Gateway PGA Junior divisions. Tour Division players are encouraged to focus on our 2-day, nationally ranked events. Tour Division players may play in our single-day 18 hole tournaments as well, but with the goal of sharpening their skills and mental game in between 2-day tournaments.

**Tour Division Age Requirement:** 12-19

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.



**Tour Boys Eligibility:** Maintain a stroke average below 90

**Tour Girls Eligibility:** Maintain a stroke average below 95

**Caddies:** No caddies allowed

**Stroke Limits:** No stroke limits; players must finish every hole

**Tour Yardages:**

- All Players will compete from collegiate yardage.
- Boys: 6,300+ yards (6,600+ yards for 2-Day Events)
- Girls: 5,600 + yards (5,800+ yards for 2-Day Events)

**18 Hole & Tour Division Awards:**

- 1-Day Events: Medals awarded to top three finishers
- 2-Day Events: Trophies awarded to top three finishers
- Player of the Year points for the top ten finishers
- 2-Day and Championship events are subject to receiving AJGA Performance Based Entry Stars.
- All 2-Day Events results are sent to National Junior Golf Scoreboard and Junior Golf Hub’s college recruiting platform.
- & MORE!

**18 Hole & Tour Division Eligible Event Types:**

- Single day 18 hole events
- 2-Day Events (seeing following page)
- Qualifying juniors may be invited to any of the following events:
  - Gateway PGA Junior Match Play Championship @ Sunset Hills Country Club (July 14-17)
  - Gateway PGA Junior Tour Final Championship @ WingHaven Country Club (Aug. 2-3)
  - Cobra Puma Junior Cup Matches @ Sunnyside Country Club in Waterloo, IA (June 4-5)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Prep Tour vs. Gateway PGA Junior Tour Challenge Cup (details TBA)

## 2-Day Events



### About:

Each summer the Gateway PGA Junior Tour hosts a series of national ranked 2-Day Junior Tournaments. These events are held in the spirit of excellence & professionalism, officiated by local PGA Professionals and held at the top golf courses and country clubs throughout the Gateway Section. 2-Day events are designed for the highly competitive or college-bound junior golfer. These events are necessary for any junior aspiring to take their game to their next level. Additional benefits include National Junior Golf Scoreboard recognition, opportunity to qualify for the National Junior PGA Championship, and potential to earn AJGA Performance Based Entry Stars.

### Available Divisions:

18 Hole Boys (12-14, 13-15, 16-19)  
18 Hole Girls (12-14, 15-19)  
Tour Boys & Tour Girls

### Awards & Competition:

- **Inner Division Competitions** – Trophies will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and Player of the Year points will be awarded to the top ten finishers
- **Overall Competitions**
  - 18 Hole Boys 12-14 and 18 Hole Girls 12-14 will play from shorter yardages and are not eligible for the overall competition & awards
  - (Overall Champions are subject to receiving AJGA stars)

### Race to the Junior PGA Championship:

- Gateway PGA Junior Tour members have a qualify for the Girls & Boys Junior PGA Championship at PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, FL
- Each the Gateway PGA hosts a 2-Day Qualifier for one boy & one girl to earn a spot to the Championship (Gateway Jr. PGA Champ. @ Spencer T. Olin – June 1-2, 2021)
- Juniors also have the chance to earn an At-Large spot (one boy spot & one girl spot per year) by earning points in the Overall Competition at eligible 2-Day events
  - 18 Hole Boys 12-14 & 18 Hole Girls 12-14 are not eligible to earn the at-large positions

### AJGA Performance Based Entry Stars:

- 2-Day Junior Tour events are subject to receiving AJGA Performance Based Entry Stars
- The AJGA (American Junior Golf Association) hosts highly competitive, nationally esteemed junior events designed to promote juniors who aspire to earn college golf scholarships
- AJGA Stars allow for juniors to earn exemptions to play in AJGA golf events.
- More info on AJGA stars and events: [How to Play in the AJGA?](#)

### National Junior Golf Scoreboard:

- All 2-day tournament results are sent to [National Junior Golf Scoreboard](#)
- The National Junior Golf Scoreboard is used by college coaches throughout the country to recruit junior golfer everywhere

### Junior Golf Hub:

- All 2-day tournament results are sent to [Junior Golf Hub](#)'s college recruiting platform. Players with Junior Golf Hub membership's results will be automatically added to their online profile.