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SECTION 1



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2018 RULES & REGULATIONS CHANGES & ADDITIONS SUMMARY

Section 2: NTPGA Junior Tour

- ❖ **Entry fee increase for weekend All American Tour tournaments (Page 5)**

Section 3: Code of Conduct

- ❖ **Spectator Code of Conduct and Penalty Policy were modified (Page 8 and 9)**
- ❖ **Spectator Guidelines were added (Page 9)**

Section 4: Policies & Procedures

- ❖ **Cancellation fee for the All American Tour was updated (Page 12)**
- ❖ **Declaring Up Policy was modified – after declaring up for a tournament series, a player may declare down to age appropriate division for a subsequent tournament series (Page 13)**
- ❖ **All American Tour No Card Policy added (Page 13)**
- ❖ **Caddie Policy was added (Page 14)**
- ❖ **Accommodations for Caddies with disabilities added (Page 19)**

Section 5: Team Golf

- ❖ **Tournament Format was updated – Scramble format eliminated (Page 21)**

Section 6: Prep & Medalist Levels

- ❖ **Points Challenge added for Prep Level 11-12 Divisions (Page 28)**
- ❖ **Prep Level Yardage Guidelines were modified (Page 30 and 31)**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Yardage Guidelines and Course Set-Up were modified (Page 32)**

Section 7: All American Tour

- ❖ **Tournament Entry Procedure was updated (Page 34)**
- ❖ **Waiting List Procedure was added (Page 34)**
- ❖ **Withdrawal Policy was updated (Page 35)**
- ❖ **Performance Policy was updated – all players scoring 100 or higher during Round 1 will be “cut” (Page 35)**
- ❖ **Boys 12 & Under Division new set of tees (Page 39)**
- ❖ **Yardage Guidelines were modified (Page 39)**

Section 8: Qualifying Guidelines

- ❖ **Qualifying Guidelines for Prep Level 11-12 divisions added for Spring Series Championships (Page 41)**
- ❖ **Qualifying Guidelines for Prep Level 11-12 divisions added for Summer Series Area Championships (Page 42)**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Summer Series Area Championships Guidelines were updated (Page 42)**
- ❖ **Prep Level Summer Series Championship Guidelines were added (Page 43)**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Summer Series Championship Guidelines were updated (Page 44)**
- ❖ **Qualifying Guidelines for Prep Level 11-12 divisions added for Fall Series Championship**
- ❖ **Ben Hogan Junior Cup Matches Qualifying Guidelines were updated (Page 46)**
- ❖ **Texas Junior Cup Matches Qualifying Guidelines were updated (Page 47)**

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NTPGA JUNIOR TOUR OVERVIEW

The Northern Texas PGA (NTPGA) Junior Tour has a membership of approximately 4,000 junior golfers ages 7–19 and conducts over 450 tournaments annually. Tournaments conducted vary in their degree of competitiveness as there are programs for junior golfers of all skill levels. The NTPGA Junior Tour recommends that all junior golfers and their parents/guardians become familiar with the Rules & Regulations to gain a better understanding of how the NTPGA Junior Tour operates.

ELIGIBILITY

The NTPGA Junior Tour is open to junior golfers ages 7–19 who are not currently attending college. Players who have graduated from high school may only play in NTPGA Junior Tour tournaments until September 1st of the season directly following high school graduation. A player’s division is based on their age as of the day of the tournament. The membership fee is \$80 and is valid for the calendar year.

NOTE: *Players who are 19 years old will compete in the 15-18 division in all NTPGA Junior Tour tournaments.*

TOURNAMENT SERIES BREAKDOWN

<i>TOURNAMENT SERIES</i>	<i>SEASON CONDUCTED</i>
<i>Team Golf</i>	<i>March – May and September – November</i>
<i>Spring Series</i>	<i>January – May</i>
<i>Summer Series</i>	<i>June – August</i>
<i>Fall Series</i>	<i>September – December</i>
<i>All American Tour</i>	<i>January – December</i>

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES

<i>TOURNAMENT SERIES LEVEL</i>	<i>EAST AREA</i>	<i>METRO AREA</i>	<i>WEST AREA</i>
<i>Team Golf</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>\$30</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>Spring Series Prep Level</i>	<i>\$30</i>	<i>\$35</i>	<i>\$30</i>
<i>Spring Series Medalist Level</i>	<i>\$40</i>	<i>\$45 / \$70</i>	<i>\$40</i>
<i>Summer Series Prep Level</i>	<i>\$25</i>	<i>\$30</i>	<i>\$25</i>
<i>Summer Series Medalist Level</i>	<i>\$35</i>	<i>\$40 / \$70</i>	<i>\$35</i>
<i>Fall Series Prep Level</i>	<i>\$30</i>	<i>\$35</i>	<i>\$30</i>
<i>Fall Series Medalist Level</i>	<i>\$40</i>	<i>\$45 / \$70</i>	<i>\$40</i>
<i>All American Tour</i>	<i>\$250</i>	<i>\$215 - \$250</i>	<i>-</i>

CHOOSING AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF PLAY

NTPGA Junior Tour members have the right to participate in any Level of Play, in any Area for which their division allows. However, the NTPGA Junior Tour reserves the right to restrict members to certain Levels of Play based on their performance and ability. It is suggested that members use the following guidelines when selecting a Level of Play:

Level of Play Number of Holes	Eligible Ages	Average Score
Team Golf 9-Holes	7-14	50 or Higher
Prep Level I 9-Holes	7-10	50 or Lower
Prep Level II 9-Holes	11-19	55 or Higher
Medalist Level I 18-Holes	11-19	110 or Lower
All American Tour 36 Holes	7-19	90 or Lower

NOTE: The NTPGA Junior Tour reserves the right to remove a player from tournaments for non-competitiveness at any time. In this case, a full refund will be granted to the player's account credit.

PREPARING FOR NTPGA JUNIOR TOUR TOURNAMENTS

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Adequate preparation for a golf tournament is important. The NTPGA Junior Tour recommends that all players are equipped with light snacks (i.e. granola bars, crackers, fruit, etc.) as well as a refillable water bottle for each golf tournament. It is suggested that junior golfers wear sunscreen and a hat to avoid overexposure from the sun. Additionally, it is recommended that junior golfers drink plenty of fluids the evening prior to each tournament to help prevent heat exhaustion. While the NTPGA Junior Tour is not responsible for providing water on the golf course, NTPGA staff will work closely with each host facility to ensure that water coolers remain full throughout the day. Please note that not all host facilities have water coolers available throughout the golf course.

DRESS CODE

Proper attire is required at all times during NTPGA Junior Tour tournaments. Failure to comply prior to the round may result in not participating and failure to comply during the round may result in disqualification (See Junior Golfer/Caddie Code of Conduct on Page 8). Each host facility may have additional rules and dress code requirements that must be adhered to by all NTPGA Junior Tour members and spectators. Proper attire includes collared shirts or mock turtlenecks (host golf course permitting), slacks, shorts, golf or tennis shoes, caps and visors. Should a golf course have a stricter dress code, its policy will take precedence. The NTPGA Junior Tour dress code prohibits denim, short shorts, cut-offs, swimsuits, sandals, clothing containing offensive slogans, language or pictures, clothing describing or advertising alcohol, tobacco, or other drug references. The NTPGA Junior Tour strongly suggests members present themselves in a positive manner while representing the NTPGA Junior Tour by wearing hats with the brim forward and tucking in all shirts.

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CODE OF CONDUCT OVERVIEW

The NTPGA Junior Tour takes great pride in the quality and conduct of its members, host facilities and corporate partners. The NTPGA Junior Tour requires all NTPGA Junior Tour members, as well as their caddies and spectators, to adhere to a set of guidelines known as the Code of Conduct.

JUNIOR GOLFER / CADDIE CODE OF CONDUCT

Before, during, or after the operation of an NTPGA Junior Tour tournament, violations of the Code of Conduct include, but are not limited to:

- ❖ **Displaying disrespect to fellow competitors, caddies, volunteers, NTPGA staff, host facility staff, or other persons conducting, participating in, hosting or attending an NTPGA Junior Tour tournament**
- ❖ **Cause physical damage to, or loss of, property or equipment of any of the parties set forth above, or of the host facility**
- ❖ **Obscene language**
- ❖ **Abuse of the golf course**
- ❖ **Club throwing**
- ❖ **Littering on the golf course**
- ❖ **Public urination**
- ❖ **Use of smoking or chewing tobacco products, drugs or alcohol**
- ❖ **Not adhering to the dress code**
- ❖ **Cheating**
- ❖ **Bullying**
- ❖ **Any other conduct deemed unbecoming of an NTPGA Junior Tour member**

JUNIOR GOLFER / CADDIE CODE OF CONDUCT PENALTIES

The NTPGA Junior Tour may assess any or all of the following penalties based on the severity of the junior golfer's or caddie's Code of Conduct violation:

- ❖ **Issue a verbal or written letter of warning**
- ❖ **Enforce a one-stroke penalty**
- ❖ **Enforce a two-stroke penalty**
- ❖ **Disqualify the player from the tournament where the violation occurs**
- ❖ **Remove the caddie from the tournament where the violation occurs**
- ❖ **Suspend the player and/or caddie for a portion of the tournament series or any number of tournament series remaining in the year**
- ❖ **Suspend the player's membership indefinitely**
- ❖ **Suspend the caddie's caddie privileges indefinitely**

SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Before, during, or after the operation of an NTPGA Junior Tour tournament, violations of the Code of Conduct include, but are not limited to:

- ❖ Verbal or physical abuse, threatening or disrespecting a fellow spectator, caddie, junior golfer, volunteer, NTPGA staff, or other persons conducting, participating in, hosting or attending an NTPGA Junior Tour tournament
- ❖ Cause physical damage to, or loss of, property or equipment of any of the parties set forth above, or of the host facility
- ❖ Obscene language
- ❖ Intervening in the normal course of play as determined by the NTPGA staff
- ❖ Driving spectator carts off the cart path

SPECTATOR GUIDELINES

During an NTPGA Junior Tour tournament, spectators may:

- ❖ Rent golf carts at the host facilities discretion. Golf carts must remain on the cart path at all times. When on foot, spectators must stay off tees, fairways and greens. It is suggested that spectators keep a minimum distance of 30 yards away from players.
- ❖ Assist in the search of a player's ball
- ❖ Carry medicine, drinks, food, umbrellas and clothing for players

During an NTPGA Junior Tour tournament, spectators may not:

- ❖ Give advice – talking to players may be construed as giving advice, resulting in a penalty for the player
- ❖ Give yardages
- ❖ Give a ruling
- ❖ Assist in official scorekeeping

SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT AND GUIDELINES PENALTY

Any violation of one or more items in the Spectator Code of Conduct is grounds for immediate removal of the spectator and / or player from the tournament and host facility, and may result in the loss of the privilege to participate in NTPGA Junior Tour tournaments for the spectator and / or player indefinitely.

Also, the NTPGA Junior Tour may assess any or all of the following penalties based on the severity of the spectator's Code of Conduct or Guidelines violation:

- ❖ Issue a verbal or written letter of warning
- ❖ Enforce a one-stroke penalty to their player
- ❖ Enforce a two-stroke penalty to their player
- ❖ Spectator removal from tournament

Policies & Procedures

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TOURNAMENT ENTRY PROCEDURE OVERVIEW

Entries for all non-invitational tournaments conducted by the NTPGA Junior Tour will be accepted online on a first-come, first-served basis when tournament registration for that event or tournament series opens. There is no limit to the number of tournaments a member can enter. Each Level of Play (i.e. Team Golf, Prep Level, Medalist Level, All American Tour) has its own respective entry procedure. Please refer to the pages listed below for each Level of Play's entry procedure information:

Team Golf: Page 22

Prep Level / Medalist Level: Page 25

All American Tour: Page 34

NOTE 1: *Walk-up players are not accepted at NTPGA Junior Tour tournaments.*

NOTE 2: *NTPGA Junior Tour Members will be placed in a division according to their age as of the date of the tournament (unless they have declared "up" to a higher division).*

NOTE 3: *Should a player qualify for a tournament series Area Championship in one division (i.e. 9-10), however on the day of the championship their age (11) requires them to play in a different division (11-12), they will be required to compete in the older division.*

NOTE 4: *Members must register online for events (entries submitted via telephone, mail or email will not be accepted).*

NOTE 5: *Confirmation emails will be sent out to each member after the registration process confirming the tournaments they were accepted into or otherwise.*

TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations must be submitted via the members BlueGolf account. NTPGA Junior Tour members may access their account by visiting the website or by using the NTPGA Junior Tour app. Refunds will be granted up until 2:00 p.m. CST five (5) days prior to the scheduled NTPGA Junior Tour event. Please note that *replying to an automated email will not validate a cancellation.*

TOURNAMENT REFUND POLICY

Refunds will **NOT** be granted for cancellations and withdrawals after 2:00 p.m. CST five (5) days prior to NTPGA Junior Tour tournaments unless otherwise noted on the tournament information page. All cancellations are subject to a cancellation fee. Please refer to the chart below for each tournament type's cancellation fee.

Tournament Type	Cancellation Fee
Team Golf	\$6
Prep Level	\$6
Medalist Level	\$6 / \$10
Spring / Fall Series Championships	\$10
Summer Series Area Championships	\$10
Summer Series Championship	\$15
Texas Boys & Girls PGA Championship	\$15
All American Tour	\$19 / \$22

NOTE: For All American Tour events only, written requests for refunds must be submitted to the NTPGA office no more than three (3) days after the completion of the All American Tour tournament for medical or family emergencies. Each request will be considered separately on its own merit and will be reviewed by the NTPGA Staff. If the request has been approved, a refund (less than cancellation fee) will be applied to the player's account credit balance.

MEMBERSHIP CANCELLATION POLICY

All membership cancellations must be submitted through the NTPGA office by speaking to an NTPGA staff member. Membership cancellations are ineligible for refunds once the player competes in one (1) NTPGA Junior Tour tournament.

NOTE: All membership cancellation refunds are subject to a \$10 cancellation fee.

TRANSFER POLICY

All transfer requests must be submitted prior to the registration deadline of both the tournament a player is transferring out of and the tournament a player is transferring into. All transfers out of a tournament can only be transferred into a tournament of the same Level of Play and entry fee (i.e. Prep to Prep, Medalist to Medalist or All American Tour to All American Tour). Transfer requests that do not meet the above stated guidelines will be treated as a cancellation and adhere to the cancellation policy.

ON-SITE CHECK-IN POLICY

If a tournament is using a shotgun start, all participants must check-in 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the tournament. If a tournament is using a tee time start, all participants must be checked-in and at their designated starting hole at their assigned starting time.

NOTE: Prompt attendance is required of all players and time of starting penalties shall be consistent with USGA Rule 6-3.

DECLARING UP POLICY

Members may declare up to an older division, which may allow them to play in an event not otherwise open to them. If a member declares up, he/she must play in the older division for the remainder of the applicable tournament series (excluding the Texas Boys & Girls PGA Championship) and must play by the applicable rules and regulations of that tournament. To declare up, members must complete the Age Division Declaration Form which is available on the NTPGA Junior Tour website. A player may declare up to a different division at any time prior to the start of a tournament; however, all requests to declare up must be approved by the NTPGA Junior Tour and approval will be based on a player's scoring average and overall tournament experience.

NO SHOW & NO CARD POLICY

It is the responsibility of the player to notify the NTPGA Junior Tour when cancelling out of a tournament. Any player unable to participate on the day of the tournament who has not previously cancelled will be considered a "No Show."

All players must return their score card to the scoring area immediately following play. At Prep and Medalist Level tournaments, any player who fails to return their score card after the round will be considered a "No Card" and will be deemed to have taken nine (9) strokes on each hole. At All American Tour tournaments, any player who fails to return their score card after the round will be listed as a "No Card" in the tournament results. Players withdrawing during play of an event **MUST** return their score card to the scoring area and notify an NTPGA staff member before leaving the facility, otherwise, they will be considered as a "No Card".

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES POLICY

The NTPGA Junior Tour allows the use of distance measuring devices during all tournaments. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a function of a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of USGA Rule 14-3 (see penalty structure below). **A multifunctional device such as a PDA or Smartphone may be used as a distance measuring device.**

NOTE: *Applications that also assist the player in his play (i.e. videoing swing for analysis or gauging green contours) are not permitted.*

All distance measuring devices used must be of a handheld variety (watches are permitted), carried by the player or his/her caddie. Use of GPS yardage systems installed on golf carts is not permitted at any time. **Spectators must not relay any yardage information displayed by a GPS system in a golf cart.** A player who breaches this policy will be deemed to have violated USGA Rule 14-3 and will be subject to the following penalties:

FIRST OFFENSE: Two (2) stroke penalty

SECOND OFFENSE: Disqualification

Additionally, players may share their distance measuring device and information pertaining to yardage with fellow competitors or opponents at their discretion provided such action does not cause an undue delay.

Should there be a question on the legality of a certain distance measuring device, it is recommended that all players communicate with the NTPGA staff.

CADDIE POLICY

Caddies must register and pass the NTPGA Junior Tour Caddie Quiz to be an official caddie for Prep Level (all divisions), Medalist Level (11-12 divisions) and All American Tour (12 & Under divisions) tournaments. Caddies that do not register WILL NOT be allowed to caddie for any player until registration is complete.

Caddie Registration

There is a fee of \$20 to register as an NTPGA caddie. One-time caddie registration is valid for the calendar year, expires on December 31, 2018 and is applicable to the player's immediate family.

Caddie Cancellation

All caddie cancellations must be submitted through the NTPGA office by speaking to an NTPGA staff member. Cancellations are ineligible for refunds once the caddie participates in one (1) NTPGA Junior Tour event.

NOTE: All caddie cancellation refunds are subject to a \$5 processing fee.

Caddie Check-In

All caddies must check in at registration in order to caddie. Caddies must have their NTPGA issued bag tag present at registration while checking in. This procedure must be followed at each tournament the Caddie participates in.

When are players allowed to have a caddie?

- ❖ **Prep Level** - All players are allowed to have a caddie (7-18 divisions)
- ❖ **Medalist Level** - Only 11-12 divisions may have a caddie
- ❖ **All American Tour** - Only 12 & Under divisions may have a caddie

Caddies MAY:

- ❖ **Assist with yardage**
- ❖ **Assist with club selection**
- ❖ **Provide advice**
- ❖ **Search for the player's ball**
- ❖ **Repair old hole plugs and ball marks**
- ❖ **Remove loose impediments**
- ❖ **Mark the position of a ball, without lifting it**
- ❖ **Clean the player's ball**

- ❖ Remove movable obstructions
- ❖ Keep player's score

Caddies MAY NOT:

- ❖ Violate a USGA Rule of Golf
- ❖ Violate the NTPGA Caddie Code of Conduct
- ❖ Ride or have golf clubs transported in golf carts except when being transported to their starting hole, back to the clubhouse from their finishing hole, during a suspension of play or when authorized by the NTPGA staff (Medalist Level Girls 11-12 approved shuttling, etc.).
- ❖ Give extensive coaching or training during a round resulting in pace of play violations

SHUTTLE SAFETY POLICY

Spectators are welcome to shuttle players to their starting hole, from their finishing hole and, in unique scenarios, where specifically instructed by the NTPGA staff. All players must be seated inside the golf cart at all times during transport. At NTPGA Junior Tour tournaments, players must NOT stand or sit on the back of a golf cart while being shuttled before, during or after a tournament. This includes shuttling to the player's starting hole and from the player's last hole of a tournament.

If a violation of this policy occurs, the player may be subject to the following penalties:

FIRST OFFENSE: Warning
SECOND OFFENSE: Two (2) stroke penalty
THIRD OFFENSE: Disqualification

NOTE: *If a violation of this policy is made by a spectator who is 18 years of age or younger, the same penalty structure will apply. All penalties will be added to the player in which the violator is spectating.*

PACE OF PLAY TACTICS

There are several tactics that can help improve Pace of Play. The NTPGA Junior Tour will recommend and, in some cases, enforce the following tactics during tournaments at each respective Level of Play for groups who fail to keep up with the established Pace of Play. It is recommended that all players utilize the tactics listed below throughout the entire round at each respective Level of Play.

TEAM GOLF / PREP LEVEL

1. Play "ready golf"

- ❖ When the area surrounding the player is clear, he/she may proceed to hit their shot regardless of whether or not it is his/her turn to hit.
- ❖ Walk with a purpose!

2. Maximum Number of Practice Swings

- ❖ All players will be limited to a total of two (2) practice swings per shot.

3. Continuous Putting

- ❖ Once all players' balls are on the putting green, the player who is farthest from the hole will continue putting until his/her ball is holed. This will continue until all players in the grouping have finished playing the hole.

MEDALIST LEVEL / ALL AMERICAN TOUR

1. Play "ready golf"

- ❖ When the area surrounding the player is clear, he/she may proceed to hit their shot regardless of whether or not it is his/her turn to hit.
- ❖ Walk with a purpose!

2. Maximum Number of Practice Swings

- ❖ All players will be limited to a total of two (2) practice swings per shot.

3. Must, Must, May

- ❖ **MUST** – The first player to finish playing a hole **MUST** immediately grab their bag and start making their way to the next tee.
- ❖ **MUST** – The player **MUST** also be the first person to play from the next teeing ground.
- ❖ **MAY** – This player **MAY** tee off prior to the rest of his/her group arriving to the tee and if the landing area is clear.

PACE OF PLAY POLICY

The established Pace of Play for all Team Golf, Prep and Medalist Level tournaments is 15 minutes per hole (4 hours and 30 minutes) plus one additional minute between the play of two holes for a total of 4 hours and 48 minutes per round unless otherwise noted.

The established Pace of Play for All American Tour tournaments is 14 minutes per hole (4 hours and 12 minutes) plus one additional minute between the play of two holes for a total of 4 hours and 30 minutes per round unless otherwise noted.

DEFINITION OF OUT OF POSITION FOR SHOTGUN STARTS

A group will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they (a) exceed the allotted time to play and (b) reach a par-3 hole that is open and free of play or fail to clear the tee of a par-4 or par-5 hole before that hole is open and free to play. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.

DEFINITION OF OUT OF POSITION FOR TEE TIME STARTS

The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they exceed the time allotted to play.

Any subsequent groups will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they (a) exceed the allotted time to play and (b) reach a par-3 hole that is open and free of play, reach a par-4 and have not played a stroke from the teeing ground before the hole is open and free to play, or reach a par-5 hole and all players in the group have not played a stroke from the teeing ground before the hole is open and free to play. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.

TIMING

The NTPGA staff reserves the right to time a group when deemed necessary. Further, if a player is determined to be unreasonably slow he/she may be timed individually at the NTPGA staff's discretion, regardless of whether his/her group is out of position.

A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke, and an additional 10 seconds (for a total of 50 seconds) will be allowed for: (a) the first player to play a stroke on a par-3 hole; (b) the first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole; (c) the first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole; (d) the first player to play around the putting green; and (e) the first player to play on the putting green.

PENALTY STRUCTURE

NTPGA staff reserves the right to penalize a group or individual player if multiple violations of the Pace of Play policy occur. During a stipulated round, an individual player or group will receive the following warnings and subsequent penalties from an NTPGA staff member if they are found to be over time and/or out of position, as previously defined.

FIRST OFFENSE: Warning (Yellow)

SECOND OFFENSE: Warning (Orange)

THIRD OFFENSE: One (1) stroke penalty (Red)

FOURTH OFFENSE: Two (2) stroke penalty (Black)

FIFTH OFFENSE: Disqualification

NOTE 1: Penalty strokes will be added to the hole where the infraction occurred.

NOTE 2: Pace of play warnings and penalties will not carry over to any subsequent NTPGA Junior Tour rounds.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

By entering and competing in an NTPGA Junior Tour sanctioned tournament, all junior golfers, caddies and any spectators accompanying them assume all risk and danger incidental to the game of golf and release NTPGA Junior Tour sanctioned tournaments and competitions and their host sites, sponsors, host organizations, NTPGA Junior Tour, participating players, and all agents thereof from any and all liabilities resulting from such cases.

By participating in NTPGA Junior Tour sanctioned events, all junior golfers, caddies and any spectators accompanying them grant permission to the NTPGA Junior Tour to utilize their image or likeness incidental to any live or recorded television or other transmission or reproduction in whole or in part of any NTPGA Junior Tour event they attend. In addition, junior golfers, their caddies and spectators agree not to transmit or facilitate transmission of any account, description, picture, or reproduction of any NTPGA Junior Tour event, including, without limitation, scoring related data, without the specific advance written permission of the NTPGA Junior Tour.

INCLEMENT WEATHER / TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION POLICY

The NTPGA Junior Tour reserves the right to cancel or delay a tournament at any point prior to or during a round due to inclement weather or unplayable course conditions.

In the case a tournament is deemed unplayable due to inclement weather once play has begun, it will be delayed by a determined maximum time to allow the weather to subside, giving the course ample time to recover and to allow the tournament participants an opportunity to prepare for the re-start.

If the weather does not subside during the suspension of play, NTPGA staff will work closely with the host facility staff and superintendent to decide when to cancel the tournament due to inclement weather. Tournaments may be cancelled due to core temperature of the ground, excess rain deeming the course unplayable or extreme outside temperatures deeming the conditions to be unfavorable for the tournament.

Decisions related to cancelling or delaying an event will be made by the designated weather monitoring staff in conjunction with the Assistant Executive Director. This decision will be communicated with on-site NTPGA staff members, host facility staff and superintendent prior to communicating with the tournament participants. Players will be notified of cancelled tournament(s) through BlueGolf email, BlueGolf text messages and the NTPGA Junior Tour website.

If a tournament is cancelled prior to play, the NTPGA Junior Tour members scheduled to participate in the event will be refunded the full entry fee to their account or have the option to transfer into another event. If the tournament is cancelled during play, the NTPGA Junior Tour reserves the right to retain the full entry fee.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR JUNIOR GOLFERS WITH DISABILITIES OR CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS

The NTPGA Junior Tour will, at its sole discretion and upon receipt of applicable medical documentation, make reasonable accommodations for junior golfers with disabilities or chronic health conditions. Subject to applicable rules established by the host site, reasonable accommodations may include the use of a pull cart or motorized golf cart for the transportation of golf clubs and competitors during NTPGA Junior Tour tournaments. All related inquiries and communications shall be directed to the Executive Director.

NOTE: Letters from doctors regarding short-term injuries or visible injuries will not warrant special accommodations.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CADDIES WITH DISABILITIES OR CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS

The NTPGA Junior Tour, at its sole discretion and upon receipt of applicable medical documentation, may allow the use of a motorized cart for caddies with disabilities or chronic health conditions. Caddies will need to abide by the host facility's cart policy, which may require carts to remain on the path. If this policy is in effect, caddies will need to do so.

Caddies will be the only person permitted to drive or ride in the cart. At no time can caddie carts be used to transport spectators or the player would be deemed to have two caddies.

EXCEPTION: The player may be transported in a cart when going to their first hole, when returning from the last hole played, or when specifically authorized by NTPGA staff.

All related inquiries and communications shall be directed to the Executive Director. Cart privileges may be revoked at any time for non-compliance with applicable NTPGA or host facility rules and regulations.

NOTE 1: *Letters from doctors regarding short-term injuries or visible injuries will not warrant special accommodations.*

NOTE 2: *Proper documentation will include being granted handicap status by a certified physician and the Texas Department of Public Safety. Caddie MUST be issued a blue handicap placard by the State of Texas.*

NOTE 3: *The caddie will be responsible for any applicable fees charged by the host facility for use of a motorized cart.*

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

In the event of a penalty or playing suspension, the player may submit a written account of the Code of Conduct violation to the NTPGA Junior Tour Grievance Committee within seven (7) days of the penalty or suspension. The Grievance Committee will review all submitted materials, including a tournament staff account of the violation. The NTPGA Executive Director and Junior Golf Committee Chairman will review grievances. All grievances must go through the appropriate channels to be considered.

MISCELLANEOUS

It is the responsibility of the player to know the host facility rules and regulations. The NTPGA Junior Tour abides by all host facility rules and regulations and requires that all participants, caddies and spectators do the same.

It is the responsibility of the participant (grades 9–12) to know the University Interscholastic League (UIL) and the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) regulations and abide by them.

The NTPGA Junior Tour reserves the right to modify, change, or update the Rules and Regulations at any time.

Team Golf

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OVERVIEW

The NTPGA Team Golf initiative was inspired by the successful junior golf programs and junior golf teams formed by several NTPGA facilities and professionals. Team Golf is for junior golfers ages 7-14 with beginning level golf experience and offers an introduction to tournament play through 9-hole team stroke play competition. Team Golf serves as a fun, social, less stressful approach to tournament golf, and provides junior golfers with knowledge and skills that set the stage for a lifetime of golf enjoyment. To participate in Team Golf tournaments, it is recommended that junior golfers and their parents/guardians contact their local PGA Golf Professional who serves as a Team Golf coach. A complete list of current Team Golf programs can be found on the NTPGA Junior Tour website.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Team Golf tournaments will consist of six (6) players from each Team. Each Team will be represented by a team of two (2) players in the following coed divisions: 7-10, 11-12, and 13-14.

NOTE: If a Team does not have enough players on its roster to field a 2-man team in each division, they may have multiple teams compete in one division.

The format for these events will be Four-Ball Stroke Play with each team being awarded a designated number of points based upon their finish in each division. The total number of points accumulated from their finish in each division will represent the Team's overall point total for the tournament.

TOURNAMENT POINTS STRUCTURE

PLACE	POINTS
1 ST	100
2 ND	80
3 RD	65
4 TH	55
5 TH	45
6 TH	35
7 TH	25
8 TH	15
9 TH	10
10 TH +	5

ENTRY PROCEDURE

Approximately three (3) weeks prior to all Team Golf tournaments, all Team Golf coaches will be sent an entry form for the upcoming tournament. The entry form will include all of the appropriate deadlines which pertain to the tournament. Once a Team's entry form is complete with six (6) players (three (3) two-person teams, players' names and age division), the Team Golf coach will return the entry form to the NTPGA Junior Tour prior to the roster entry deadline.

All Team Golf tournaments are capped at 48 players (8 Teams) unless otherwise noted prior to the entry deadline. Each Team Golf coach will be eligible to enter one Team on a first come, first served basis. If a Team Golf coach wishes to submit more than one Team, the coach must designate each Team as "Team A", "Team B", etc. "Team A" will be entered into the event immediately and "Team B" will be placed onto a waiting list until the roster entry deadline has passed. If there is room for additional Teams following the roster entry deadline, the NTPGA Junior Tour will accept Teams from the waiting list on a first come, first served basis until the event is full.

Once a Team's entry form is received, an NTPGA staff member will add each player to the tournament's invitation list. Junior Golfers are required to register online for the tournament by 2:00 p.m. CST three (3) days prior to the tournament.

NOTE: Roster entries will only be accepted as a full six (6) player team. If a roster is not full at the time of submission, the Team will be placed on the waiting list and accepted after the roster entry deadline, if space permits.

BREAKING TIES

A "tie breaker" will not be applied for ties within an age division and all points will be equally shared. For example, if there is a tie for first place in the 7-10 division (two Teams have a Team score of 45), each team will receive 90 points (sum of first and second place points divided by two). If there is a tie for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place (total Team points), the Team's total strokes from each division will be used to determine the winner. If after proceeding with this method the winning Team has yet to be determined, matching score cards using the total Team strokes from the 9th hole will be used to break the tie.

RULES OF PLAY

- ❖ Play is governed by the Rules of Golf and its Decisions.
- ❖ Play the ball as it lies.
- ❖ The NTPGA Junior Tour WILL NOT adopt the Groove Rules as a condition of competition for its tournaments in 2018.
- ❖ Players may have one NTPGA certified caddie to carry their bag and equipment and give advice, but all players and caddies must walk the golf course. Players and their equipment cannot be transported in motorized carts, except when going to their first

hole or when returning from the last hole played, or when specifically authorized by NTPGA staff.

- ❖ The NTPGA permits pull carts, however, they will be allowed only at the discretion of the host facility. It is the players' responsibility to obtain course policy. The pull cart policy for each tournament will be listed on the tournament information page.
- ❖ Players may have caddies assist in keeping their score. All scores need to be recorded on an official NTPGA score card.
- ❖ Any player who has taken nine (9) strokes on any hole and has not holed out must pick up his/her ball and proceed to the next tee. The score must be recorded as a nine (9) and does not exclude the Team from award consideration.
- ❖ If a player fails to hit the ball out of a bunker after his/her first attempt, the player may, without penalty, drop a ball within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief from the bunker.
- ❖ Upon completion of the round, Teams must immediately proceed to the scoring area to return their score card. Teams are responsible for the correct hole-by-hole score and two signatures on the score card.
- ❖ Players must NOT wear headphones during play. Listening to music during a stipulated round will result in disqualification.
- ❖ When on the course, spectators and players must turn cell phone ringers to the silent or vibrate mode. Respect host facility's policy if cell phones are not allowed.
- ❖ Each Team Golf competition shall be deemed to have closed when all scores have been approved by the NTPGA staff and published on the tournament information page.

YARDAGE GUIDELINES

GENDER / AGE	TEE ASSIGNMENT	APPROX. YARDAGE
Boys 7-10	NTPGA Green	1,400 Yards
Boys 11-12	NTPGA Yellow	1,600 Yards
Boys 13-14	NTPGA Orange	2,000 Yards
Girls 7-10	NTPGA Green	1,400 Yards
Girls 11-12	NTPGA Green	1,400 Yards
Girls 13-14	NTPGA Yellow	1,600 Yards

NOTE: Tees and yardages are subject to change at the NTPGA staff's discretion depending on weather conditions and the layout of each host facility.

SECTION 6



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Prep & Medalist Levels

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PREP LEVEL OVERVIEW

The Prep Level is for NTPGA Junior Tour members ages 7-19 who have achieved beginning level golf and tournament experience. Prep Level tournaments offer competitive 9-hole individual stroke play tournaments. The Prep Level provides additional opportunities for skill development and tournament experience. Prep Level tournaments are conducted throughout the year in East Texas, West Texas and the DFW Metroplex.

MEDALIST LEVEL OVERVIEW

The Medalist Level is for NTPGA Junior Tour members ages 11-19 with moderate tournament experience and a wide range of playing ability. Medalist Level tournaments offer 18-hole individual stroke play competitions and are conducted throughout the year in East Texas, West Texas and the DFW Metroplex.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY PROCEDURE

For all Prep and Medalist Level tournaments, the NTPGA Junior Tour will stop accepting entries for an event once the tournament is full or at 2:00 p.m. CST five (5) days prior to the tournament, regardless of whether or not the event is full.

NOTE: Entries are accepted on a first come first served basis.

WAITING LIST PROCEDURE

Once a tournament is full, all players that register will be placed on the waiting list. Players on the waiting list will be placed into the tournament on a first-come, first-served basis according to space availability in their division. Players may be placed into a tournament from the waiting list up to three (3) days prior to the event. After which, no players from the waiting list will be processed into the tournament.

NOTE 1: *Players will be notified via email that he/she has been placed into the tournament. A player may cancel himself/herself from the waiting list at any time via his/her online account.*

NOTE 2: *There is no on-site waiting list/walk-up list at NTPGA Junior Tour tournaments.*

ARRANGEMENT OF STARTING TIMES & GROUPINGS POLICY

Starting times and groupings for all tournaments will be done on a blind draw, based on division. For all tournaments, requests for starting times or specific groupings will not be accommodated. Players shall start at the time and the order arranged unless otherwise informed by the NTPGA staff. Prompt attendance is required of all players at their starting point of each round. Time of starting penalties shall be consistent with USGA Rule 6-3. Each player is responsible for obtaining his/her starting time.

NOTE: The structure and method used to arrange starting times and groupings may be altered at the discretion of the NTPGA staff.

SHORTENED PREP LEVEL EVENTS

In the event that a Prep Level tournament is shortened due to weather or the like, all players are expected to return their respective score card to the NTPGA staff once the tournament has officially been cancelled, regardless of the number of holes they have completed.

NTPGA staff will make every effort to score the event for each division competing in the tournament. However, should a division fail to collectively complete 5-holes, the tournament will not be official, therefore, the results and points challenge results will not be posted. The NTPGA Junior Tour Tournament Cancellation Procedure would then take effect.

Should a division collectively complete 5-holes or more, but collectively complete fewer than 9-holes, the tournament will be considered official and the NTPGA staff will score the tournament as follows:

- ❖ **The results for each division will be calculated relative to par for the first 5-holes that each player completed during their respective round. For example, if Player A started the tournament on Hole 1, his/her score (relative to par) for Holes 1, 2, 3 4 and 5 would be used for his/her score. In addition, 50% of the typical points distribution will be awarded given the tournament was scored using 5-holes.**

NOTE: In the scenarios outlined above, applicable trophies/medals will be awarded to 1st Place, 2nd Place and 3rd Place finishers regardless of ties and will be mailed to each player immediately following the announcement of the official tournament results.

SHORTENED MEDALIST LEVEL EVENTS

In the event that a Medalist Level tournament is shortened due to weather or the like, all players are expected to return their respective score card to the NTPGA staff once the tournament has officially been cancelled, regardless of the number of holes they have completed.

NTPGA staff will make every effort to score the event for each division competing in the tournament. However, should a division fail to collectively complete 9-holes, the tournament will not be official, therefore, the results and points challenge results will not be posted. The NTPGA Junior Tour Tournament Cancellation Procedure would then take effect.

Should a division collectively complete 9-holes or more, but collectively complete fewer than 18-holes, the tournament will be considered official and the NTPGA staff will score the tournament as follows:

- ❖ **In the event that a division collectively completes the same side (i.e. Holes 1-9 or Holes 10-18), the NTPGA staff will enter all players' actual scores from the respective**

side. In addition, 50% of the typical points distribution will be awarded given the tournament was scored using 9-holes.

- ❖ In the event that a division **DOES NOT** collectively complete the same side as outlined above, the results for the division will be calculated relative to par for the first 9-holes that each player completed during their respective round. For example, if Player A started the tournament on Hole 12, his/her score (relative to par) for Holes 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 1 and 2 would be used for his/her score. If Player B started the tournament on Hole 14, his/her score (relative to par) for Holes 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 1, 2, 3 and 4 would be used for his score. In addition, 50% of the typical points distribution will be awarded given the tournament was scored using 9 holes.

NOTE: *In the scenarios outlined above, applicable trophies/medals will be awarded to 1st Place, 2nd Place and 3rd Place finishers regardless of ties and will be mailed to each player immediately following the announcement of the official tournament results.*

RULES OF PLAY

- ❖ Play is governed by the Rules of Golf and its Decisions.
- ❖ Play the ball as it lies.
- ❖ The NTPGA Junior Tour **WILL NOT** adopt the Groove Rules as a condition of competition for its tournaments in 2018.
- ❖ The NTPGA permits pull carts, however, they will be allowed only at the discretion of the host facility. It is the players' responsibility to obtain course policy. The pull cart policy for each tournament will be listed on the tournament information page.
- ❖ Players must exchange score cards with fellow competitors in the group.
- ❖ Any player who has taken nine (9) strokes on any hole and has not holed out must pick up his/her ball and proceed to the next tee. The score must be recorded as a nine (9) and does not exclude the participant from award consideration.
- ❖ Upon completion of the round, players must immediately proceed to the scoring area to return their score card. Players are responsible for the correct hole-by-hole score and two signatures on the score card.
- ❖ Players must **NOT** wear headphones during play. Listening to music during a stipulated round will result in disqualification.
- ❖ When on the course, players, caddies and spectators must turn cell phone ringers to the silent or vibrate mode. Respect host facility's policy if cell phones are not allowed.
- ❖ Each competition shall be deemed to have closed when all scores have been approved by the NTPGA staff and published in the form of a results email.

PREP LEVEL UNIQUE RULES OF PLAY

- ❖ All players may have one NTPGA certified caddie to carry their bag and equipment and give advice, but all players and caddies must walk the golf course. Players and their equipment cannot be transported in motorized carts, except when going to their first hole, when returning from the last hole played, or when specifically authorized by NTPGA staff.

- ❖ **Players may have caddies assist in keeping their score. All scores need to be recorded on an official NTPGA score card.**

MEDALIST LEVEL UNIQUE RULES OF PLAY

- ❖ **Players competing in the Boys 11-12 division may have one NTPGA certified caddie to carry their bag and equipment and give advice, but all players and caddies must walk the golf course. Players and their equipment cannot be transported in motorized carts, except when going to their first hole, when returning from the last hole played, or when specifically authorized by NTPGA staff.**
- ❖ **Players competing in the Girls 11-12 division may have one NTPGA certified caddie to give advice. All players in the Girls 11-12 division and their caddie must ride in a motorized golf cart provided by the NTPGA Junior Tour for the duration of the round. All bags and equipment must be transported on the golf cart. All players in the Girls 11-12 division must have a licensed driver over the age of 16 to drive the golf cart.**
- ❖ **Players competing in the 13-18 divisions must walk and carry/pull their own equipment. Caddies are NOT permitted.**

BREAKING TIES

In all Prep and Medalist Level tournaments, ties for first, second and third place in all divisions will be broken by a score card playoff. The NTPGA Junior Tour official policy for breaking ties via a score card playoff is the same as defined by the Rules of Golf in Appendix I. The method of matching score cards to determine the winner will begin by using the last nine (9) holes of the tournament. If the players have the same score for the last nine (9), the NTPGA Junior Tour will use the last six (6) holes, and finally the last three (3) holes. If this method is used in a competition with a multiple tee start, it is recommended that the “last nine holes, last six holes, etc.” is considered to be holes 10–18, 13–18, etc. If after proceeding with this method the winner has yet to be determined, the NTPGA Junior Tour will proceed by comparing score cards from the 18th hole and continuing backwards by comparing the 17th hole, 16th hole, etc. until a winner has been determined.

At Area and Series Championship events, all ties for first place in all divisions will be broken using a sudden-death playoff. If a player is not present to compete in a sudden-death playoff, he/she will be deemed to have forfeited the playoff. Should weather or darkness interfere, a score card playoff will be utilized beginning with the round two score card. Ties for second and third place will be broken by a score card playoff as outlined above.

POINTS CHALLENGES

At all Prep Level tournaments, points will be awarded to the top 15 finishers and ties in the 7-12 divisions only.

At all Medalist Level tournaments, points will be awarded to the top 20 finishers and ties in the Boys 15-18 and Girls 15-18 divisions. For all other divisions at Medalist Level tournaments, points will be awarded to the top 15 finishers and ties.

Each tournament series (Spring Series, Summer Series, and Fall Series) of the NTPGA Junior Tour will have its own Points Challenge.

Any points earned within a division will stay in that division for the entire tournament series. This means that if a player has a birthday which causes him/her to move to an older division, his/her points do not carry over. Should the player earn a qualification or exemption of some kind with the points from their previous division, that will still be honored, and the player will need to compete in the new age appropriate division.

Any points earned within an Area will stay in that Area because each has its own unique Points Challenge. For example, a player in the 13-14 division who plays in a Summer Series Medalist Level event in Midland and another in Dallas has earned points in both the Metro and West Texas Areas Summer Series Points Challenge.

Any points earned within a Level of Play (Prep or Medalist) will stay in that Level of Play as each has its own unique Points Challenge. For example, a player in the Girls 11-12 division who plays in a Metro Area Summer Series Medalist event and a Metro Area Summer Series Prep event has earned points in both the Metro Medalist Summer Series Girls 11-12 Points Challenge and Metro Prep Summer Series Girls 11-12 Points Challenge. If a player qualifies for both the Prep and Medalist Championship for their respective division, that player must choose which championship they wish to compete in.

The following is the breakdown of the point distribution for each age division at an event:

1st place – 250	6th place – 100	11th place – 55	16th place – 30
2nd place – 200	7th place – 90	12th place – 50	17th place – 25
3rd place – 175	8th place – 80	13th place – 45	18th place – 20
4th place – 150	9th place – 70	14th place – 40	19th place – 15
5th place – 125	10th place – 60	15th place – 35	20th place – 10

❖ *Points will be distributed equally amongst all ties within the top finishers listed above. Please allow 5-7 days for points from East and West Areas to be awarded.*

❖ *Points distributed at the Spring Series Championships, Summer Series Area Championships and Fall Series Championships will be doubled.*

❖ *Points for Metro Area Summer Series \$70 Medalist events will be doubled.*

A player's standing in the Prep or Medalist Level Points Challenge will be determined by the total points accumulated from the tournaments in which they participate. Example: A player has earned 575 points in the Prep or Medalist Level Points Challenge by playing in four (4) tournaments and recording a 1st place finish (250 points), 4th place finish (150 points), 5th place finish (125 points) and 12th place finish (50 points). Points earned during each tournament series will be used to establish invite lists and exemptions for championship events, as well as determine the Points Challenge winner for each tournament series.

PREP LEVEL YARDAGE GUIDELINES

DIVISION	TEE ASSIGNMENT	APPROX. YARDAGE
Boys 7-8	NTPGA Green	1,500 – 1,800 Yards
Boys 9-10	NTPGA Yellow	1,700 – 2,100 Yards
Boys 11-12	NTPGA Orange	2,100 – 2,500 Yards
Boys 13-14	NTPGA Orange	2,100 – 2,500 Yards
Boys 15-18	Forward Tees	2,500 – 3,000 Yards
Girls 7-8	NTPGA Green	1,500 – 1,800 Yards
Girls 9-10	NTPGA Green	1,500 – 1,800 Yards
Girls 11-12	NTPGA Yellow	1,700 – 2,100 Yards
Girls 13-14	NTPGA Yellow	1,700 – 2,100 Yards
Girls 15-18	NTPGA Orange	2,100 – 2,500 Yards

NOTE: Tees and yardages are subject to change at the NTPGA staff's discretion depending on weather conditions and the layout of each host facility.

PREP LEVEL COURSE SET-UP

ORANGE TEES

Par 3 Range = 90-130

Par 4 Range = 250-325

Par 5 Range = 350-425

STANDARD SETUP EXAMPLE (PAR 36)	
PAR 3	90 Yards
PAR 3	105 Yards
PAR 5	350 Yards
PAR 5	385 Yards
PAR 4	250 Yards
PAR 4	255 Yards
PAR 4	260 Yards
PAR 4	270 Yards
PAR 4	285 Yards
TOTAL	2,250 Yards

YELLOW TEES

Par 3 Range = 70-110

Par 4 Range = 225-300

Par 5 Range = 325-400

STANDARD SETUP EXAMPLE (PAR 36)	
PAR 3	75 Yards
PAR 3	100 Yards
PAR 5	325 Yards
PAR 5	360 Yards
PAR 4	225 Yards
PAR 4	240 Yards
PAR 4	250 Yards
PAR 4	250 Yards
PAR 4	275 Yards
TOTAL	2,100 Yards

GREEN TEES

Par 3 Range = 50-90

Par 4 Range = 150-225

Par 5 Range = 250-325

STANDARD SETUP EXAMPLE (PAR 36)	
PAR 3	70 Yards
PAR 3	90 Yards
PAR 5	255 Yards
PAR 5	325 Yards
PAR 4	160 Yards
PAR 4	170 Yards
PAR 4	195 Yards
PAR 4	210 Yards
PAR 4	225 Yards
TOTAL	1,700 Yards

MEDALIST LEVEL YARDAGE GUIDELINES

DIVISION	TEE ASSIGNMENT	APPROX. YARDAGE
Boys 11-12	Forward	5,000 – 5,500 Yards
Boys 13-14	Forward/Middle	5,500 – 6,000 Yards
Boys 15-18	Middle/Back	6,000 – 6,500 Yards
Girls 11-12	NTPGA Orange	4,500 – 5,000 Yards
Girls 13-14	Forward	5,000 – 5,500 Yards
Girls 15-18	Forward/Middle	5,200 – 6,000 Yards

NOTE: Tees and yardages are subject to change at the NTPGA staff's discretion depending on weather conditions and the layout of each host facility.

MEDALIST LEVEL COURSE SET-UP

ORANGE TEES

Par 3 Range = 90-130

Par 4 Range = 250-325

Par 5 Range = 350-425

STANDARD SETUP EXAMPLE (PAR 72)	
PAR 3	90 Yards
PAR 3	105 Yards
PAR 3	110 Yards
PAR 3	130 Yards
PAR 5	360 Yards
PAR 5	375 Yards
PAR 5	390 Yards
PAR 5	420 Yards
PAR 4	250 Yards
PAR 4	260 Yards
PAR 4	270 Yards
PAR 4	275 Yards
PAR 4	280 Yards
PAR 4	280 Yards
PAR 4	280 Yards
PAR 4	290 Yards
PAR 4	310 Yards
PAR 4	325 Yards
TOTAL	4,800 Yards

SECTION 7

All American Tour

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OVERVIEW

The All American Tour is for NTPGA Junior Tour members ages 7-19 who have achieved a high-level of golf and tournament experience, and offers competitive 36-hole individual stroke play tournaments as well as a Match Play and Team tournament formats. All American Tour tournaments are conducted over two days with 18-holes played each day. All American Tour tournaments are nationally ranked and offer national and regional tournament exemptions as well as AJGA Performance Based Entry (PBE) to top finishers. All American Tour tournaments are conducted throughout the year in all areas of Northern Texas.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY PROCEDURE

For each All American Tour tournament, the NTPGA Junior Tour will stop accepting entries for each division once the tournament is full, or at 2:00 p.m. CST five (5) days prior to the event, regardless of whether or not the event is full. NTPGA staff will inform players on the waiting list if they have been selected to be an on-site alternate.

Entries are accepted on a first come, first served basis by division as outlined below (subject to change based on field size).

- ❖ Boys 13-18: 52 Players
- ❖ Girls 13-18: 24 Players
- ❖ Boys 12 & Under: 9 Players
- ❖ Girls 12 & Under: 6 Players

NOTE: The number of players allocated for each division is based on AJGA PBE Requirements to ensure that each All American Tour tournament is eligible to receive PBE status. If a tournament is not full after the registration deadline, players will be added to the field according to when their entry was received regardless of division.

WAITING LIST PROCEDURE

Once a tournament is full, all players that register will be placed on the waiting list. Players on the waiting list will be placed into the event on a first-come, first-served basis according to space availability in their division. Players still on the waiting list after the registration deadline will be notified by an NTPGA staff member no later than (3) days prior to the tournament if a spot becomes available in their division. An NTPGA staff member will notify a player two (2) days prior to the event if they have been selected to be an on-site alternate.

DIVISIONS & COMPETITION FIELD

The Boys 13-14 and Boys 15-18 divisions compete from the same set of tees. The Girls 13-14 and Girls 15-18 divisions compete from the same set of tees. Furthermore, the All American Tour recognizes the Boys 13-18 Champion and the Girls 13-18 Champion in addition to the Boys and Girls 13-14 and 15-18 champions. The Boys 12 & Under division and Girls 12 & Under division compete from separate sets of tees.

ARRANGEMENT OF STARTING TIMES & GROUPINGS

From January 1 until March 1, Round 1 starting times and groupings will be determined using the top 15 point earners (in each division) from the previous year's All American Tour Points Challenge and the top 10 point earners (in each division) from the previous year's Legends Junior Tour Player of the Year Points. Beginning March 2, Round 1 starting times and groupings will be created using the top 15 point earners (in each division) from the current year's standings of the All American Tour Points Challenge and the top 10 point earners (in each division) from the current year's Legends Junior Tour Player of the Year Points. All other players will be paired using a blind draw, within their respective division. For subsequent rounds (i.e. Round 2), all players in the 13-18 divisions will be re-paired based on their respective standing in that division (i.e. Boys 13-18 and Girls 13-18).

NOTE 1: *All players in the 12 & Under divisions will be repaired for subsequent rounds based on their respective standing in that division.*

NOTE 2: *The structure and method used to arrange starting times and groupings may be altered at the discretion of the NTPGA Junior Tour staff.*

WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Any player who wishes to withdraw from an All American Tour tournament must return their score card to an NTPGA staff member prior to leaving golf course property. When withdrawing from a tournament, players will be listed as a Justified Withdrawal or a Withdrawal.

Justified Withdrawal: A justified withdrawal is considered when a player notifies an NTPGA staff member of an obvious illness, injury or family emergency. It is at the discretion of the NTPGA staff to determine whether a withdrawal will be considered justified.

Withdrawal: A withdrawal is considered when a player has begun tournament play and notifies an NTPGA staff member without having a listed justifiable reason.

NOTE: *Players will not be issued a refund after withdrawing from the tournament.*

PERFORMANCE POLICY

Any player who scores a Round 1 total of 100 or higher while competing in an All American Tour tournament (excluding the Texas Boys & Girls PGA Championship) will be cut and not be eligible to compete in the subsequent round(s). A \$40 refund will be applied to his/her account credit for the applicable tournament.

NOTE 1: *If a player fails to make the "cut" after Round 1, but is within ten shots of the leader in his/her respective division, that player will be eligible to compete in the subsequent round(s).*

NOTE 2: A player who has been “cut” a total of three times within the calendar year may not be permitted to compete in All American Tour tournaments until the subsequent year.

NOTE 3: The NTPGA Junior Tour reserves the right to waive the performance policy at its discretion (i.e. inclement weather).

NOTE 4: The NTPGA Junior Tour reserves the right to remove a player from a tournament for non-competitiveness at any time. In this case, a full refund will be granted to the player’s account credit.

TOURNAMENT ROUNDS CANCELLED

In the event that a single round of a tournament is cancelled prior to play, members scheduled to participate in the event will be provided a \$60 refund. All refunds will be issued to the player’s account credit. The All American Tour Tournament Cancellation Procedure would take effect if all rounds of the tournament were to be cancelled.

SHORTENED ALL AMERICAN TOUR EVENTS

In the event that an All American Tour tournament is shortened due to weather or the like, all players are expected to return their respective score card to the NTPGA staff once the tournament has officially been cancelled, regardless of the number of holes they have completed.

The NTPGA staff will make every effort to score the event for each division competing in the tournament. However, should a division fail to collectively complete 18-holes over two (2) days, the tournament will not be official, therefore, the results and points challenge results will not be posted. The respective All American Tour Tournament Cancellation procedure would then take effect.

Should a division collectively complete more than 18-holes, but less than 36-holes, the event will be considered official and the NTPGA staff will score the tournament using only the first 18-hole score the player recorded.

NOTE 1: For All American Tour events consisting of more than 36-holes, the same procedure will apply and all scores from applicable completed rounds by each division will be recorded for the tournament.

NOTE 2: In the scenarios outlined above, applicable trophies will be awarded to 1st Place finishers utilizing a score card playoff as outlined in the rules and regulations. If the champion is absent, his/her award will be mailed immediately following the announcement of the official tournament results.

RULES OF PLAY

- ❖ **Play is governed by the Rules of Golf and its Decisions, as modified by the All American Tour.**
- ❖ **Play the ball as it lies.**
- ❖ **Players may not play the course between stipulated rounds of competition. (USGA Rule 7-1B)**
- ❖ **The One-Ball rule is NOT in effect, but it is recommended placing an identification mark on your ball to help identify it during play. (USGA Rule 6-5)**
- ❖ **The NTPGA Junior Tour WILL NOT adopt the Groove Rules as a condition of competition for its tournaments in 2018.**
- ❖ **The NTPGA permits pull carts, however, they will be allowed only at the discretion of the host facility. It is the players' responsibility to obtain course policy. The pull cart policy for each tournament will be listed on the tournament information page.**
- ❖ **Players must exchange score cards with fellow competitors in the group.**
- ❖ **Upon completion of the round, players must immediately proceed to the scoring area to return their score card. Participants are responsible for the correct hole-by-hole score and two signatures on the score card.**
- ❖ **Players must NOT wear headphones during play. Listening to music during a stipulated round will result in disqualification.**
- ❖ **When on the course, players must turn cell phones to silent or vibrate mode. Respect host facility's policy if cell phones are not allowed.**
- ❖ **Each competition shall be deemed to have closed when all scores have been approved by the NTPGA staff and published in the form of a results email.**

UNIQUE RULES OF PLAY

- ❖ **Players competing in the 12 & Under divisions may have one NTPGA certified caddie to carry their bag and equipment and give advice, but all players and caddies must walk the golf course.**
- ❖ **Players competing in the 13-18 divisions must walk and carry/pull their own equipment. Caddies are NOT permitted.**
- ❖ **There is NO nine (9) shot limit during any All American Tour tournament.**

BREAKING TIES

Ties for first place in all divisions will be broken using a sudden-death playoff. If a player is not present to compete in a sudden-death playoff, he/she will be deemed to have forfeited the playoff. Should weather or darkness interfere, a score card playoff will be utilized beginning with the final round score card.

POINTS CHALLENGE

Players are eligible to earn points at each All American Tour event in which they compete. This Points Challenge will be conducted separately and stand-apart from all other NTPGA Junior Tour tournaments and Points Challenges.

Points will be awarded to the top 10 players and ties in each division. If there are more than 20 players in a division at a tournament, points will be awarded to the top ½ of the total number of players and ties in that division.

For example: If there are 26 players competing in the Boys 15-18 division at a tournament, points will be awarded to the top 13 players and ties. If there are 14 players competing in the Boys 15-18 division at a tournament, points will be awarded to the top 10 players and ties.

Any points earned within a division will stay in that division for the entire year. This means that if a player has a birthday which causes him/her to move to an older division, his/her points do not carry over. Should the player earn a qualification or exemption of some kind with the points from their previous division, that will still be honored, and the player will need to compete in the new age appropriate division.

The following is the breakdown of the point distribution for each division at each All American Tour event:

1 st place – 250	6 th place – 100	11 th place – 55	16 th – 20 th place – 25
2 nd place – 200	7 th place – 90	12 th place – 50	21 st – 30 th place – 20
3 rd place – 175	8 th place – 80	13 th place – 45	31 st – 40 th place – 15
4 th place – 150	9 th place – 70	14 th place – 40	41 st – 50 th place – 10
5 th place – 125	10 th place – 60	15 th place – 35	

NOTE: *The sudden-death playoff will be used to determine 1st place only. Points for all other places will be distributed equally amongst all ties.*

A player's standing in the All American Tour Points Challenge will be determined by the total points accumulated from the tournaments in which they participate. Example: A player has earned 600 points in the All American Tour Points Challenge by playing in four (4) tournaments and recording a 1st place finish (250 points), 3rd place finish (175 points), 5th place finish (125 points), and a 12th place (with 24 players in the age division) finish (50 points).

Legends Junior Tour Alliance Tier 2 Points

In addition to All American Tour points earning qualifying spots and tournament exemptions, points earned on the All American Tour will also be added to a player's overall Performance Point total with the Legends Junior Tour. The Legends Junior Tour will use points awarded at Alliance Tier 2 (i.e. All American Tour event) tournaments, in addition to points awarded at their own tournaments, to establish invite lists for limited field events, distribute exemptions into certain tournaments, as well as determine the Legends Junior Tour Players of the Year. Please note that only ½ of the total number of players and ties in each division at All American Tour events will earn Legends Junior Tour Performance Points. For additional information on Alliance Tier 2 events and the Legends Junior Tour Performance Point system, please visit the Legends Junior Tour website at www.tljt.org.

YARDAGE GUIDELINES

DIVISION	TEE ASSIGNMENT	APPROX. YARDAGE
Boys 12 & Under	AAT Green	5,300 – 5,800 Yards
Boys 13-14	AAT Silver	6,600 – 7,000 Yards
Boys 15-18	AAT Silver	6,600 – 7,000 Yards
Girls 12 & Under	AAT Red	5,000 – 5,500 Yards
Girls 13-14	AAT Blue	5,600 – 6,200 Yards
Girls 15-18	AAT Blue	5,600 – 6,200 Yards

NOTE: *Tees and yardages are subject to change at the NTPGA staff's discretion depending on weather conditions and the layout of each host facility.*

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SPRING SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING GUIDELINES

East Area Spring Series Championship

- ❖ **Prep Level Divisions 7-12: Top 6 and ties in East Area Spring Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through April 22, 2018**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Divisions 11-14: Top 10 and ties in East Area Spring Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through April 22, 2018**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Divisions 15-18: Top 20 and ties in East Area Spring Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through April 22, 2018**

Metro Area Spring Series Championship

- ❖ **Prep Level Divisions 7-12: Top 10 and ties in Metro Area Spring Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through April 29, 2018**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Divisions 11-14: Top 20 and ties in Metro Area Spring Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through April 29, 2018**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Divisions 15-18: Top 40 and ties in Metro Area Spring Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through April 29, 2018**

West Area Spring Series Championship

- ❖ **Prep Level Divisions 7-12: Top 10 and ties in West Area Spring Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through April 29, 2018**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Divisions 11-14: Top 15 and ties in West Area Spring Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through April 29, 2018**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Divisions 15-18: Top 25 and ties in West Area Spring Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through April 29, 2018**

SUMMER SERIES AREA CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING GUIDELINES

East Area Summer Series Area Championship

- ❖ **Prep Level Divisions 7-12: Top 10 and ties in East Area Summer Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through August 1, 2018**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Divisions 11-12: Top 15 and ties in East Area Summer Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through August 1, 2018**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Divisions 13-14: Top 20 and ties in East Area Summer Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through August 1, 2018**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Divisions 15-18: Top 30 and ties in East Area Summer Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through August 1, 2018**

Metro Area Summer Series Area Championship

- ❖ **Prep Level Divisions 7-12: Top 20 and ties in Metro Area Summer Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through August 1, 2018**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Divisions 11-12: Top 40 and ties in Metro Area Summer Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through August 1, 2018**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Divisions 13-14: Top 45 and ties in Metro Area Summer Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through August 1, 2018**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Divisions 15-18: Top 80 and ties in Metro Area Summer Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through August 1, 2018**

West Area Summer Series Area Championship

- ❖ **Prep Level Divisions 7-12: Top 15 and ties in West Area Summer Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through August 1, 2018**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Divisions 11-12: Top 20 and ties in West Area Summer Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through August 1, 2018**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Divisions 13-14: Top 25 and ties in West Area Summer Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through August 1, 2018**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Divisions 15-18: Top 40 and ties in West Area Summer Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through August 1, 2018**

PREP LEVEL SUMMER SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING GUIDELINES

There are two (2) guidelines for a player to gain entry into the Prep Level Summer Series Championship. The following qualifying guidelines are listed in the manner in which they will be executed.

- 1. The top three (3) place finishers and ties at the Prep Level East, Metro, and West Area Championships**
- 2. After the Area Championship points have been awarded, the top five (5) places and ties not already qualified via Guideline #1 from each division's Prep Summer Series Points Challenge in each Area (East, Metro and West)**

NOTE: *In order to compete in the Summer Series Championship under Guideline #2, the player must have been eligible to compete in their respective Area Championship. For example: if the player qualifies via Guideline #2, but was not eligible to participate in their Summer Series Area Championship – then that player is **NOT** eligible to compete in the Prep Level Summer Series Championship.*

MEDALIST LEVEL SUMMER SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING GUIDELINES

There are two (2) guidelines for a player to gain entry into the Medalist Level Summer Series Championship. The following qualifying guidelines are listed in the manner in which they will be executed.

1. The top place finishers and ties from each Medalist Level East, Metro and West Area Championships
 - ❖ **11-12 Divisions - Top three (3) place finishers and ties**
 - ❖ **13-18 Divisions - Top six (6) place finishers and ties**

2. After the Area Championship points have been awarded, the top finishers and ties not already qualified via Guideline #1 from each division's Medalist Summer Series Points Challenge in each Area (East, Metro and West)
 - ❖ **11-12 Divisions - Top five (5) and ties**
 - ❖ **13-18 Divisions - Top eight (8) and ties**

NOTE: *In order to compete in the Summer Series Championship under Guideline #2, the player must have been eligible to compete in their respective Area Championship. For example: If the player qualifies via Guideline #2, but was not eligible to participate in their Summer Series Area Championship – then that player is **NOT** eligible to compete in the Medalist Level Summer Series Championship.*

FALL SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING GUIDELINES

East Area Fall Series Championship

- ❖ **Prep Level Divisions 7-12: Top 6 and ties in East Area Fall Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through November 4, 2018**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Divisions 11-14: Top 10 and ties in East Area Fall Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through November 4, 2018**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Divisions 15-18: Top 20 and ties in East Area Fall Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through November 4, 2018**

Metro Area Fall Series Championship

- ❖ **Prep Level Divisions 7-12: Top 10 and ties in Metro Area Fall Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through November 18, 2018**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Divisions 11-14: Top 20 and ties in Metro Area Fall Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through November 18, 2018**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Divisions 15-18: Top 40 and ties in Metro Area Fall Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through November 18, 2018**

West Area Fall Series Championship

- ❖ **Prep Level Divisions 7-12: Top 10 and ties in West Area Fall Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through November 18, 2018**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Divisions 11-14: Top 15 and ties in West Area Fall Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through November 18, 2018**
- ❖ **Medalist Level Divisions 15-18: Top 25 and ties in West Area Fall Series Points Challenges as of all tournaments conducted through November 18, 2018**

BEN HOGAN JUNIOR CUP MATCHES QUALIFYING GUIDELINES

There are four (4) guidelines for a player to earn a spot on the Ben Hogan Junior Cup team:

- ❖ **Azalea Trail Junior Golf Classic** – The champion of the Boys 13-18 and Girls 13-18 divisions
- ❖ **All American Tour Team Four-Ball** – Each member of the champion team in the Boys 13-18 and Girls 13-18 divisions
- ❖ **DAC Junior Open** – The champion of the Boys 13-18 and Girls 13-18 divisions.
- ❖ **NTPGA Junior Match Play Championship** – The champion of the Boys 15-18, Girls 15-18, Boys 13-14 and Girls 13-14 divisions

NOTE 1: *In the event that the winner of any of the divisions at the DAC Junior Open or NTPGA Junior Match Play Championship has already met the qualifying guidelines for the Ben Hogan Junior Cup team, the next best finishing player who has not already qualified, will be invited. All ties for a spot on the Ben Hogan Junior Cup team will be determined by a hole-by-hole sudden-death playoff immediately following play.*

NOTE 2: *In the event that one member of the winning team at the All American Tour Team-Four Ball has already met the qualifying guidelines for the Ben Hogan Junior Cup team, the Ben Hogan Junior Cup team captain will select a replacement.*

NOTE 3: *Following a tournament in which a qualifying spot has been determined, should that qualified player be unable to compete in the Ben Hogan Junior Cup Matches due to injury, illness or scheduling conflict, the Ben Hogan Junior Cup team captain will select a replacement.*

NOTE 4: *All invited players for the Ben Hogan Junior Cup team must be a member of the NTPGA Junior Tour and reside within the confines of the Northern Texas Section.*

TEXAS JUNIOR CUP MATCHES QUALIFYING GUIDELINES

There are three (3) guidelines for a player to earn a spot on the Texas Junior Cup team:

- ❖ **All American Tour Team Four-Ball** – Each member of the champion team in the Boys 12 & Under and Girls 12 & Under divisions
- ❖ **Texas Boys & Girls PGA Championship** – The champion of the Boys 11-12 and Girls 11-12 divisions, and the champions of the Boys 9-10 and Girls 9-10 divisions
- ❖ **Summer Series Championship** – The champion of the Boys 11-12 (Medalist Level), Girls 11-12 (Medalist Level), Boys 9-10 and Girls 9-10 divisions

NOTE 1: *In the event that the winner of any of the divisions listed above has already met the qualifying guidelines for the Texas Junior Cup team, the next best finishing player who has not already qualified, will be invited to play on the Texas Junior Cup team. All ties for a spot on the Texas Junior Cup team will be determined by a hole-by-hole sudden-death playoff immediately following play.*

NOTE 2: *Following a tournament in which a qualifying spot has been determined, should that qualified player be unable to compete in the Texas Junior Cup Matches due to injury, illness or scheduling conflict, the Texas Junior Cup team captain will select a replacement.*

NOTE 3: *Should a player turn 13 by the start of the Texas Junior Cup Matches after qualifying when he/she was 12, he/she will be allowed to compete in the Texas Junior Cup Matches.*

NOTE 4: *All invited players for the Texas Junior Cup team must be a member of the NTPGA Junior Tour and reside within the confines of the Northern Texas Section.*