
Gateway PGA Junior Golf Membership Guide

2023

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WELCOME TO 2023

GATEWAY PGA JUNIOR GOLF

Dear Junior Golfers and Parents,

On behalf of Gateway PGA Junior Golf, the PGA REACH Gateway Foundation and the Gateway PGA Member Golf Professionals, we would like to welcome you to our 2023 Junior Golf Program. Thank you for joining us for another great year of junior golf in the Gateway Section! In this packet will find all the information you will need regarding your Gateway PGA Junior Golf Membership.

ABOUT:



PGA

Gateway Section

The Gateway PGA is one of 41 sections of the PGA of America that in total services over 28,000 golf professionals who are ready to help you further your love for the game of golf. The Gateway PGA is made up of over 300 Golf Professionals in Eastern Missouri and Southern Illinois. Gateway PGA Section staff and Gateway PGA golf professionals are dedicated to the future of the game and recognize the importance of junior golf in growing of the game.

We are excited to welcome you into the Gateway PGA Junior Golf Family!

ABOUT:



PGA REACH Gateway is the 501(c)(3) charitable foundation of the Gateway PGA Section. The Gateway PGA REACH Foundation exists to positively impact lives through the community of golf.

Impact is made across 3 pillars: youth, military, diversity & inclusion. Impact is made possible through the generosity of donors and the commitment of local PGA Professionals, Gateway PGA Foundation staff members, its Board of Directors, and Gateway PGA REACH President Ozzie Smith.

YOUTH



MILITARY



DIVERSITY & INCLUSION



For more information: www.gatewaypga.org/pga-reach

ABOUT: Gateway PGA Junior Golf

The Gateway PGA Junior Golf program helps 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.



PGA JR. LEAGUE

PGA Jr. League is a fun, social and inclusive opportunity for boys and girls, ages 17 and under, to learn and enjoy the game of golf from PGA and LPGA Professionals. Like many other recreational youth sports, participants wear numbered jerseys and play on a team with friends.



DRIVE, CHIP & PUTT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Drive, Chip and Putt is a free nationwide junior golf development competition that provides aspiring junior golfers an opportunity to play with their peers in qualifiers around the country.



JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT TOUR

Each Junior Development Tour 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.



JUNIOR TOUR

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.

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Gateway PGA Junior Golf Summer Intern Team (seasonal staff)

PGA Jr. League: refer to your team's captain & coaches

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Monday – Friday

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Please Note:

Contact hours may vary during the junior golf season. During the summer season, Gateway PGA Junior Golf Staff may be on site at events during the above office hours. The Junior Golf staff may be unavailable to immediately answer calls and emails. Please allow up to 48 hours for the Junior Golf staff to return calls and emails. We will be in touch with you as soon as possible.

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Twitter: @GatewayJuniors

Facebook: @GatewayPGAJuniors

Website: www.gatewaypga.org/junior-golf

Gateway PGA Junior Membership Programs

Membership Types	Cost
Standard Membership	\$80
Standard Membership w/ Under Armour Polo	\$110
Plus Membership	\$105
Plus Membership w/ Under Armour Polo	\$135

Discounted Memberships for Siblings!

If you have more than one child in your household participating in the Gateway PGA Junior Tour, you are eligible for a \$25 sibling membership discount on each additional membership purchased. After enrolling your first junior in a full price membership, please email jeisenhauer@pgahq.com or mmyers@pgahq.com to unlock the discounted membership options for additional juniors in your household you wish to enroll.

	Access to Open Spring & Fall Events	Access to Open Summer Events	Free Junior Players Club (GHIN) & Youth on Course Membership	Access to Free Junior Golf Hub Membership Packages	Membership Gifts	Early Registration Period for Spring, Summer & Fall Tournaments	\$10 Discount for All Spring & Fall Events	Under Armour Gateway PGA Junior Tour Golf Shirt
Non-Member	✓							
Standard Membership	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Standard Membership w/ Under Armour Polo	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓
Plus Membership	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Plus Membership w/ Under Armour Polo	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



2023 Memberships w/ Under Armour Polo:

All 2023 Junior Tour Members golf polos will be ordered in the Spring. Shirts will be mailed to your registered address no later than June. Please ensure that the sizing information on your junior's Golf Genius Account profile is correct.

APRIL 1st Deadline to purchase a membership that includes a golf polo

2023 Plus Membership

- Cost without Under Armour Golf Polo: \$105
- Cost with Under Armour Golf Polo: \$135
- Access to all open Spring, Summer, & Fall events
- Early registration period for Spring, Summer & Fall Tournaments (see p. 9)
- \$10 off all Spring & Fall Events
- Membership gifts
- Free Junior Players Club Membership (GHIN Number) upon request: [click here](#)
- Free Youth on Course Membership upon request



2023 Standard Membership

- Cost without Under Armour Golf Polo: \$80
- Cost with Under Armour Golf Polo: \$110
- Access to all open Spring, Summer, & Fall events
- Membership gifts
- Free Youth on Course Membership upon request
- Free Junior Players Club Membership (GHIN Number) upon request: [click here](#)



**Under Armour Member Polos will be delivered to your mailing address no later than June 2023.*

**Membership gift packages will be delivered on site beginning with the first summer tournament.*

[How to Register to be a Member](#)

[How to Register for an Event](#)

[How to Use the Directory](#)

Junior Players Club (GHIN) & YOUTH on course



Through our partnership with the Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association, the Gateway PGA Junior Tour provides free access to the Junior Players Club & a Youth on Course Membership to all junior members.

Junior Players Club exists to provide juniors with access to free handicapping services. The Metropolitan Amateur Golf Association provides a GHIN number and handicap to any junior member who requests one. To request your GHIN number & handicap, please contact mmyers@pgahq.com.

Youth on Course exists to increase the accessibility and affordability for junior golfers across the country. Youth on Course members can play golf at participating facilities for \$5 or less!

For additional information and to opt in, please [click here](#).

2023 Event Registration Dates

	Plus Members	Standard Members	Non-Members
Spring	January 9 th	February 6 th	March 6 th
Summer	February 6 th	March 6 th	N/A
Fall	TBA	TBA	TBA

2023 Registration Fees

Spring & Fall Event Registration Fees

	Plus Member	Standard Member	Non-Member
9 Hole	\$25	\$35	\$45
18 Hole	\$50	\$60	\$70
JDT	N/A	\$18	\$35

Summer Event Registration Fees

Junior Development Tour Events for JDT Members = \$18

Junior Development Tour for non-JDT Members = \$35

*Summer Gateway PGA Junior Tour events are open to members only
and do not differ between standard and plus memberships.*

Special event registration fees may vary.

9 Hole: \$35

18-Hole: \$60

2-Day Junior Tour Events: \$149

Eligibility (Where should I Play?)

Junior Development Tour Eligibility

Eligibility for all Junior Development Tour Events:

- **ONLY boys and girls ages 7 to 12 as of May 30th, 2023 are eligible to participate. Registration begins January 2nd, 2023.**
 - JDT is for golfers aged 7-12 only. This is to be in accordance with the American Development Model (ADM) guidelines. The ADM aims to maximize each athlete's potential by developing principles that create life-long golfers and athletes for generations.
 - For more information on ADM Principles [click here](#).
- A junior golfer's results from previous JDT events will determine their division of play
 - The Gateway PGA will notify the junior's family when s/he has hit an Instant or (3) Average scores in their respective level of play
- For juniors further along in their skill development or once they score 1 instant or 3 average scores in the Links Legends division, the Gateway PGA has several competitive 9-hole divisions on the Gateway PGA Junior Tour
 - 9 Hole (9 & Under) Boys division
 - 9 Hole (10-11) Girls division
 - Girls younger than 10 that have played their way out of the Links Legends division (JDT's 3rd level of play), will be recommended to compete in the 9-hole (10-11) Girls division
 - 9 Hole (10-11) Boys division
 - 9 Hole (12-13) Boys & Girls divisions

Junior Tour Eligibility

Boys and girls from age 7, as of May 30, 2023, to the graduating high school seniors who are not over 19 years of age as of August 1, 2023, and who have not yet participated in college academic or athletic programs on a fulltime basis, are eligible to participate.

Registration opens January 2, 2023.

Age as of May 30, 2023, will determine age division placement for the 2023 season

Gateway PGA Junior Development Tour



The Gateway PGA's Junior Development Tour offers a non-intimidating, FUN, focused, junior golf environment purposed to foster friendships, inspire commitment and offer guidance in skill development.

Parent Caddies

3 Levels of Player Progression

9 Hole Events on Executive & Shortened Regulation Golf Courses

Rule of the Day

Golf Course Etiquette

JDT Age Requirement: 7-12

What to Expect at a JDT Event?

Each Junior Development Tour 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 in order to keep the format from getting stagnant over the course of the year. Golfers will receive a Rule of the Day that the junior and their parent should focus on learning by the end of the round

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 Levels of Progression

The JDT 3 Levels of Progression are put into place to ensure that ALL juniors compete in a division that fits their skill. The Gateway PGA's goal with this design is to lessen the likelihood that a beginner golfer becoming discouraged due to an advanced junior playing in an improper division. The Junior Development Tour is a welcoming environment for ALL interested juniors to begin discovering the game of golf!

Level 1 – Fairway Finders

Level 2 – Birdie Ballers

Level 3 – Links Legends

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) to move up to the next level of play

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

Juniors that have previously played in the Gateway PGA's JDT will be given a recommended level of play. 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.

JDT Course Yardages by Level

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

For JDT events, each level of play's top 3 finishers will be recognized & awarded with ribbons. When a golfer from the Links Legends division graduates from JDT with an instant or combined average of scores they will receive a JDT Graduate pin

2023 Gateway PGA Junior Development Tour

Rules & Regulations

- **10 Stroke Limit per hole rule**
 - There is a 10 stroke per hole limit at all JDT events
 - The rule for JDT is as follows:
 - Once the Golfer has made 8 strokes, they MUST pick their ball up and proceed to the green and place the ball approximately 15 feet from the hole and attempt a max of 2 putts and record a 10.
 - This will help pace of play and prevent discouragement for the junior golfer
- **All Levels 2 practice swings maximum**
- **Bunker Rule:** If a player's ball lies in a bunker, they must first make two attempts to escape the bunker. If the golfer has not advanced the ball out of the bunker after making 2 strokes, they may then drop the ball outside the bunker at the nearest point of relief within one club length and NO CLOSER to the hole
- **Red Penalty Area Rule:** If a player hits 2 balls into the same red penalty area, they may drop a ball on the opposite side of that penalty area.
 - Example: Player hits their first (1) shot into water. Player drops and lays two (2). The player proceeds to hit their third shot (3) into the same penalty area. The player then may drop on the other side of said penalty area laying four (4) and proceed by hitting their fifth shot (5).
- The Gateway PGA Junior Development Tour does NOT take walk-ons at events



PGA

Junior Development Tour

The Gateway PGA's "How to Caddie" Guide

THE DO(S)

- Visit the Pro Shop & purchase range balls for warm-up
- Make sure your junior has: snacks, drinks, sunscreen, golf balls, divot repair tool, & a ballmarker
- Maximum of (1) caddie per junior
- Get to know the other players & caddies in your group
- May help players look for golf ball, determine distance to the hole, fix divots, repair ball marks & tend the flag stick
- After each hole, (at the next tee box) mark the scores of the junior your child is to be keep score of & your junior
- Help your junior with strategy & decision in a timely manner
- Walk FASTER than your junior
- Encourage ALL juniors after both good & bad shots (this game is hard enough – Always stay positive on the course)
- May position yourself on an extension of the line of play or putt BEFORE your junior attempts their stroke (NOT DURING)
- May point out a line for putting BEFORE the putt is attempted (NOT DURING) & you may not touch the green

THE DON'T(S)

- Any rules violation by the caddie has the same consequence as if the junior violated the rule.
- Standing behind the extension of the line of play or putt during your junior's attempt
- Touching the putting green to determine your junior's best line for his/her putt
- More than (1) caddie per junior
- Inappropriate conduct of any sorts
- Walking slower than your junior and the rest of the group (one of your goals should be to keep the group & your junior on pace!)
- Riding in a golf cart (unless physically unable to walk the course)
o Juniors may not ride in golf carts, even if there caddies are (out of necessity)
- Kick or move a ball in any way from its original path or placement
- Give advice to other players (unless you are caddying for them both)
- Over Coach – the time to teach & coach is at the range & practice area, not on the competition course



Gateway PGA Junior Development Tour

Final Fun Day

Please note:

The Junior Development Tour does not include a Player of the Year Competition or points for placing in JDT events. JDT focuses on development, friendship, comradery, and fun.

As a memorable way to end the season, the Gateway PGA hosts a final Junior Development Tour end of the year event each summer. The day will include a friendly golf competition, celebration, and a handful of fun surprises!

2023 Gateway PGA JDT Final Tournament & Fun Day:

Time: August 7th @ Spencer T. Olin

(open to everyone)

Open to ALL 2023 Junior Development Tour **participants**.

(Fairways Finders, Birdie Ballers, Links Legends)

Gateway PGA Junior Tour



The Gateway PGA Junior Tour is home to one of the largest junior golf programs in the country. The Gateway PGA Junior Tour offers competitive golf experience year-round to fit any level competitive junior golfer. The Gateway PGA Junior Tour offers several age groups and multiple divisions to best fit your junior's skill level and help them to reach their goals in competition & the development of the golf game. Each year, the Junior Tour Program serves nearly 1,000 Junior Members and their families.

Age Requirement: 7-18

(see eligibility – p.10)

Gateway PGA Summer Junior Tournament Divisions

9 Hole Division

(Age Divisions)

Boys: 9 & under, 10-11, 12-13, 14-18

Girls: 11 & under, 12-14, 15-18

18 Hole Division

(Age Divisions)

Boys: 12-13, 14-15, 16-18

Girls: 12-14 & 15-18

(Continue for more information on each summer tournament division)

9 Hole Division

The **9 Hole Division** introduces the beginning 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 skill level but is ready to start competitive golf.

Boys: 9 & Under, 10-11, 12-13, 14-18

Girls: 11 & Under, 12-14, 14-18

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

Caddies: 9 & under and 10-11 divisions only

Stroke Limits: 10 Stroke limit on each hole



Yardages:

- Ages 11 & Under: Approximately 1,900-2,000 yards
- Ages 12 & Up: Approximately 2,300-2,750 yards (may vary by age group and course)

Eligible Event Types:

- Single day 9-hole events
- Players who place top 12 in Player of the Year standings will be invited to compete in the 2-Day Junior Tour 9 Hole Final Championship at a course TBD. The Junior Golf committee may also extend invites to golfers outside the top 12 in POY standings.

Awards:

- Medals awarded to top three finishers at each event
- Player of the Year points for the top ten finishers at each event

2023 Season 9 Hole Events:

[CLICK HERE](#)

18 Hole Division

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 a competitive format for aspiring and current High School golfers.

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

18 Hole Girls: 12-14, 15-18

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



[CLICK HERE](#)

18 Hole Division Eligible Event Types:

- Single day 18 Hole Events
- 2-Day Events (see more info on the following page)
- Qualifying juniors may be invited to any of the following events:
 - Gateway PGA Junior Match Play Championship @ St. Clair Country Club (July 24-26)
 - Gateway PGA Junior Tour Final Championship @ WingHaven CC (July 31-August 1)
 - Junior Cup Matches vs Iowa Junior Tour (When: June, Where: TBD)

18 Hole 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 Event results are sent to National Junior Golf Scoreboard and Junior Golf Hub's college recruiting platform.

2-Day Events

About:

Each summer the Gateway PGA Junior Tour hosts a series of nationally ranked 2-Day 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 the next level. Additional benefits include National Junior Golf Scoreboard recognition, the opportunity to qualify for the National Junior PGA Championship, and potential to earn AJGA Performance Based Entry Stars.

Eligible Divisions:

18 Hole Boys (12-13, 14-15, 16-18)

18 Hole Girls (12-14, 15-18)

[CLICK HERE](#)

Awards & Competition:

- **Division Competitions** – Trophies will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Player of the Year points will be awarded to the top ten finishers
- **Overall Competitions** – Subject to earning AJGA PBE Stars
 - Overall Girls = 18 Hole Girls 15-18
 - Overall Boys = 18 Hole Boys 16-18, & 18 Hole Boys 14-15
 - 18 Hole Boys 12-13 (play from shorter yardages and subject to separate AJGA PBE Stars)
 - 18 Hole Girls 12-14 (play from shorter yardages and subject to separate AJGA PBE Stars)

2-Day Event Yardages:

- Overall Boys: 6,600+ yards
- Overall Girls: 5,800+ yards
- 18 Hole Boys 12-13: 5,700+ yards
- 18 Hole Girls 12-14: 5,000+ yards

Race to the Junior PGA Championship:

- Gateway PGA Junior Tour members have a chance to qualify for the Junior PGA Championship
- Each year the Gateway PGA hosts a 2-Day Qualifier for one boy & one girl to earn a spot to the Championship (Gateway Jr. PGA Champ. @ Gateway National Golf Course – June 12-13, 2023)
- Juniors also have the chance to earn an At-Large Qualifying Position (one boy & one girl each year) by earning points in the overall boy & Girl 15-18 competitions at eligible 2-Day events.
 - 18 Hole Boys 12-13 & 18 Hole Girls 12-14 divisions are not eligible for race points

AJGA Performance Based Entry Stars:

- 2-Day Junior Tour events can earn AJGA Performance Based Entry Stars (2023 PBE Status TBA)
- 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 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.

Gateway PGA Junior Tour Spring & 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. Spring and Fall tournaments also do not earn Player of the Year points and are therefore an excellent time for a junior golfer to “try” moving from JDT to 9-Hole events or moving from 9-Hole to 18-Hole events. A junior’s division is not locked during the Spring and Fall Series whereas it is locked in the Summer.

Description:

Format:

- 18 or 9 holes of stroke play

Age Divisions:

- 18 Hole Boys: 14 & under, 15 & up
- 18 Hole Girls: 14 & under, 15 & up
- 9 Hole Boys: 11 & under, 12-13, 14 & up
- 9 Hole Girls: 11 & under, 12-13, 14 & up

Yardage: (approximate subject to course conditions & 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 (cost varies)
- It is the responsibility of the players to understand the rules of golf
- Please note that registration deadlines and withdraw deadlines are slightly different than the Summer Series

Awards:

- Medals will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place
- No Player of the Year Points awarded to top finishers

Gateway PGA Tournament Policies & Procedures

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 tournaments their division is eligible to compete in.

There will be **NO LATE REGISTRATIONS** accepted.

Deadlines for tournament registration are as follows:

- **Summer Events:** Tuesday at 11:59pm for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday events. Thursday at 11:59pm for Thursday and Friday events. (All times the week before the event)
- **Spring and Fall Events:** Tuesday at 11:59pm the week before the event.

Tournament registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Initially players may either be confirmed for tournament or added to the waitlist upon registering. If you are on the waitlist and promoted, you will receive a second email indicating your spot has been confirmed. It may take up to 2-3 days for your email confirmation of acceptance into an event. We appreciate your patience.

Your entry fee payment will remain pending, and your credit card will not be charged until your registration has been approved.

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 waitlist 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 have been placed on a waitlist.

Please note: Notification of promotion from the waitlist often occurs with late notice but will never occur after registration has closed unless you are contacted by the Junior Tour Coordinator. If your plans change, please remove yourself from a tournament's waitlist to avoid confusion.

All Wait List decisions are at the discretion of the Junior Golf Staff.

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

- More than 3 days prior to the tournament date, please limit the number of phone calls emails sent to the Junior Golf personnel regarding your position on the waitlist & checking the availability of an event.
- If you wish to check your status after a tournament has closed feel free to reach out to Junior Golf personnel but please be patient.
- If you wish to remove your name from a waitlist, please do so yourself on Golf Genius or notify the Junior Golf personnel (jeisenhauer@pgahq.com or mmyers@pgahq.com)

Playing Up an Age Division or Switching Divisions During Season:

The following protocols on switching division are put in place to maintain consistent & fair competition fields throughout the season and to provide a tournament environment best suited for player development.

A player may play up an age division if they are able to maintain a competitive score for the division that 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.

Juniors may play up an age division or switch divisions during the **season by recommendation of Gateway PGA Junior Golf staff.** Players & parents are welcome to discuss and request switching divisions at any time. However, Junior Golf staff reserve the right to deny a player's request to play up.

FAQ – Playing in 18 Hole and 9 Hole Events?

The Gateway PGA Junior Tour understands there are a handful of players that may benefit from being able to compete in both 18 Hole and 9 Hole Events. To do so, players must understand and comply with the following:

- Players who have competed in a 2-Day Event may NOT compete in 9 Hole Events.
- Players competing in both 18 Hole and 9 Hole Events forfeit Player of the Year Competition awards.
- Players who have qualified for the 18 Hole Division Final Championship at WingHaven CC are NOT eligible to compete in the 9 Hole Division Final Championship

Walk-On Policy

The Gateway PGA Junior Tour **CANNOT** and **WILL NOT** take walk-ons for any event. All juniors must register prior to each event. Please see Tournament Registration on page 28 for registration deadlines.

Pairings and Tee Times:

Tee times and pairings will always be sent out no later than **Friday the week prior to 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 host golf course and may be subject to change. Tee times and pairings are decided randomly (by division) through our Golf Genius software; therefore, the Gateway Junior PGA **CANNOT** and **WILL NOT** accept tee time or pairing requests. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Pairings for 2-Day tournaments will have the eldest Boys playing first one day and the eldest Girls playing first the following day.

Membership Refund:

Prior to May 30th, 2023 refunds are made only in the case of a medical emergency, provided you have not competed in an event. **After May 30th, 2023, no refunds are available.** Membership expires on December 31st, 2023. 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:

1. You may cancel through the tournament's home page in Golf Genius before registration closes
OR
2. Email/call the Junior Tour Coordinator jeisenhauer@pgahq.com (636-579-2482)

While we appreciate the phone call and will happily talk to you we may be at another tournament and will still ask for an email that **should include** the full 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 policies & procedures for cancelling below:

Withdrawing BEFORE event registration closes:

If the registration for the event has not closed,

- **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.

The player may cancel out of an event through Golf Genius or via email and may receive a refund either:

- 1.) On their credit card (**Minus a \$5 processing fee**)
***JDT Event cancellations: \$3 processing fee**
- 2.) Transfer into an Open Event (Must withdraw via email to transfer)

Withdrawing AFTER event registration has closed:

If a player must cancel out of an event after the event has closed, they **must withdraw via email**. **\$10.00 in fees** will be charged. The player may receive a refund either:

- 1.) On their credit card (**Minus a \$5 cancellation fee & a \$5 processing fee = \$10 total fees**)
***JDT Event Cancellation: \$5 cancellation fee & \$3 processing fee = \$8 total in fees**
- 2.) Transfer into an Open Event (Must withdraw via email to transfer)

Withdrawing the DAY BEFORE or DAY OF an Event:

There will be **NO REFUNDS** for Withdraws the day before or the day of the event.

To avoid a No-Show Penalty 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:

As of 2020, tournament credits are not available when withdrawing from an event. Players withdrawing prior to respective deadlines can either receive a credit card refund or transfer into an open event.

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

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 Round 2 of a 2-day event, without discussing it with the Tournament director, they will be recorded as a NS.

Penalty:

First Offense: Golfers will be sent an email warning

Second Offense: Golfers 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. Golfers 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.

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 or Player of the Year

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

DQ vs. WD vs. NS vs. NC

What do these mean on a player's scorecard?

Category name	Designation	Explanation
No show before competition begins	NS (DNS)	Those players who do not come to the tournament at all
No show	NS	Completed one or more rounds of a multi-round tournament– fails to report for tee time and previously has not notified anyone
Disqualified	DQ	Reserved for actual USGA rules infraction that occurs without a deliberate or managed intention.
Withdrawal	WD	Reserved for a deliberate voluntary action or decision of a player not to continue play after having started a competition, notified an official, and turned in an official score for the stipulated round(s). Player must have a <u>compelling visible, verifiable or an extremely very special reason</u> – for example: illness, cuts, swollen ankle, bee stings, family emergency, for example – otherwise see NC below.
No card (worst action by player)	NC	After having begun competition – a deliberate decision not to sign or turn in a card, walks off the course, does not report to scoring after their last hole, etc.

All final decisions are at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

Weather Policies

The Gateway Junior PGA holds the right to make all decisions regarding suspending play and canceling events due to severe weather. Please note that player safety and fairness of competition is front-of-mind in all decisions made regarding severe weather conditions.

In the case that severe weather enters the forecast, we will still proceed with the event and attempt to complete the event AT ALL COSTS. With fairness & safety as our priority, every effort within reason will be made to complete the competition.

All weather cancellations or delays will be communicated via email & text updates.

We will do our best to call the event NO LATER than one hour prior to the first tee time for the day.

Please see below for specific weather procedures:

Cold & Freezing Conditions:

(Spring & Fall Seasons).

- The Gateway PGA Junior Tour **will begin considering cancelations for low temperatures when the projected forecast is approximately 40 degrees (F) or below**
- Please note additional factors will be considered when making cancelation/postponement decisions due to cold temperatures. This includes course playability, ground conditions, sunny/overcast, rain, wind, etc.
- In cold temperatures, morning frost delays (due to frost on the greens) may be possible as well.
- We will do our best to call the event NO LATER than one hour prior to the first tee time for the day
- Delays & Cancelations will be communicated as quickly as possible via email and text updates.
- It is the responsibility of the players to be prepared with the proper equipment & apparel to play in cold weather conditions
- Suggested Cold Gear: thermal base layers, thermal outerwear jacket and/or vest, thermal golf pants, winter socks, cold weather golf gloves, cart mittens, hand warmers, beanie or thermal headband
 - Dress in layers when possible as temperatures often rise throughout the round

Severe Weather Conditions:

- If golf course conditions remain playable, play will always continue in the case of only rain.
- Gateway PGA Junior Tour staff is always monitoring weather conditions to ensure players' safety in the chance of severe weather.
- Due to differences in course layouts and available weather shelters, procedures for severe weather delays will vary by facility. Please see the local rules or Junior Tour staff for procedures for severe weather delays course evacuations. **In the event of a severe weather delay, players & spectators will be immediately notified by an air horn blast and email/text updates.** Continue to play if these notifications have not been made.
- Please note: By the USGA Rule of Golf, temporary water is an abnormal course condition and is not treated as part of the challenge of playing the course. **Players are allowed free relief when there is interference by an abnormal course condition except in a penalty area.**

Rule 16.1: Relief from Temporary Water (Abnormal Course Conditions)

(a) When Relief is Allowed

- **Meaning of Interference by Abnormal Condition:**
 - The player's ball touches or is in or on the abnormal ground condition,
 - The abnormal ground condition interferes with the player's area of intended stance or area of intended swing, or
 - Only when the ball is on the putting green, the abnormal course condition on or off the putting green intervenes on the line of play
 - *If the abnormal course condition is close enough to distract the player but does not meet any of these requirements, there is no interference under this Rule & free relief is not permitted.*
- **Relief is allowed anywhere on the course except when ball is in a penalty area**
- **No free relief is allowed when it is clearly unreasonable** (i.e., unable to make a stroke because ball is in a bush, or the temporary water only exists because a player pushed on the ground)

(b) [Click Here](#) for how to properly take relief from an abnormal course condition.

High Temperatures & Heat Indexes:

- Gateway PGA Junior Tour events will **NOT** be canceled due to high temperatures and heat indexes.
- Gateway PGA Junior Tour staff will make water available throughout the course for juniors, however it is the players' responsibility to be prepared to play in warm weather conditions.

Guidelines & Tips for Stay Safe in Warm Conditions:

1. Drink Plenty of Water: Players should drink plenty of water (and/or sport drink) before, during, and after their round. Water & sports drinks will be available on the course and for purchase at the golf facilities, however it is the players' responsibility to be sure they have water on the course. It is best that players bring their own bottle so that they can refill them throughout the day. Freeze your water bottles the night before or use an insulated bottle to keep your water cool!

- Parents/spectators may provide water for Junior Tour players. However, in doing so they should still follow the spectator code of conduct and not interact with the players during the competition. Spectators may leave water for players on their next tee, next to their golf bag, etc.

2. Start Drinking Additional Water and/or Gatorade the Night Before!

3. Protect Yourself from the Sun!

- Players should bring their own sunscreen & reapply at least every 1-2 hours.
- Wear SPF protective clothing, hats, sunglasses, use a sun umbrella, etc.
- Seek shade on the course when possible (without slowing down pace of play)

4. Wear Cool Golf Apparel: Wear loose fitting & light-weight clothing and choose light colors

5. Be Sure to Still Eat & Fuel Your Body: It can be easy to lose an appetite in the warm temperatures. Players should be sure they continue following their normal eating & fueling habits throughout the round in order maintain proper nutrition & stay safe!

Policy for Event Cancellations

In the case of a full cancellation, participants will be fully refunded event registration fees or will be allowed to transfer their fees into another event that is not filled at no additional charge.

The Junior Golf staff will send an email to all participants with information regarding refund procedures. The email will include the date that refunds will be processed.

Players DO NOT need to take any action to receive a refund for the canceled event.

If a player wishes to transfer to another event instead of receiving a refund, the junior **MUST** notify Jason (jeisenhauer@pgahq.com) or Mackenzie (mmyers@pgahq.com) prior to this date. The event transferring into must still be open for registration and not yet be filled.

Refunds & Transfers WILL NOT be given in the following cases:

9 Hole event: completes 5 holes of play

18 Hole event: completes 9 holes of play

2-Day Event: completes 18 holes

Medals & POY points will be awarded as the competition stands.

These rules apply for all uncompleted rounds due to weather conditions & daylight.

Gateway PGA Junior Golf Publicity & Social Media 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 Golf Genius.

Conduct of Players and Spectators

Conduct of Players

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY: 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 all Gateway PGA junior golf events.

Rules for spectators are as follows:

1. **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.
 - **Penalty:** 2 strokes on the Player
 - This includes any conversation between player/spectator in their native language. In either instance, the penalty for breach of this rule is 2 strokes.
 - Players are responsible for the actions of their relatives and spectators regarding this rule.
 - 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.
2. Please turn off all cell phones or turn your ringer to silent or vibrate mode while on the course.
3. Spectators must always remain on the cart paths not in the fairway! Spectators must remain a minimum of 50 yards from players at all times. (Please see the below for the ONLY exception).
4. 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.
5. Spectators should not give rulings. Please seek a marshal or rules official if the need arises.

6. Spectators are allowed to carry a player's medicine, drinks, food, umbrellas, etc. With the exception of parent caddies (JDT, 9-Hole 9 & Under & 10-11 divisions ONLY), spectators are not allowed to carry a player's golf clubs/equipment.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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 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 a golfer who is knowingly cheating or guilty of a rule infraction, they will approach and disqualify the player immediately.
- Any Spectator who is caught cheating on behalf of their player will result in the golfer's automatic removal from the program with NO Refunds.

Penalties for knowingly 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 (fingertips must touch bottom of short or skirt), halter tops, shirts exposing midriffs, tank tops, T-shirts, gym shorts, and all denim. (No visible body piercings are permitted; however, girls may wear earrings.) All hats must be worn properly, bill forward; collared shirts must be worn and tucked in. 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.

Other Policies And Procedures

Food & Beverage

Players and spectators are asked to **come to events prepared with their own water bottles**. With considerations to summer heat indexes and players' safety front of mind, the Gateway PGA Junior Tour may offer water bottles or water refill stations for players at most summer tournaments.

The sale of food & beverage for purchase is at the availability and discretion of the host facility and will vary event by event. Many host facilities will have food & beverage options available to purchase for players and spectators. However, we recommend that players and spectators come prepared with their own snacks/lunches if needed. Some host facilities **will not** allow outside food and beverages. When this is the case, we will note it on the tournament page and in confirmation emails.

When is my ball considered holed?

According to The Rules of Golf, a ball is considered holed when the ball is at rest in the hole after a stroke and the entire ball is below the surface of the putting green. A ball resting against the flagstick and partially below the surface of the putting green is considered holed (Rule 13.2c). A ball resting against the hole liner and partially below the surface of the putting green is also considered holed.

Mobile Scoring:

When mobile scoring is used one player in each group will be the score keeper for the group. The score keeper for the group will keep everyone in the group's hole-by-hole score on the Golf Genius Mobile App. Each player will still be provided a paper scorecard to keep their fellow competitor's score and their own score. Scores entered in the Golf Genius Mobile App are not official until players have finalized and attested their scores in the Scoring Area following completion of their round.

If no players in the group have a cell phone, players should keep one another scores on their provided score cards. At the end of the round, those players will individually read off their hole-by-hole scores to the Scoring Official.

At the end of the round, players will report to the designated Scoring Area to check scores. The scoring official will review and announce a player's final score. Players will check hole-by-hole scores with all golfers and a scoring official present. Each player must verbally attest that their hole-by-hole scores are correct before leaving the scoring area. All scores are deemed final upon players leaving the designated scoring area.

Awards:

Awards (medals, ribbons, trophies, etc.) will be presented to the Top 3 finishers of each division after all the players in the division have finalized scores. Individual pictures will be taken of the award winners after the division's awards presentation.

Gateway PGA Junior Tour Tournament Rules

The USGA Rules of Golf govern play for all Gateway PGA Junior Tour Events

A Gateway PGA Starting Official will give specific announcements and local rulings on the first tee at each event. It is crucial that players give their undivided attention to these announcements. Players will also be given a Notice to Competitors sheet on the first tee at every event. Players should reference their NTC for common and local rulings.

The following rules are included as reminders or are specific rules to the Junior Tour. These rules will be implemented and followed at every Gateway PGA Junior event.

Distance Measuring Devices

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

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

USGA Rules of Golf state: "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, 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 require that, in the interest of all, that 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.**
- 3) If the group is unable to regain proper position, EACH player in the group will be assessed a **one-stroke penalty**.
- 4) Next violation a **two-stroke penalty** will be given to EACH player in the group.
- 5) Any further violation will result in disqualification (DQ)

**Gateway PGA Junior Golf Tour monitors the Pace of Play of all groups.
Your cooperation is required. If all competitors 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 the 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 the order of play is based on who's ready, not on who's away.
2. Place your bag across from you or on the path you will be taking to get to the next hole. Sometimes the best place for your bag is not right next to you.

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 their 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 should be almost ready to make your 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.
9. Practice continuous putting when possible. Keep in mind stepping on someone else's line.

3 Minute Search Period (Rule 18):

A player is allowed three minutes to search for his or her ball before it becomes *lost*. The three minutes begins when that player arrives in the search area (player partners and spectators may search prior to the player arriving). The ball is lost when the search time elapses, even if the player finds their ball after three minutes.

*All players within a group are encouraged to practice good golf etiquette and help spot one another's balls throughout the round.

*Spectators are encouraged to walk ahead of the group (safely) to help spot and search for balls.

Rule 20.1c(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.

Starting Times and Groups (Rule 5.3a)

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 \(DQ\)](#)

Suspension of Play for a Dangerous Reason (Rule 5.7b(1))

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 \(DQ\)](#)

Along with severe weather, temperature plays a role in whether a tournament will be conducted. If the forecast permits the Junior Golf 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 Staff reserves the right to cancel any event in the interest of safety for junior competitors.**

Scoring Area

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 (DQ) of a player may include:

- Signing for a lower score than the player 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:

- Use Mobile Scoring
- If your group is unable to use mobile scoring:
 - Make sure all numbers are neatly written and bold.
 - If you must 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.

Players are strongly encouraged to take their time in the scoring area. Players are welcome to take as much time as needed to verify that their scores are correct. The entire group should remain in the scoring area until all the players of that group have attested their scores.

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 GATEWAY PGA JUNIOR TOUR EVENTS.

Mobile Scoring

Golf Genius Mobile Scoring will be used for all Gateway PGA Junior Tour 2-Day tournaments and other select tournaments. All players with mobile devices should download the Golf Genius App (orange icon) onto their device prior to arriving at an event. One player in each group will be asked to enter the group's hole by hole scores into the Golf Genius app throughout the round. Players will still be provided with a physical scorecard to record their fellow competitors and own scores. Scores entered in the mobile scoring app are not final until players have finalized their scores in the Scoring Area following completion of their round.

The player assigned to be the mobile score keeper for the groups may not use their mobile device for any other reason than entering their group's scores. The use of a cell phone during a round for any other reason may result in the player being penalized or disqualified (depending on the player's use and at the decision of the tournament committee).

Parents/Spectators **MAY NOT** keep or help keep mobile scoring for the group – except for parent caddies in the 9 Hole 11 & Under divisions and Junior Development Tour Divisions. Accommodation may be made for players who do not have a mobile device.

Mobile Scoring Instructions:

1. Go to your app store on your Android or iPhone. Search “Golf Genius”.
2. Download the app (orange icon).
3. When you receive your printed scorecard, open the mobile app on your phone.
4. Enter the GGID found on the bottom right of your printed scorecard. (Do not enter your email or any password)
5. Click on your name.
6. Enter the correct hole score for all the players in your group.
7. After scores are entered for a hole, click “Save Scores”.
8. You will then be directed to the next hole.



Download the free Golf Genius app from the app store. Log in using your GGID located in the bottom right hand corner of your scorecard



Only 1 person in each group needs to do the live scoring - select your name



Use the numbers to enter the GROSS scores. Golf Genius will work out your points for you



Stay up to date with the live leaderboard whether you're out on the course, or in the bar

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,

- **9 Hole Events:** matching cards we will determine the winner based on the best score for holes 4-9, then holes 7-9, then hole 9, and finally hole by hole going backwards starting with hole 9.
- **18 Hole Events:** matching cards we will determine the winner based on 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 hole 18.
- **2-Day Events:**
 - **1st Place & Overall Winner Ties:** A playoff will be conducted for all players within the respective division tied for 1st place. If the players are still tied after the 1st play-off hole, they will continue to the next hole, and so on, until a winner has emerged. (The playoff hole order of play will be decided by the facility & GPGA Junior Tour Staff).
 - **2nd & 3rd Place Ties :** Matching cards we will determine the winner based on the best 18-hole score for Round 2. If still tied, the winner will be based on the best score of Round 2 for holes 10-18, then holes 13-18, then holes 16-18, then hole 18, and finally hole by hole going backwards starting with hole 18.

There are additional 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.

Gateway PGA Junior Tour Championships

Gateway PGA Junior Tour Championship

2023 Gateway PGA Junior Tour Final Championship



July 31-August 1, 2023 @ WingHaven Country Club

Invitation Only (18 Hole Divisions)

Ways to earn an invitation to the final championships:

- Being one of the top 25 Players of the Year for your division as of July 18th, 2023
- The Junior Golf Committee may also extend invitations to the Championship based upon support of the program, sportsmanship, and field size.

Gateway PGA Junior 9-Hole Final Championship



August 7-8, 2023 @ Spencer T. Olin Golf Course

Invitation Only (9 Hole Divisions)

Ways to earn an invitation to the final championships:

- Being one of the top 25 Players of the Year for your division as of July 18th, 2023
- The Junior Golf Committee may also extend invitations to the Championship based upon support of the program, sportsmanship, and field size.

Gateway PGA JDT Final Day of Fun



August 7, 2023 @ Spencer T. Olin Golf Course

All golfers are welcome for our final outing of the summer

Junior Cup Matches

8th Annual Junior Cup Matches

16 Gateway PGA Junior Tour Players vs. 16 Iowa PGA Junior Tour Players

Geneva Golf and Country Club

June 10-11

Invitation Only

Invitations based on prior year Player of the Year Rankings
Ryder Cup Style Format
(18 Hole Division only)



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Race to the JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

THE RACE TO THE JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP IS BACK!

Each year Gateway PGA Junior Tour members can play in a Gateway Section Qualifier where they may earn a spot in the Girls or Boys Junior PGA Championship!

47th Junior PGA Championship

Boys & Girls Championship: [August 1-4, 2023](#) @ Hot Springs Country Club (Hot Springs, AR)

How to Qualify

1.

Gateway Section Junior PGA Championship Qualifier

[June 12-13 @ Gateway National Golf Course \(Madison, IL\)](#)

One Boy & One Girl to advance to the Junior PGA Championship

2.

Earn At-Large spot by earning points in the overall competition at Select 2-Day Events

One Boy At-Large Position & One Girl At-Large Position
(See below for more info)

Race to the Junior PGA Championship Points Race

Players in the 18 Hole 16-18 Boys, 18 Hole 14-15 Boys, and 18 Hole 15-18 Girls will be eligible to qualify for the At-Large spots.

(Any players that are in the 18 Hole Boys 12-13 division or 18 Hole Girls 12-14 division must play-up a division in all 2-Day tournaments in order to play from the overall tournament tees and be eligible for the Points Race.)

Boys Race to the JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP: The Gateway PGA Junior Tour will host **FIVE** 2-Day events that occur before the Boys Championship. Those **FIVE** events, including the Gateway Junior PGA Championship Qualifier, will be used to select the At-large Qualifying Boy (listed below).

- 2-Day @ Spencer T. Olin Golf Course – May 30-31
- 2-Day @ Crescent Farms Golf Club – June 5-6
- 2-Day @ Gateway National Golf Links (Official Qualifier but also counts for points) – June 12-13
- 2-Day @ Stonewolf Golf Club – June 20-21
- 2-Day @ Annbriar Golf Course – June 28-29
- 2-Day @ The Quarry at Crystal Springs – July 11-12

Girls Race to the JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP: The Gateway PGA Junior Tour will host **FIVE** 2-Day events that occur before the Girls Championship. Those **FIVE** events including the Gateway Junior PGA Championship Qualifier will be used to select the At-large Qualifying Girl (listed below).

- Same five events as listed above.

**To qualify for the Junior PGA Championship, you must be a Gateway PGA Junior Tour MEMBER.*

All the events (listed above) will have an overall division that will be used to award points for the Race to the Junior PGA Championship (all players will be able to earn points towards their respective POY races as well). The Top 10 Overall (members only) in the eligible Junior Tour 2-Day events will receive points. The only exception is that the Overall winner of the Junior PGA Championship Qualifier will receive an automatic exemption and will be taken out of the point race.

Race to the JUNIOR PGA CHAMP

Points System:

- 1st - 25 points
- 2nd - 20 points
- 3rd - 15 points
- 4th - 12 points
- 5th - 8 points
- 6th - 6 points
- 7th - 5 points
- 8th - 4 points
- 9th - 3 points
- 10th - 2 points

Tiebreakers:

1. Scoring average of three best finishes
2. Gateway Junior PGA Championship Head-to-Head Results
3. Total POY points (if players are from the same division)
4. Best single round in a head-to-head
 - a. If the same, the USGA recommended tiebreaker will be used to break the tie of that score
5. Playoff to be determined by the Gateway PGA Junior Committee agreed upon by both players

Official Alternates: Starting in 2021, an Official Boy & Girl Alternate will be named for the Junior PGA Championship Qualifying Positions. The alternate will only advance to the Jr. PGA Championship in the case that one of the Gateway Section Qualifying players is unable to attend the Championship due to unforeseen circumstances. The official alternate position will go to the 2nd Place Boy finisher & 2nd Place Girl finisher of the Race to Junior PGA Championship Points Race. The points race tiebreakers will be used if there is a tie for the alternate position. (In the case of an opening in the Junior PGA Championship, the Gateway Section Boy & Girl Alternates would be notified by July 14th.)

Gateway PGA Junior Tour Match-Play Championship

4th Annual Gateway PGA Junior Match-Play Championship

July 24-26 @ St. Clair Country Club (Belleville, Illinois)

By Invitation First (18 Hole Divisions only)

How to Qualify:

Automatic Invitation:

- 2022 Gateway PGA Junior Match Play Champions and Runners-Up
- 2022 Players of the Year for all 18 Hole Divisions
- 2022 WingHaven Champions

*Must still be age eligible to compete in Junior Tour Events

*Must be a 2023 Junior Tour Member

OR

2023 Match Play Championship Qualifying Tournament

(Open to all 18 Hole Divisions. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis)

- Forest Hills Country Club June 19th
- Tournament will also be used as seeding for the Match Play Championship

Remaining Positions (July 1st Qualifying Deadline):

Any remaining unfilled positions as of July 1st[†] will be awarded at the discretion of the Gateway PGA Junior Golf Committee using the following considerations: Match Play Qualifier Results, 2-Day Event Results, 2022 Player of the Year Standings, junior golfer's display of sportsmanship towards other players and Gateway PGA Staff & volunteers at Gateway PGA Junior Tour Events

2023 Match Play Format & Schedule:

➤ Monday, July 24th

- **AM - Round 1:** 18 holes Match Play
- **PM - Round 2:** 18 holes Match Play

➤ Tuesday, July 25th

- **AM - Round 1:** 18 holes Match Play
- Boys 12-13 and Girls 12-14 Champs Crowned

➤ Wednesday, July 26th

- **AM - Round 4:** 18 Holes Match Play
- Boys 14 & Up and Girls 15-18 Champs Crowned

Gateway Junior PGA Player of the Year Competitions

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. Once the season finishes, the Player of the Year is awarded to the boy and girl in each division with the most 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 the number of points accumulated. At the Championship tournament, the top ten finishers will be awarded double points.

The juniors winning player of the year titles will be invited to the Annual Gateway PGA Section Awards in December where they will be recognized by Gateway Section PGA Professionals and will have the opportunity to sit on the awards stage for a brief Youth Q&A forum.

The Junior Development Tour does not have a Player of the Year Competition.

Player of the Year Points System

FINISH	1-Day Events	2-Day Events	Final Championship
1	25	37.5	50
2	20	30	40
3	15	22.5	30
4	12	18	24
5	8	12	16
6	6	9	12
7	5	7.5	10
8	4	6	8
9	3	4.5	6
10	2	3	4

Additional Gateway Junior PGA Programs



A joint initiative founded in 2013 by the [Masters Tournament](#), [United States Golf Association](#) and [The PGA of America](#), Drive, Chip & Putt is a free nationwide junior golf development competition aimed at growing the game by focusing on the three fundamental skills employed in golf.

By tapping the creative and competitive spirit of girls and boys ages 7-15, Drive, Chip & Putt provides aspiring junior golfers an opportunity to play with their peers in qualifiers around the country.

Participants who advance through local, sub-regional and regional qualifying in each age/gender category earn a place in the National Finals, which is conducted at Augusta National Golf Club the Sunday before the [Masters Tournament](#) and is broadcast live by [Golf Channel](#).

Registration for Drive, Chip & Putt is open. Local qualifying will be available in all 50 states. For more information, please visit the [Rules and Regulations](#).

The Gateway Junior PGA will host 6 Local Qualifiers & 1 Sub-Regional during the 2020 Summer DCP Season. Juniors may participate in 1 Local Qualifier for a chance to advance to the Sub-Regional in August. Please see the following page for the 2020 DCP Local Qualifier Schedule.



2023 Gateway Drive, Chip and Putt Local Qualifier Schedule:

June 1st, 2023 – Cape Girardeau Country Club (Cape Girardeau, MO)

June 7th, 2023 – Jefferson City Country Club (Jefferson City, MO)

June 15th, 2023 – Oak Brook Golf Course (Edwardsville, IL)

July 6th, 2023 – Old Hickory Golf Club (St. Peters, MO)

July 13th, 2023 – Eagle Springs Golf Course (St. Louis, MO)

July 20th, 2023 – Whitmoor Country Club (Weldon Spring, MO)

July 21st, 2023 – The Rail Golf Course (Springfield, IL)

Sub-Regional Qualifier: August 10th, 2023 – Sunset Hills Country Club (Edwardsville, IL)

2023 Drive Chip & Putt Registration



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PGA Jr. League allows boys and girls ages 17 and under the opportunity to learn and play golf as a team, all with expert coaching from PGA and LPGA Professionals! Kids wear numbered jerseys and compete in a team scramble format that builds confidence and encourages sportsmanship. PGA Jr. League is fun, social and inclusive!

The Gateway PGA has one of the largest PGA Jr. League participation rates in the country and is only growing!

For more information on PGA Jr. League and to find a program near you, [Click Here.](#)

