



Welcome to The North Florida Junior Golf Foundation

THE PREMIER JUNIOR TOUR

2017~2018 SEASON



Tour Player Handbook



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The Mission.....

The North Florida Junior Golf Foundation (NFJGF) provides local junior golfers, ages 7-18 and younger with approval, an opportunity to be a member of the organization which will allow them to play in competitive tournaments that are affordable, professional and are consistent with the USGA Rules of Golf and the Conditions of Competition. Each tournament and event will provide an opportunity for junior golfers to build a solid foundation, gain tournament experience and compete among their peers for the love of the game. The experience will help prepare junior golfers, if they so desire, to compete in any State or National event. NFJGF will also promote, fund and manage a scholarship program specifically for NFJGF Members. NFJGF will strive to provide scholarships to junior golfers that have participated as a member, uphold the values of the organization and pursue a degree at an accredited college or university.

The Vision.....

The North Florida Junior Golf Foundation will become the pinnacle organization for junior golf in the North Florida area. The Board of Directors, Executive Director, staff and volunteers will work with the golf community to develop and operate a junior golf tour that is professional, positive and champions the journey of junior golfers in developing their game. The organization and members will grow in size and standards to meet the needs of this junior golf community. The Board will function as the policy maker, oversee the operations of the organization and fulfill the strategic plan. The Committees will drive the major functions of the organization to reach out in the community and bring in the necessary resources to continually move NFJGF in a forward direction as an advocate of junior golf. NFJGF will hire, support and financially compensate professionals to run events and operate the infrastructure of the organization. In two to four years NFJGF will be well known to all in the golf community-local professionals, golf professionals, golf course members, country club members, public and private school golf teams and coaches, parents and backers of junior golf.

The Values.....

The values governing NFJGF will be to operate the organization and impact young people with integrity, honesty and fairness. We will promote the values of self-esteem and pride in our events, with our members, among each other and the community. Our decisions will be made with an objective, fact-based thought process. We will work together to nurture independent thinking which fosters taking responsibility for your actions.

2017/2018 Premier Tournament Series

The **NFJG** will conduct a Premier Tournament Series consisting of a minimum 24 one/two day events, to include the Web.com Players Junior Tour; the Elite Tour; the Rising Tour; and the Foundation Tour along with additional specialty events within the North Florida area. **The 2017-2018 Season will be split into 3 series, Fall, Spring and Summer.** Each series will have a minimum of six one/two day events. Specialty formats will be added to each series as available. All events are open to **NFJG** members in good standing and invited guests when space is available. The 2017-2018 season runs from October 22, 2017 to August 31, 2018. Guests of the NFJG are always welcome. Guests may experience and play in one NFJG event without becoming a NFJG Member (space available). Membership is required for any future events unless approved by the NFJG Executive Director (ED). Guests will pay a higher entry fee.

The Tournament Series is divided into three levels in order to provide a more competitive environment for junior players within their skill set. Below are general guidelines for each division where the yardage and difficulty are adjusted based on skill level and scoring. **Age levels are recommended age groups and subject to change based on membership demographics and player skill level. Divisions could be split or combined at the ED discretion.**

Elite Tour (eTour): An 18 hole competitive playing division containing three boys age groups, 10-12, 13-15, and 16-18 and two girls divisions ages 12-14 (younger with ED's approval) and 15-18. The Girls Division may also be combined into the 13-18 age division based on player demographics. Players on the **eTour** play yardages from 4800 - 7000 yards depending on their gender and age group. Scoring averages for the **eTour** are 84/89 and under. **NFJG** Executive Director reserves the right to reassign a player to another Tour when appropriate. **\$55 entry fee per event.**

Elite Tour (eTour) Guidelines: To be competitive, players in this division must meet the following requirements and skills:

<u>AGES</u>	<u>YARDAGE TOTAL</u>	<u>SCORE/AVG</u>
Boys 16-18	6200-7000	80 and Under
Boys 13-15	5800-6500	84 and Under
Boys 10-12	5200-6200	89 and Under
Girls	4600-6000	89 and Under (eligibility (under 12) requires ED's approval)

Rising Tour (rTour): An 18 hole competitive playing division containing three boys divisions with age groups, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18 and two girls divisions ages 12-14 and 15-18. The Girls Division may also be combined into the 13-18 age division based on player demographics.

Players on the **rTour** play yardages from 4600 to 7000 yards depending on their gender and age group. Scoring averages for the **rTour** are from 85 to 100. **A player winning three times in a single series on the rTour will automatically be moved to the eTour.** The **NFJG** Executive Director reserves the right to reassign a player to another Tour or set age divisions based on participation at anytime during the season. In this tour caddies are permitted for players 12 years of age and younger. **\$55 entry fee per event.**

Rising Tour (rTour): To be competitive, players in this division must meet the following requirements and skills:

<u>AGES</u>	<u>YARDAGE TOTAL</u>	<u>SCORE/AVG</u>
Boys 16-18	6200-7000	81-100
Boys 13-15	6000-6500	85-100
Boys 10-12	5200-5800	90-110
Girls	4600-5400	90 +

The Foundation Tour (fTour): Is the **NFJG's** nine hole beginners Tour. This is a combined boys and girls division ages 7-10 and ages 11-14. Age groups could be combined based on membership within the division. Players on the Foundation Tour will be mentored throughout the season to prepare them for the Rising or Elite Tours. On the Foundation Tour players are introduced to the rules of competitive play, etiquette and other skills necessary to move up into the Rising Tour. A player winning more than twice on the Foundation Tour in a single series **could** automatically be moved to the Rising Tour (**see CHANGING DIVISIONS**). The **NFJG** Executive Director reserves the right to reassign a player to another Tour. In this tour caddies are permitted. (refer to handbook for rules and regulations) Players will be closely monitored by **NFJG** staff and officials. Every effort will be made to accommodate serious junior players under the age of seven. Players under the age of seven may be considered for placement in the Foundation Tour only. It is at the sole discretion of the **NFJG** Executive Director.

\$40 entry fee per event.

<u>AGES</u>	<u>YARDAGE TOTAL</u>	<u>SCORE/AVG</u>
7-10 (younger if approved by ED)	2300-2900	65 & under
11-14	2300-2900	65 & under

THE Web.com PLAYER'S TOUR

These are two day events open to all members. Players from all Tours will compete in their respective age and gender division. Age divisions are typically Boys 10-12, Boys 13–15, Boys 16–18 and a Girls Division. The Girls Division is typically one division but could change if entries are such to warrant two separate age groups. All age divisions could be changed based on number of entries. **The Web.com Player's Tour** events are separate and have a separate application and entry fee. The age groups may be different; however, your age at the time of the event will be used to determine your age group.

The Web.com Player's Tour will also allow you to earn exemptions to the **Florida Junior Tour (FJT)** and Performance Based Entry Stars to **American Junior Golf Association (AJGA)**. The FJT STEP program was designed to forge an easier pathway through the various levels of junior golf. This program is a strong reason to support the **NFJG** Web.com Player's Tour as they are local events and played on our best courses in the area. Exemptions may be earned by the winner in all 18-hole age divisions. Double "Player of the Year" Points are awarded in all of our **Web.com Player's Tour** that will count towards Series Winners and Player of the Year Awards.

Note: There will also be one day events where FJT exemptions are awarded.

Additionally, at the annual awards banquet, the **Vardon Award** for the low scoring average in the different age groups of the Web.com Junior Player's Tour events will be recognized and presented with a special award.. (**see requirements**)

NOTE: NON-MEMBERS, ON A SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS WILL BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN SOME NFJG EVENTS. NON-MEMBERS WILL NOT BE FACTORED INTO PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS. ENTRIES WILL BE AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. THE ENTRY FEE FOR NON-MEMBERS WILL BE AT AN INCREASED PRICE OVER THE REGULAR POSTED ENTRY FEE FOR MEMBERS.

TEE IT UP PROGRAM

This is a developmental program designed to prepare the junior golfer for competitive course play. Juniors' ages 7 to 15 learn the rules, etiquette, scoring, golf course management, specialty shots, bunker play, different lies, club choices etc. Tee It Up will also emphasize integrity, respect and responsibilities for the game of golf. The program has an adult to junior ratio of 1:5. Juniors must have had some golf clinic instruction and be able to hit the ball at least 75 yards. All juniors will be pre-certified to be in the program by the TEE IT UP Coordinator.

SPECIAL EVENTS/Awards

TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP: Winners in any 1 or 2 day events automatically receive an invitation to play in this event. Typically the the top 7-10 players in each age division will also be invited to participate. Dependent on the size of the age division this number could increase or decrease. Invitations will be at the discretion of the Executive Director.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR (POY) and TOURNAMENT SERIES WINNERS (TSW): Player of the Year will be the determined by the total number of points earned for the entire season in the different age groups/divisions. For consideration of any of the POY awards, members are required to play in a minimum of ten (10) **NFJG** events which offer POY points

NOTE: There are three (3) series (**Fall, Spring and Summer**) that comprise the season. Players will earn the Tournament Series Award for finishing First in each of the individual series.. (initiated 2013 season)

THE JACK NICKLAUS AWARD: Given by the North Florida Junior Golf Foundation and TOUR and presented by the Jacksonville Area Golf Association. The Jack Nicklaus Award will be given annually at the annual NFJG Foundation Banquet and Awards Dinner at TPC Sawgrass. The year 2017 will mark the first year of the Award. The Jack Nicklaus Award is given to the player in each age group (boys and girls) who exemplifies the spirit of the game by his/her attitude, demeanor and whose values align with the character, sportsmanship, dedication and respect for fellow players as Mr. Nicklaus would require.

VARDON TROPHY AWARD: A combination of the scoring averages from any 10 returned scores of 18-holes (**over entire season**) will be used to determine the low scoring average for each age division. Each age division winner will be awarded prizes and receive special recognition at the end of the year Awards Banquet.

The NFJG EAGLE AWARD: The EAGLE Award is presented to each player who achieves the score of two under par on any given hole.

THE NFJG BIRDIE AWARD: Is an annual award presented to the birdie leader in each of the respective divisions. This award is presented at the Annual Awards Banquet. A minimum of 10 competitive events must be played in order to receive this award.

The special events are open to all members in good standing. The special events are:

- **FSGA Team Championship** (two teams picked by Executive Director and Tournament Coordinator)
- **FSGA Team Championship** (two teams who earned their way on the team)
- **Holiday Junior Team**
- **Junior/Adult**
- **Junior/Pro**
- **NFJG Tour Championship (field determined by points list) and event winners**
- **North Florida Cup Matches**
- **Tour Challenges (field determined by points list)**

Player of the Year (POY) Points System

The **NFJG** Players will earn points for each competitive event played. All points earned by a player will stay with the player in the event of any Level changes. **PLEASE NOTE: Points earned on each tour carry different values.** Players will be assigned a division based on their age and skill level. Players with birthdays occurring while in a division shall stay in that division until the end of the series. Players may make a request to the Executive Director to be moved to the next division level prior to the end of the tournament series..

POINTS:

	Elite Tour (eTour)	Rising Tour (rTour)	Foundaton Tour	Web.com Players Tour		
	Boys 16-18 Girls 13-18 Elite Tour 13-15	Boys 10-12 Rising Tour 13-15	Boys and Girls	Boys 16-18, Girls 13-18 Elite Tour Boys 13-15 Elite Tour Girls	Rising Tour Boys 13-15 Rising Tour Girls	Foundation Tour Boys and Girls Boys 10-12
1ST	800	600	450	1600	1200	900
2ND	700	500	350	1400	1000	700
3RD	600	400	250	1200	900	600
4TH	550	350	225	1100	800	500
5TH	500	300	200	1000	700	450
6TH	450	250	175	900	600	400
7TH	400	200	150	800	550	350
8TH	350	150	125	700	500	300
9TH	300	125	100	600	450	250
10TH	250	100	75	500	400	200
11th	200	75	50	400	350	150
12th	150	50	50	300	300	125
13th	100	50	50	200	200	100
14th	50	50	50	100	100	100

Awarding Player of the Year Points: 75% of the age group at each site will be awarded points up to a minimum of 50 points for one day events and 100 points for two day events. Each player will be awarded the minimum points allowed (50 or 100). Points will be distributed equally among ties except for first place which will have a tie breaker. Tie breakers may come in the form of a official sudden death play-off or a card play-off in accordance with the USGA Book of Rules. **NOTE: ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE POINTS REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS WITHIN A AGE DIVISION.** The Tournament Series points will be combined for a grand total at the end of each tournament series (Fall, Spring and Summer) to determine Tournament Series Winners and then again at the end of the year to determine eligibility for the player of the year in each age group. In Web.com Junior Players Tour events age divisions split with Elite and Rising Tour divisions will earn POY points within their respective Elite and Rising Tour division.

Note: A minimum of TEN (10) events must be played to be eligible for POY and a minimum of four (4) events must be played to be eligible for Tournament Series Winner.

Florida Junior Tour Exemption Policy

The Executive Director of the North Florida Junior Tour shall award FJT Tour exception to deserving players utilizing the established guidelines listed below. The Executive Director reserve the right to modify the distribution based on special circumstances.

The following standards for exemptions to a **Florida Junior Tour (FJT)** are:

- Have a minimum field of eight players in the division of play.
- Before awarding a FJT exemption a player must have played in three (3) NFJG TOUR events in the past 12 months.
- Be a winner of the Boys 10-12 division and post a score 78 or better.
- Be a winner of the Elite Tour Boys 13-15 and post a score 78 or better.
- Be a winner of the Boys 16-18 age group and post a score 78 or better.
- Be a winner of the Girls Division and post a score of 78 or better.
- Be a winner of the Rising Tour Boys 13-15 age group and post a score 78 or better
- Be a winner of the NFJG Web.com Junior Players Tour in all 18-hole age divisions and post a two day score of 156 or better.

***** Exceptions for conditions of play may be considered for modifying the above scoring guidelines.***

American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) Performance Based Entry Policy

AJGA Performance Based Entry (PBE) Stars are awarded only during selected two day events open to members 13 -18 years of age. The PBE Stars are awarded to the NFJG TOUR from the American Junior Golf Association on an annual basis, per event. The number of PBE Stars awarded for each age group is determined from the number of players played the year prior. When awarded, these PBE Stars are guaranteed.

In any given event, should a division meet the AJGA player requirements the Executive Director will request PBE Star status for NFJG TOUR Players.

Players from all Tours will compete in their respective age and gender divisions. Age divisions are typically Boys 13–15, Boys 16–18 and a Girls Division 13-18. AJGA Performance Based Entry exemptions may be presented to boys and girls if the following AJGA criteria is met:

- Fields must meet the following criteria:
 - Boys (16-18) – 40
 - Boys (13-15) – 20
 - Boys (13-18) – 40 when the Boys 13-15 and 16-18 are combined playing the same tee.
 - Girls (12-18) - 12

- Divisions for any event to be recognized must meet the minimum yardages below:
 - Boys 16-18 Minimum yardage of 6,200
 - Boys 13-15 Minimum yardage of 5,800
 - Girls 12-18 Minimum yardage of 5,500

Note: If older and younger divisions play from the same yardage, divisions will be combine to determine when awarding PBE status.

MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

The **NFJG** Season runs from October 22, 2017 to August 31, 2018 - **Membership fee is \$150.00**

SAVE \$25.00

**And pay only \$125.00 if membership registration is completed
prior to Sunday, October 1, 2017**

Please see membership forms, code of conduct, and proof of age and waiver of liability forms under the “**Become a Member**” tab on the website at www.nfig.org You may register for events on-line after you become an approved member.

ELIGIBILITY

The **NFJG** conducts programs and special events for juniors and is open to all young men and women ages 7 to 18 (and younger approved by the Executive Director) actively enrolled in school, certified home school, graduated high school, but not yet attending a university or college.

Evaluations:

The **NFJG** staff member will evaluate the player’s skill level via personal interview with parent(s) and tour player. This may be accomplished in person, by phone or by other methods. After the evaluation, the player will then be placed in one of three NFJG Tour’s (Foundaton, Rising or Elite).

NOTE: IF a PGA Professional is aware of players golfing abilities, NFJG reserves the right to discuss player with this professional to determine ability and then place player at appropriate level.

All new members will be evaluated by a NFJG staff member unless recommended by a PGA or LPGA Professional.

Benefits of membership include:

- A priviledge to compete on some of the best golf courses in North Florida.
- Ticket to the 2017-2018 Awards Banquet and Dinner
- Reduced tournament entry fees
- USGA Rules of Golf Book
- **NFJG** Bag Tag

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

NFJG offers a limited number of exemptions to those players whose families may be in need of financial help. Requests for financial exemptions must be submitted with the player's application. All information submitted as part of the financial request will be considered confidential.

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION DEADLINES and WITHDRAWALS

All events have an open and close date for registering and there is a penalty for withdrawing from an event (\$15.00).

Late Entry Fee: Late entry to any event is based on a space available basis. A \$25.00 late entry fee will be assessed to any entry after an initial registration deadline of an event. This will be strictly enforced. All no-shows are non-refundable

Registration is done at www.nfjg.org.

Withdrawing from an Event:

If a player needs to withdraw from an event they must notify the Executive Director or Tournament Coordinator. Failure to do so may result in TOUR suspension.

Cancellation Policy – Forty-Eight hour cancellation policy is in effect and is STRICTLY ENFORCED. For event cancellations, Players must contact the NFJG Executive Director by phone (904) 868-9535. If unable to make phone contact Players must send an email to the jackaschenbach@pga.com. After 48 hours a full entry fee will be strictly enforced. Emergency cancellations will be considered on a case by case basis when submitted in writing.

No Show Policy: Players who have registered for an event and do not show up at the event without having giving prior notification to the Executive Director or Tournament Coordinator will be considered a "No Show". If you are listed on the tee sheet as a no show you are subject to suspension for the following event. You must request to be reinstated in writing.

PAYMENTS & REFUNDS

All payments are received and refunded through www.nfjg.org – processing fees apply.

TOURNAMENT POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

Practice Rounds & Driving Range:

Arrangements have **not** been made for practice rounds (unless stipulated) at any of the tournament sites. Some of the courses are open to the public; therefore you may arrange a practice round. You may mention that you are a member of the **NFJG** Tour and some courses may arrange for you to play at a discount. Do not expect a discount or ask for a discount – it is not proper etiquette. Range privileges are for the tournament day only.

Tee Times:

Tee Times will be emailed to all players and or posted on the web site at www.nfig.org prior to each event. Typically, 72 hours prior the event day. Players who do not have access to the internet may contact the Executive Director or the host club for tee time information two days prior to the event. The host courses do not prepare and cannot change tee times; therefore, please do not make a request to them.

BREAKING TIES

If time permits, all ties for 1st place will be played off. In the event of ties and time does not permit for a playoff, USGA Scorecard guidelines will be used. NFJG uses the last nine total, last six hole total, last three hole total, 18th and finally the coin toss to break ties. Ties for first place will determine first or second place. If multiple players (3 or more players), play-off tie breakers will be used to determine 1st place. All other places **will be determined by a scorecard play-off**. If multiple players tie, tie breakers will be used to determine 1st, 2nd and and a tie breaker will be used to determine 3rd place if necessary. Any other ties will be split. Tie breakers will determine who will receive an award at the end of the event. Single day events 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Web.com Junior Tour events 1st and 2nd plus overall if divisions are combined.

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play, including local rules on the Notice to Competitors (Rules Sheet), which is distributed at every event.

TOURNAMENT DAY CHECK-IN:

Each player is required to check-in at the registration tabel at each event. Players are to check-in prior to going to the practice areas each day of an event.

ASSISTANCE:

Unless otherwise permitted by the Committee, players shall not use caddies during a stipulated round. Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification. Range finders are allowed in all NFJG events.

PULL CARTS:

Players are permitted to use a pull cart during a stipulated round. **NFJG** is not responsible for providing such pull cart. **** NOTE: SOME GOLF COURSES DO NOT PERMIT THE USE OF PULL CARTS.**

SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR DANGEROUS SITUATION:

Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. When play has been suspended for a dangerous situation, all practice areas are closed until the committee has declared them open for use. If a player sees lightning or believes they are in danger, he or she may discontinue play and seek shelter.

SIGNALS FOR SUSPENSION OF PLAY:

Suspension for a dangerous situation:

- One prolonged siren or horn note.

Resumption of play:

- Two air horn notes.
- All other types of suspension: Three consecutive air horn notes.

RIGHT TO REJECT

The Board of Directors reserves the right to deny or revoke the right of any individual to participate, if in its sole discretion, **NFJG** determines that the applicant's or participant's presence would impact adversely upon or be detrimental to the image of the Tour in any way, which is to include not only behavior but also score.

CODE OF CONDUCT:

As a member of the **NFJG** you will have the privilege of visiting fine golf clubs in the North Florida area and tour members AND their parents and spectators are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY:

Entries are subject to withdrawal at any time (including during the event) by the **NFJG**. The reason for withdraw may include improper attire and/or unbecoming conduct. Any person whose entry is accepted shall be subject to the rules and conditions of play set forth by the **NFJG**.

VIOLATIONS ON THE GOLF COURSE:

Unsportsmanlike conduct includes abusive language (profanity), club throwing, disrespect to volunteers, disrespect to officials or fellow competitors, abuse of the course or facilities, or the use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco products. **Cell phones and IPODS are prohibited.**

CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATION PENALTIES:

The game of golf relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and behave in a disciplined manner, irrespective of how competitive they may be that day.

The NFJG Tournament Committee, based on severity and frequency of the violation(s), may:

- Warn the player, or
- Penalize the player two strokes
- Disqualify the player from the tournament at which the violation occurs, or

- Depending on the severity of the violation, a tournament disqualification may also result in disqualification from the next tournament(s) for which a player has been accepted.

NFJG reserves the right to suspend or revoke a player's membership or entries for a serious breach of the **NFJG** Code of Conduct.

A player's disregard of others is not limited to the current round but may include repeated offenses from tournament to tournament.

Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Club tossing or throwing
- Words or phrases (profanity) that may be disrespectful to others
- Kicking or throwing their bag
- Poor etiquette
- Any unnecessary/intentional damage to the golf course or property

ATTIRE

All attire must also meet club guidelines; when in doubt, dress traditionally. In addition to this policy:

- Hats/visors must be worn with brim forward; males must remove hat/visor while indoors at host facility.
- Golf shirts must be worn and tucked in at all times.
- Men's collarless shirts are acceptable when designed for golf.
- Men's shorts must not hang past the knee.
- Women's fashion shirts without a collar are acceptable but should have sleeves. Sleeveless shirts are permitted
- Women's shorts must be no more than 5" above the knee or the inseam of the shorts must measure at least 5".

PROHIBITED ATTIRE

- Tank tops, T-shirts
- Denim shorts, short-shorts, cut-off shorts, gym shorts, jeans
- Camouflage designed attire, including hats
- Earrings (males) / Body Piercing (other than earrings for females)

Proper attire is required at all times at the host facility, including players meetings and cookouts. Questionable attire will be reviewed by the **NFJG** Tournament Committee. Should a host facility have a stricter dress code, its policy will take precedence. Players in violation will not be allowed to tee off.

APPEALS: Any appeal must be made in writing and must be made within two weeks of the occurrence. Send appeals to:

**NFJG Executive Director
2104 Lady Di Lane
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32246**

PACE OF PLAY

Up to Four Check-Points can/will be used. The check-points will be listed on the rules sheet. All players in a Group are subject to penalty, but specific players may be addressed individually. During our events players may receive warnings. Each group is responsible for monitoring their own pace.

Allotted Time:

- Standard Time par is 4 hours and 30 minutes.
- 13 minutes for a par 3, 15 minutes for a par 4 and 17 minutes for a par 5.
- Time for ball searches, rulings and walking between Holes is included in the allotted time.

Check-Points are to be completed in the following amount of Time.

- Hole #'s 4/13 9/18 13/4 18/9
- Time allotted 1:00 2:15 3:15 4:30

TIMING:

A Group's Time begins when its first player is announced off their starting tee. Check-Point Times are measured when the flagstick is replaced in the Hole after all players in the Group have holed out.

OUT OF POSITION:

- First Group: At any time they exceed the allotted time to play.
- Following Groups: At any time they exceed the allotted time to play and are more than 14 minutes behind the Group ahead.

Notification: **A group in breach of the pace will be verbally notified by an official.**

PENALTY:

- 1st Potential breach – Warning
- 2nd Potential breach – One-stroke penalty
- 3rd Potential breach – Two-stroke penalty
- 4th Potential breach – Disqualification

Penalties are added to the Check-Point Hole where the breach occurred.

SPECTATOR GUIDELINES AND POLICIES

All spectators are to adhere to the following guidelines:

Spectators are asked to:

- View play from cart path or rough areas only, no closer than 30 yards. It is recommended that spectators walk 30 yards in front of the players at all times. In order to maintain consistency, we ask that all spectators view play from the “rough” only. Spectators need to “stay up” with the group they are watching. Lagging behind slows play for the entire field.
- Please be courteous to all players and **Encourage all players with applause and compliments.**
- Make sure that you are never standing directly behind or in front of any player preparing to hit.
- Keep small children under control.

Spectators are not permitted to:

- **Walk down fairway or go onto any green.**
- Talk to or advise players during play as this is a rules violation in accordance with the USGA Rule Book (seeking advice). A player may be assessed a **2 stroke penalty** for each violation of this rule, with a maximum penalty of 4 strokes and/or disqualification.
- Make rulings: Spectators are not officials and should not make rulings on the golf course. Speaking to players or transportation of players is prohibited (unless previously arranged prior to the start of the event) and could lead to penalties to the competitors.
- Be conscientious when talking with others when players may be preparing to hit.

Please remember that part of the player's experience with **NFJG** is a learning experience. Therefore, spectators are not allowed to interfere with the assessment of penalties and/or score keeping. If a spectator or competitor has a score or ruling question they should ask for assistance from a tournament official or if a tournament official is not present use the “second ball rule”

Cell Phones:

Cell phones are not appropriate on the golf course. Please set your phone to silent. If you must make a call please leave the course. Please keep in mind that some courses do not permit the use of cell phones.

Attire:

All spectators should be appropriately dressed. Please refer to the Code of Conduct; Attire section of the Member Handbook. Please act appropriately and be appreciative of the staff and host facility.

Spectator carts may be permitted – please check with the registration at each event.

Caddie Program

Foundation (9 hole) Divisions and Boys and Girls 10-12 years of age and under only.

The Executive Director has the authority to eliminate or modify caddie policy at any time.

In golf, a caddie (or caddy) is the person who carries a player's bag and gives insightful advice and moral support.

Anyone wishing to caddy for a member of the RISING TOUR or FOUNDATION TOUR must

- Be a family member, 18 years of age or older or a non-family member adult, 18 years of age or older approved by the players Parents.
- Confirm they have read this policy and will conform to its contents.
- Acknowledge that they have a good understanding of golf and the basic rules of golf.
- Approved caddies must wear a **NFJG** Caddie Bib at all times while on duty. (picked up at registration and returned to scoreboard)

POLICIES

- Caddies are permitted to use motorized vehicles, but are encouraged to walk. Fees will vary from club to club and are not included in player's entry fees.
- Caddies are allowed to transport players clubs and equipment.
- Players **are not** permitted to ride at any time. EXCEPTION: WHERE ALL PLAYERS ARE BEING SHUTTLED DURING EVENT. Penalty: 1st offence: 2 shots to competitor. 2nd offence: 2 shots to competitor and caddie will leave course and/or lose privileges for remainder of season.
- Caddies **are not** permitted to consume alcoholic beverages or smoke while caddying.
- Caddies will be allowed to search for player's balls along with any other players in the group.
- Caddies will be allowed to clean player's golf ball and offer advice. (**pace of play** strictly enforced)
- In the instance where caddie is not adhering to pre-determined standards. 1st offence: 2 shots to player. 2nd offence: 2 shots to competitor (max 4) and caddie will leave and/or lose privileges for remainder of season.
- A **NFJG** staff/rules official will be assigned to the Foundation Division at each event. This Staff person will be in charge of all caddie decisions during the course of play.

THE INTENT OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO ASSIST AND MENTOR OUR YOUNGER PLAYERS DURING THEIR ROUND OF GOLF. ANY CADDIE BERRATING A PLAYER OR CREATING CONFRONTATIONS WITH SPECTATORS WILL LOOSE THEIR CADDIE PRIVELEGES. THIS DECISION WILL BE THE DETERMINATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. CADDIES IN GROUPS ARE EXPECTED TO ASSIST OTHER PLAYERS. THE INTENT IS FOR THE CADDIE TO HELP EVERYONE, NOT JUST FORMING A "PLAYER/CADDIE TEAM" AGAINST EVERYONE ELSE.

Note: The Executive Director reserves the right to utilize the cadde program during any schedule event for any or all tour divisions.

NFJG SCHOLARSHIP Program

The purpose of the **NFJG** Scholarship Program is to encourage and promote the attainment of continued education goals for members who have demonstrated a high level of academic achievement during school or college. Applicants for the **NFJG** Scholarship Program must be members (or past members currently in college) of the **NFJG**. The involvement or achievement in **NFJG** tournament programs is not part of the selection criteria.

Applicants must have completed (or plan to complete) high school and must be enrolled (or planning to enroll) as a full-time student. A full-time student is defined as one who is taking 12 or more hours in a course of study leading to a traditional associate (2 year) or baccalaureate (4 year) degree at an accredited college or university located within the United States, or considered a full-time student by his/her respective institution.

Please go to the Scholarship portion of the website for details www.nfjg.org.

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