

# 2015



**PGA**  
Kentucky  
*Junior Tour*

## **Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Program**

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*A Handbook to Help Navigate the 2015 Season of Junior Golf in Kentucky*

Dear Junior Golfer & Parent/Guardian,

With the new season comes new opportunity for junior golfers to compete on the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour. As we start a new season, I look forward to the opportunity to create a rewarding experience for parents and juniors on the tour this year. In 2015, we are focusing on partnerships with our host facilities while providing unique opportunities to spread and grow junior golf in the Commonwealth!

On behalf of the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour, I present to you the 2015 Junior Golf Program. This handbook is designed to help you understand everything you need to know about the Kentucky PGA Junior Golf Tour and the 2015 season. Enclosed in this booklet are policies and procedures, the 2015 Tournament Schedule and information on how to sign up for tournaments online.

For the past 23 years, the tour has focused on creating high quality tournaments for junior golfers throughout the state. Many of the top golfers in the country started their career by competing on our tour. These golfers have progressed to play competitive golf at colleges and universities. A few have even moved on to playing on the professional ranks as a career, while others have converted their passion for the game of golf to careers in the business of golf. The common thread that connects all those golfers is learning about the rules and etiquette of the game while fine tuning their abilities during tournament play.

In 2015, we will continue to use the same tournament management software for our Junior Tour. While the tour will continue to concentrate on enhancing the tournament experience for parents and juniors, we are excited to bring some new and expanded programs to tour participants this season. Tour members can expect the following improvements to our tournament program (*NEW programs in 2015*):

- Three (3) two-day regional events with Junior Golf Scoreboard points and AJGA performance stars
- Handicaps will be provided to all tour members with scores posted for all tour events
- Low Net prizes from each set of tees awarded for those finishing outside the top three in their Division
- Programs designed to encourage score posting and measure improvement during the season
- Early registration promotion programs with increased social media presence

For the 2015 Season, the membership fee is \$80.00 for juniors of all ages competing across different divisions. When you visit [kygolf.org](http://kygolf.org) and begin the registration process, please read through the description for our Open, 18-Hole, 9-Hole and 6-Hole Division Memberships to make sure that you select the proper division for your age and preferences when signing up. The Open Division is designed for players who wish to compete against stronger fields from a longer yardage. The scoring criteria of 85 or better for boys and 100 or better for girls will be upheld and monitored for juniors wishing to participate in these events.

Junior golfers may sign up for membership and tournaments throughout the year; however, we have a seven (7) day deadline for individual tournaments.

If you have further questions do not hesitate to contact me at any time via e-mail at [credle@kygolf.org](mailto:credle@kygolf.org).

Respectfully,

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# PGA Kentucky Junior Tour

## 2015 Kentucky PGA Junior Tour

Date	Course	City	Date	Course	City
June 4	Connemara GC	Nicholasville	July 2	Long Run GC	Louisville
June 5	Winchester CC	Winchester	July 8	Campbellsville CC	Campbellsville
June 8	Bowling Green CC	Bowling Green	July 9	Shawnee GC	Louisville
June 9	Charlie Vettiner GC	Louisville	July 10	The Links at Novadell	Hopkinsville
June 10	Cherry Blossom G&CC	Georgetown	July 13	Bellefonte CC	Ashland
June 11	Ben Hawes GC	Owensboro	July 14	Wild Turkey Trace GC	Lawrenceburg
June 12	Henry County CC	New Castle	July 15	Lake Cumberland GC	Jamestown
June 15	Henderson CC	Henderson	July 16	Iroquois GC	Louisville
June 18	Elizabethtown CC	Elizabethtown	July 17	Tates Creek GC	Lexington
June 19	University Club of Kentucky (Wildcat)	Lexington	July 20	CC of Paducah	Paducah
June 25	Gay Brewer Jr. GC	Lexington	July 21	Kenny Perry's Country Creek GC	Franklin
June 26	Eagle Trace GC	Morehead	July 22	The Pines at Lindsey Wilson	Columbia
June 27	Barren River State Park GC	Lucas			

### Regional Sites

May 16-17	Juniper Hill GC	Frankfort
June 23-24	Keene Trace Golf Club	Nicholasville
	Keene Run GC (June 23)	
	Champions Trace GC (June 24)	
July 11-12	KY Dam Village State Park GC	Gilbertsville

### KY PGA Junior Tour Championship (Invite Only):

#### **All 18-Hole, 9-Hole, and 6-Hole Divisions**

July 28-29	Big Spring Inc.	Goshen
	Harmony Landing Campus	

*NOTE: Previously known as Harmony Landing CC*

## 2015 Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Spring & Fall Series

Date	Course	City	Date	Course	City
March 28	Standard CC	Louisville	<u><b>Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Fall Classic:</b></u>		
April 4	Greenbrier G&CC	Lexington	Oct 17-18	University Club of Kentucky (Wildcat)	Lexington
April 25	Lakeside GC	Lexington			

## 2015 Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Special Events

Date	Course	City	Date	Course	City
<u><b>Kentucky Junior PGA Championship Qualifier:</b></u>			<u><b>Kentucky Junior Amateur Championships:</b></u>		
June 16-17	Bardstown CC (Maywood)	Bardstown	<b>All Girls &amp; 9-Hole Boys</b>		
			June 30-July 1	My Old Kentucky Home SPGC	Bardstown
			<b>Boys 13-18</b>		
			June 30-July 1	Bardstown CC (Maywood)	Bardstown

Get your "Game On" in 2015 with the Kentucky PGA  
Junior Tour... Registration Opens Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>!

## *Using the Handbook*

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This handbook provides information for every junior golf tournament conducted by Golf House Kentucky. In the following pages you will find important information regarding the policies and guidelines of our junior golf program. This packet is set up to be an easy resource for your use in obtaining information and registering for our many junior golf events.

*Enclosed in this handbook you will find information regarding:*

- Kentucky PGA Junior Tour (including 9-Hole and 6-Hole Divisions)
- Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Open Division Information
- Kentucky Junior PGA Championship Qualifier
- Boys and Girls Kentucky Junior Amateur Championship

The best way to register is by visiting our website, *kygolf.org*, as this has proved to be an easy and effective way to register for events. Specific directions on how to become a member and apply for a tournament are located later in the handbook.

The website will be updated each week to provide you with the latest information available, including tournament pairings and results as well as the Tour Player of the Year point standings.

## *Eligible Participants*

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Juniors that are born after August 1, 1996 residing in the Commonwealth of Kentucky are eligible to participate on the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour. Membership is also open to any junior that maintains an active Handicap Index at a Kentucky Golf Association Member facility.

All Summer and Spring Series events will have 6-Hole, 9-Hole, and 18-Hole Divisions. The two-day regionals will not have 6-Hole divisions, but there will be a 10 & Under Division for boys (9-Holes) and a 12 & Under Division for girls (9-Hole).

## *Age Divisions for Competition*

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Participants will select their Division based on their age as of June 1, 2015 during the Tour Membership registration process. Juniors may choose to “play up” into the next Age Division if they wish to compete against older juniors from a longer yardage. Once the Age Division is selected, the junior will remain in that Division through the Fall Classic while earning Junior Player of the Year Points only in the selected Division. Any junior born between August 1, 1996 and June 1, 2002 is eligible to compete in the Open Division.

**Boys Divisions:** Boys Open; Boys 17-18; Boys 15-16; Boys 13-14; Boys 11-12 (9-Hole), Boys 10 & Under (9-Hole), Boys 8 & Under (6-Hole, Spring & Summer Series events only)

**Girls Divisions:** Girls Open; Girls 16-18; Girls 13-15; Girls 12 & Under (9-Hole), Girls 9 & Under (6-Hole, Spring & Summer Series events only)

# History

The Kentucky Golf Association was organized at a meeting at Louisville Country Club in 1911, in which officials from eight golf clubs from across Kentucky came together with the purpose of identifying a method in which to determine a champion amateur golfer for the year. From these origins came the Kentucky Golf Association, which is recognized as Kentucky's governing body for amateur golf. Officially incorporated in 1946, the Kentucky Golf Association has grown from the original eight clubs to include approximately 200 member facilities across Kentucky, and determining an amateur golf champion for Kentucky remains a primary focus. Among the services provided by the Kentucky Golf Association to its member facilities are a uniform USGA Handicap<sup>®</sup> computation service; USGA Course Rating<sup>®</sup> services, Rules of Golf administration, amateur status administration, and the conduct of state championships, including the Kentucky State Amateur Championship, which traces its origins to the Kentucky Golf Association's founding year of 1911. The association is governed by a board of directors, consisting of representatives from member facilities from ten designated sections across Kentucky.



The Kentucky Section PGA is one of the PGA of America's 41 sections, and the boundaries for the Kentucky Section coincide with the official boundaries for the State of Kentucky. The Kentucky Section PGA traces its origins to the 1925, and was officially incorporated in 1970. Today, the Kentucky Section consists of over 300 PGA Members and Apprentices from across Kentucky. These PGA Professionals perform a variety of roles (golf professionals, teachers, coaches, golf course superintendents, golf course owners/operators, administrators, sales professionals, executive management, etc.) in the industry, and each are dedicated to promoting, teaching, and growing the game.



In 1978, these two organizations came together to form Golf House Kentucky, a joint management effort in which both organizations agreed to share staff and resources. This type of cooperation between amateur and professional golf organizations was almost unheard of, and today, only two states, Kentucky included, have this type of structure in place. The Golf House Kentucky has spawned a number of initiatives since its creation in 1978, including the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame in 1984. In 1993, the two organizations worked to form a statewide junior golf tour, known today as the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour, presented by Walmart. Since its inception, this effort has reached thousands of young people from across Kentucky.

In 2002, the Kentucky Golf Association and Kentucky Section PGA came together in another joint effort to form the Kentucky Golf Foundation, with a primary purpose of constructing Golf House Kentucky, which would serve as the home for Kentucky's family of golf organizations and the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. Completed in late 2006, Golf House Kentucky serves these purposes in a beautiful setting near Persimmon Ridge Golf Club.

For more information on Kentucky's family of golf organizations, visit [kygolf.org](http://kygolf.org).

# 2015 Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Program

## Kentucky PGA Junior Tour

*Membership Fee: Open, 18-Hole, 9-Hole and 6-Hole - \$80.00*

*The Tour consists of 34 stroke play events with a year-end stroke play Tour Championship. All Divisions of the Tour Championship will be held at Big Spring Inc. - Harmony Landing Campus (formerly known as Harmony Landing Country Club) on July 28-29.*

**AGES:** These events are for junior golfers born after August 1, 1996. Divisions are formed based on the age of the junior golfer as of June 1, 2015.

**# OF HOLES:** All golfers will play eighteen holes *except:*

- Boys and Girls 12 & under will play nine holes.
- Girls 9 & under and Boys 8 & under will play six holes.

**MAX EVENTS:** Players may play in as many events as they want but count a maximum of **10** finishes in Tour Player of the Year Points System. (**10** events for those in the 6-Hole Division also)

**COSTS:** Based on Age Division, and does not include membership fee.

### **Spring Events:**

\$60.00 – 18-Hole Divisions

\$45.00 – 9-Hole Divisions

\$45.00 – 6-Hole Divisions



### **Summer Events:**

\$60.00 – 18-Hole Divisions

\$45.00 – 9-Hole Divisions

\$45.00 – 6-Hole Divisions

### **Tour Championship**

\$80.00 – 18-Hole Divisions

\$65.00 – 9-Hole Divisions

\$65.00 – 6-Hole Divisions

**OPEN EVENTS** To enhance the field in some events this season, participants will be allowed to enter these events without paying the Tour Membership fee. Non-Members will be charged an additional \$25 per event. The additional fee for Non-Members may not be retroactively applied to Tour Membership fees.

### **Two-Day Regional Events:**

\$95.00 – 18-Hole Divisions (\$120 for Non-Members)

\$75.00 – 9-Hole Divisions (\$100 for Non-Members)

### **Junior PGA Championship Qualifier**

\$65.00 – 18-Hole Divisions (\$90 for Non-Members)

\$45.00 – 9-Hole Divisions (\$70 for Non-Members)

### **Kentucky Junior Amateur Championship**

\$95.00 – 18-Hole Divisions (\$120 for Non-Members)

\$75.00 – 9-Hole Divisions (\$100 for Non-Members)

### **Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Fall Classic**

\$95.00 – 18-Hole Divisions (\$120 for Non-Members)

\$75.00 – 9-Hole Divisions (\$100 for Non-Members)



# ***Junior Championships and Qualifiers***

**ELIGIBILITY:** The Championships listed below are open only to junior golfers who reside in the Commonwealth of Kentucky unless otherwise noted. More information about the 2015 Junior PGA Championship Qualifier will be available on [kygolf.org](http://kygolf.org) as it becomes available. Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Members do receive member pricing on select registration fees.

## **2015 KENTUCKY JUNIOR AMATEUR**

*The Kentucky Junior Amateur will be held June 30-July 1, 2015*

- Boys 13-18 (18-Hole Divisions) as of June 30, 2015 will play at Bardstown Country Club at Maywood
- Boys 12 & Under (9-Hole Divisions) as of June 30, 2015 will play at My Old Kentucky Home State Park Golf Course
- Entry is open to any male who is 18 & under as of June 30, 2015 (the first day of the championship)
- Entry is open to any junior with an active Handicap Index at a KGA Member facility and Kentucky residents
- \$95 (18-Hole)/\$75 (9-Hole) entry fee for Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Members (Non-Member entry fee \$120/\$100)

*2014 Champions: Jason Wang (10 & under), Canon Claycomb (11-12), Cullan Brown (13-14), Michael Sass (15-16), and Tyler McDaniel (17-18)*

*Overall Champion: Tyler McDaniel*

## **2015 KENTUCKY GIRLS JUNIOR AMATEUR**

*The Kentucky Girls Junior Amateur will be held June 30-July 1, 2015 at My Old Kentucky Home State Park Golf Course*

- Entry is open to any female who is 18 & under as of June 30, 2015 (the first day of the championship)
- \$95 (18-Hole)/\$75 (9-Hole) entry fee for Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Members (Non-Member entry fee \$120/\$100)
- Entry is open to any junior with an active Handicap Index at a KGA Member facility and Kentucky residents

*2014 Champions: Mallory Lovell (12 & under), Olivia Cason (13-15), and Ellen Kehoe (16-18)*

*Overall Champion: Ellen Kehoe*

## **KENTUCKY JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER**

*The Junior PGA Championship Qualifier will be held June 16-17, 2015 at Bardstown Country Club at Maywood*

- This event is a qualifying event for the Junior PGA Championship that will be held at Miramont Country Club in Bryan, TX on August 3-6, 2015 (Monday-Thursday)
- For eligibility requirements and additional information, visit [PGAJuniorSeries.com](http://PGAJuniorSeries.com)
- Only participants playing 36 holes from the Championship Tees will be eligible to Qualifying for the Junior PGA Championship
- \$65 (18-Hole)/\$45 (9-Hole) entry fee for Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Members (Non-Member entry fee \$90/\$70)

*2014 Qualifiers: Jordan Webb and Corey Lockridge*

## **U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR QUALIFIER**

*The U.S. Junior Amateur Qualifier will be held Monday, June 22, 2015 at Bowling Green Country Club in Bowling Green, KY*

- For more information regarding this tournament, visit [usga.org](http://usga.org)

## **U.S. GIRLS JUNIOR AMATEUR QUALIFIER**

*The U.S. Girls Junior Amateur Qualifier will be held Monday, June 22, 2015 at Keene Run Golf Club in Nicholasville, KY*

- For more information regarding this tournament, visit [usga.org](http://usga.org)



# ***Kentucky Junior Player of the Year Points System***

The following events are either conducted by Golf House Kentucky or are recognized as major statewide events. Points are for overall finish only, not by age division finish. The following breakdown will be used to award a Kentucky Junior Boys and Girls Player of the Year.

***2014 Kentucky Boys Player of the Year: Michael Sass***

***2014 Kentucky Girls Player of the Year: Elsa Moberly***

## **KENTUCKY PGA JUNIOR TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP (18 Hole & Open) (#) Invitation Only**

Boys and Girls: 30-25-20-15-12-10-8-6-4-2

## **KENTUCKY JUNIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP**

Boys: 50-42-35-30-26-23-20-17-14-12-10-8-6-4-2

Girls: 50-42-35-30-26-23-20-17-14-12

## **AJGA EVENTS IN KENTUCKY**

Boys: 40-34-30-26-22-18-14-10-8-6

Girls: 40-34-30-26-22

## **JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER**

Boys and Girls: 30-25-20-15-12-10-8-6-4-2

Additionally, bonus points will be given for the following:

- + 10 for making the cut
- + 25 for finishing in the top 10
- + 50 for finishing as Champion

## **PGA JUNIOR SERIES EVENTS IN KENTUCKY**

Boys: 40-34-30-26-22-18-14-10-8-6

Girls: 40-34-30-26-22

## **USGA JUNIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING**

Boys and Girls: 40 for Qualifying from a Kentucky site

20 for Qualifying from a site outside Kentucky

- +10 for advancing to Match Play
- +5 for advancing to 2nd Round
- +10 for advancing to Quarterfinals
- +20 for advancing to Semifinals
- +40 for finishing as Runner-Up
- +50 for finishing as Champion

## **KENTUCKY STATE AMATEUR AND KENTUCKY OPEN**

Boys: 25-20-18-16-14-12-10-8-7-6

5 points to all qualifiers who do not make the 36 hole cut

## **KENTUCKY WOMEN'S STATE AMATEUR**

Girls: 20 (Championship Flight Only)

Each additional match won earns 10 points

## **KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION GOLF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Boys: 40-32-25-20-17-14-12-10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1

Girls: 40-32-25-20-17-14-12-10-8-6

## **TRUSTED CHOICE BIG "I" JUNIOR CLASSIC**

Boys and Girls: 20-15-10-8-6

## **KENTUCKY PGA JUNIOR TOUR SPRING 18-HOLE & OPEN SERIES**

Boys and Girls: 5-4-3-2-1

## **KENTUCKY PGA JUNIOR TOUR SPRING/FALL 18-HOLE & OPEN SERIES 2-DAY EVENTS**

Boys and Girls: 20-15-10-8-6

***NOTE:*** Information on the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Player of the Year Points System is listed on page 19.

# ***2015 Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Policies***

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***Make sure to thoroughly read over all policies as some  
have changed from previous years.***

# *Registration*

**HOW TO ENTER:** Entries for tournaments will **NOT** be accepted before **Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**. Web registration will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m. EST.

*For the **Kentucky PGA Junior Tour**, Divisions are based on the age of the junior as of June 1, 2015 and they will compete in that Division for the duration of the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour season.*

## **HOW TO REGISTER ONLINE:**

- Go to *kygolf.org* and select the “Junior Golf” tab at the top right hand side of the screen
- Click on the “How to become a member” tab.
- If you are a returning member from last year you may sign in with you ID & PASSWORD
- If you are a new member click “Sign up now”,

## **HOW TO SIGN UP FOR TOURNAMENTS:**

- Once your membership has been approved you will receive an email with a username and password.
- Visit *kygolf.org* and use your credentials to login to your account and begin signing up for tournaments.
- You may sign up for multiple events at once or return as often as you like to sign up for additional events.

## **NOTES ABOUT REGISTRATION:**

- Entries for Tournaments/Championships will be confirmed by email only. ***Please provide a correct email address during the Tour Membership registration process.***
- Membership entries for the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour will be confirmed via **an acceptance email via BlueGolf**. Membership packets will be distributed at series events, or they are available at Golf House Kentucky.
- If you wish to make changes, you may contact Golf House Kentucky or simply log in to your BlueGolf account and make the changes online. Changes made online will be reviewed by our staff before being processed.
- A service fee of \$1.50 is added to each tournament registration.
- ***Telephone and Fax entries will NOT be accepted, no matter the circumstance.***

**DEADLINES:** There is no Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Membership deadline. ***All tournament deadlines will be at 4:00 p.m. EST, SEVEN (7) days prior to the event.*** If a later registration deadline is in place, the revised date will be noted on the event listing.

**LATE ADDITIONS:** If, between the time when the tournament field has been set and FORTY EIGHT (48) hours prior to the start time of the event, there is an open spot in a particular starting time due to a withdrawal, it will be filled on a case-by-case basis. If a player has not signed up for the tournament prior to the deadline and notices an open spot in his/her division they may contact Golf House Kentucky and we will make every effort to ensure the player has a chance to compete.

**WAITING LIST:** If a tournament reaches its maximum capacity before the tournament deadline, a waiting list will be established. If a spot becomes available, the first player off the waiting list will be added to the event. However, if starting times have already been established, the spots will be filled on a division basis. For example, if a player in the Boys 15-16 Division withdraws from the event, ***the first player in that same division on the waiting list will be added to the event. If there are no more registrations in that division on the waiting list, the open spot will not be filled.***

**REFUNDS:** Refunds will only be granted to participants whose requests are received via a phone call, voicemail, e-mail, or done so online at least **FORTY EIGHT (48)** hours prior to the scheduled start time of the event. If you have registered for the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour, the membership fee is non-refundable. ***Refunds for the Kentucky Junior Amateur and the Junior PGA Championship Qualifier will not be given after the deadline date.***

- All refunds are subject to a \$5.00 cancellation fee.

**WITHDRAWALS / CHANGES:** Participants **MUST** notify Golf House Kentucky at least **FORTY EIGHT (48)** hours prior to the start time of the tournament if they wish to withdraw or make a change to a tournament that is not full. A player failing to properly withdraw from a tournament and/or not showing up will forfeit the entry fee and will be considered a “no show” and may be suspended from the next tournament. Any subsequent violation of this policy will result in suspension from Golf House Kentucky events.

- There will be a \$5.00 transfer fee if you wish to move from one tournament to a different tournament.

In the event of an extreme circumstance for which the participant cannot compete in the tournament within FORTY EIGHT (48) hours prior to the start of the tournament, contact Golf House Kentucky immediately. Each situation will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

## ***Weather***

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In anticipation of inclement weather, the Golf House Kentucky staff reserves the right to reduce the number of holes in a stipulated round.

If an event is a total rainout an attempt will be made to:

1. Reschedule the event
2. Place all players in another event
3. Give refunds to registered participants

The junior **MUST** check the schedule for another event that is not filled, and call to enter that event at no additional charge. Credits will not be given if a 9-Hole event completes **5 holes** of play or an 18-Hole event completes **9 holes** of play. Trophies will be awarded.

# *Spectators*

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Spectators are encouraged to attend all events. However, they must be courteous to all competitors and abide by all rules set in place by Golf House Kentucky and the host facility. It is the player's responsibility to keep spectators away. Please come to the course and enjoy watching the juniors compete as an individual. Spectator carts and fees are at the discretion of the host facility. Rules for spectators are as follows:

1. Spectator carts will be allowed, when available, from the host facility. All carts are to remain on the provided paths – no exceptions. In the event there are no paths provided, carts should be at least 5 feet from the fairway cut of the hole being played. Spectators will respect the entire field of participants and stop all cart movement while a player is preparing to, or in the process of making a stroke.

**\*\*In certain circumstances spectator carts may be extremely limited or not available at all at some host facilities.**

**a. VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY:**

- i. First offense – Warning
- ii. Second offense – **Forfeit of the use of the cart for the remainder of the round, without refund.**

2. Only designated officials from the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour will give rulings to the participants, at the request of the individual. The staff is there to assist in any way possible.
3. Only participants in the event will be allowed to walk in the fairways. Spectators should remain off all teeing areas and putting greens. Spectators should remain at least 30 yards from the players at all times.  
*Exception: If the player requests food, drink, or anything for personal safety, then a spectator may approach a participant to deliver what was requested. The spectator should then leave the area immediately and allow the player to continue his/her play.*

**a. VIOLATIONS OF THIS POLICY:**

- i. First offense – Warning
  - ii. Second offense – Spectator will be asked to go into the clubhouse for the remainder of the round.
4. Spectators are required to turn their cellular device to silent or off for the entire round. When making calls please be courteous to our golfers.
  5. Spectators are welcome to spot shots by moving ahead of the grouping to view incoming shots from a safe distance. Assisting with the search for a ball is allowed and encouraged.

# *On Course Hospitality*

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Participants need to remember they are playing golf when the heat index is often very high. They need to be sure to have enough liquid in their bag to last for at least nine holes. Refreshment coolers on the course are constantly checked and refilled, with every effort made to have refreshments on hand. *To ensure players have enough fluids, refreshments on the course are intended for participants only.*

## *Golf House Kentucky Pace of Play Guidelines*

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*Rule 6-7* states in part, players must play without delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines the Committee may establish and thereafter prescribes penalties for slow play.

### **TIME PAR**

**A time par is set for each course** – See official scorecard for each individual hole-by-hole time par.

### **GROUP OUT OF POSITION**

**First Group:** The first group is out of position if at any time during the round the group is behind the prescribed schedule as detailed on the Notice to Players and/or official scorecard.

**Following Groups:** A following group is **out of position** if it is

- A.** taking more than the allotted time to play; **and**
- B.** more than 10 minutes behind the preceding group

**Resumption of Play:** A group out of position when play is discontinued is out of position when play is resumed.

### **NOTIFICATION/TIMING**

When a group becomes out of position, all players in the group shall be notified by a designated tournament official they are out of position and subject to timing.

**Teeing Ground/Through the Green**, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when he has had reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play, and he can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage counts as time taken for the stroke.

**On the putting green**, timing of a player's stroke will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean, and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt, and remove loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line of putt from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke. An extra 10 seconds for a total of 50 seconds will be allowed for the **first player** to play a stroke from the teeing ground, a second shot on a par-4 or par-5, a third stroke on a par-5, a stroke around the putting green or a stroke on the putting green.

A player who exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke will be informed by the Rules Rover as soon as practicable.

## **PACE OF PLAY PENALTIES**

The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a group being timed who takes more than the allotted time to play a stroke after timing of the player's stroke begins:

- 1<sup>st</sup> bad timing | **Warning**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> bad timing | **1 stroke penalty**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> bad timing | **Additional 1 stroke penalty**
- 4<sup>th</sup> bad timing | **Disqualification**

**Note:** If a group being timed regains its proper position, any previous "bad timings" will be carried over for the remainder of that round in the event that group requires additional monitoring.

Any appeal of a pace of play penalty must be referred to the designated Tournament Director of this event immediately upon completion of the round and their decision is final.

## **RULINGS OR OTHER INCIDENTS**

If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs which causes the group in question to lose its position, that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time.

# *Caddies*

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**All players must walk and carry their own clubs or use a pull cart.**

**CADDIES ARE ALLOWED FOR 9-HOLE AND 6-HOLE DIVISIONS IN ALL EVENTS.**

**NEW in 2015: Caddies will be allowed (with restrictions) for 18-Hole Divisions in select events!**

**EXCEPTION:** *Juniors who have demonstrated the ability to play the game competitively and in a timely fashion, but who have been diagnosed with a cognitive disability that prevents them from making proper decisions as to safety, scoring, etc., may qualify to have a caddie appointed to assist them with their play. Each request for a caddie will be viewed on a case by case basis and the amount of the caddie's participation will be limited to the specific needs of that player. It is not the intent of the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour to grant a wide range of caddie activity; rather it is our intent to severely limit the acts that a caddie can perform to only those things necessary for the disabled child to participate.*

**CADDIES (other than Parents or Guardians) ARE PERMITTED AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:**

- U.S. Junior Amateur Qualifying
- U.S. Girls Junior Amateur Qualifying
- Kentucky Junior Amateur Championship
- Boys 13-14 and Girls 13-15 Divisions at Spring Series Events and 2-Day Regional sites
- Boys 13-14 and Girls 13-15 Divisions at Fall Classic

**NOTE:** Parents and Guardians are always allowed for ALL 6-Hole & 9-Hole Divisions.

Juniors with caddies will be expected to maintain Pace of Play requirements, and caddies must walk. Players must notify the starter on the first tee when they are using a caddie. Caddies will be required to register on the first tee to verify they qualify to serve in that role for the junior in their assigned Division.

**PULL CARTS:** Pull carts are acceptable (as permitted by the host facility).



# *Dress Code & Conduct Guidelines*

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Teaching sportsmanship, etiquette, and the Rules of Golf are a primary goal of Golf House Kentucky. To promote these ideals and to maintain the integrity of this program, the following guidelines for dress and conduct will apply. Tournament officials will enforce these guidelines at all junior golf events.

**DRESS CODE:** Proper dress is required at all junior events. Boys collared shirts or mock turtlenecks must be worn and tucked in at all times. Girl's shirts without a collar must have sleeves and fashion shirts worn untucked must NOT rise above the belt line at any time during the golf swing. Girl's shorts MUST be of fingertip length. All hats or visors must be worn with the brim forward. No denim pants/shorts or cut-offs are permitted. Only girls are allowed to have visible piercings and only on the ears.

*If a player breaks any part of the dress code policy, a Kentucky PGA Junior Tour staff member will ask them to change. Players will not be allowed to compete in the tournament if they do not adhere to the dress code policy.*

**CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS:** Any conduct which may be detrimental to the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour will not be tolerated, this includes: swearing, club throwing, or damage to the golf course or another player's belongings. The first such instance of any of these actions may result in a warning, stroke penalty, or immediate disqualification.

Possession of alcohol or tobacco products, gambling, or display of vulgar or abusive behavior will result in immediate disqualification. Multiple violations will result in dismissal from the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour.

## *Electronic Devices*

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**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** For all Kentucky PGA Junior Tour competitions a player may obtain distance information by using a device measuring distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used, the player is in breach of *Rule 14-3*.

***Penalty for Breach of Condition: Disqualification***

**COMMUNICATION DEVICES:** Voice communication devices may not be turned on or used by a player, his side or caddie during any stipulated round or match.

***The penalty for breach is: 1st Offense, Warning; 2nd Offense, Disqualification for serious breach of etiquette – Rule 33-7***

# *Kentucky Handicap Service*

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The Kentucky PGA Junior Tour conducts gross score events in each Division. Members of the Junior Tour will receive a GHIN Number. If the member already has a GHIN Number, they will be asked to provide that information during the Tour Membership registration process. Scores from Tour events (18-Hole Divisions and 9-Hole Divisions only) will be posted by the Tour staff. Participants are encouraged to post every round played for a proper reflection of their personal Handicap Index. A Handicap Index is calculated on the revisions schedule for Kentucky as soon as at least 5 scores have been posted.

***New in 2015:*** Players that do not finish in the Top 3 gross scores in their division will be eligible to receive a Low Net award from the set of tees played. To receive a Low Net award, the player must have established a Handicap Index. Scores from play outside of Tour events can be posted through the FREE Score Posting App available for smart phones, or through the eGolfer log-in at [kygolf.org](http://kygolf.org).

## *Care for the Course*

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All players are expected to maintain the condition of the golf course by repairing ball marks, raking bunkers, replacing divots, picking up and properly disposing of trash, etc. ***Any abuse to the course or other club facilities will result in disqualification and suspension for one event.*** All players and parents are encouraged to thank the host club, staff, and volunteers for their generous support of junior golf program. Thank you notes to the host facilities are encouraged and greatly appreciated.

## *Cheating*

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Rules violations will be administered by the on-site tournament officials and as prescribed by the USGA Rules of Golf. Cheating will ***not*** be tolerated and will result in immediate disqualification from any Kentucky PGA Junior Tour event.

## *Keeping Score*

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Rule 6-6a in the USGA Rules of Golf states: “*After each hole the marker should check the score with the competitor and record it. On completion of the round the marker shall sign the card and hand it to the competitor.*”

Rule 6-6d in the USGA Rules of Golf states: “*The competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his card. If he returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, he shall be disqualified. If he returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned shall stand.*”

**DON'T JUST LOOK AT THE FINAL SCORE:** ***BE SURE THAT YOUR HOLE-BY-HOLE SCORES ARE CORRECT!*** The Committee will take care of adding the score for you.

# Scoring Limit

Although it is meant to be an enjoyable learning experience for everyone involved in our junior golf tournaments, there is a high level of competitiveness. For that reason, and to help maintain a reasonable pace of play, Golf House Kentucky has deemed it necessary to implement a Scoring Limit policy. The policy is not designed to discourage junior golfers; it is meant to provide a competitive atmosphere and experience.

***Any player who scores over the posted limit for his/her age at two different events will be suspect to review and dismissal from the remainder of the tour/series schedule. All remaining fees shall be refunded.***

<b>BOYS OPEN DIVISION</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>GIRLS OPEN DIVISON *</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>BOYS AGE DIVISION</b>	<b>18 HOLES</b>	<b>GIRLS AGE DIVISION</b>	<b>18 HOLES</b>
17 – 18 Division	100	16 – 18 Division	120
15 – 16 Division	110	13 – 15 Division	130
13 – 14 Division	120		
<b>BOYS AGE DIVISION</b>	<b>9 HOLES</b>	<b>GIRLS AGE DIVISION</b>	<b>9 HOLES</b>
11 – 12 Division	80	10 – 12 Division	80
9 – 10 Division	90		
<b>BOYS AGE DIVISION</b>	<b>6 HOLES</b>	<b>GIRLS AGE DIVISION</b>	<b>6 HOLES</b>
* 8 & under Division	No Limit	* 9 & under Division	No Limit

***\* Divisions available at all Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Spring & Summer Series events***

# Circle 9 Rule

***New in 2015:*** To assist with pace of play, the Tour will implement a “***Circle 9 Rule***” for series events. If a player hits 9 shots (including penalty shots) and has not finished the hole, they are encouraged to pick up their ball, have their marker (player keeping their scorecard) write down a 9 with a circle around it as the score for that hole, and continue to the next hole.

Within each division, prizes for the Top 3 gross scores will first be determined from all players that completed all holes without utilizing the Circle 9 Rule. If less than 3 players in the Division complete all the holes without the Circle 9 Rule, players with a Circle 9 will be considered for the remaining places.

Circle 9 scores will be converted before being used to compute gross and net scores. One Circle 9 score will be converted to a 12. Two Circle 9 scores will be converted to 11 on each hole. Three or more Circle 9 scores will be converted to a 10 on each hole. For scoreboard posting purposes, a small asterisk will be placed next to total scores with a Circle 9 occurrence. Equitable Stroke Control limits will be applied to all scores before posting to the player’s GHIN Number.

# *Rules of Play*

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The 2012 – 2015 USGA Rules of Golf shall govern all play. Supplemental rules of play will be provided (if needed) at each site.

## *Playoff Procedure*

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Time and weather permitting, ties for first place in two-day events will be decided by a hole-by-hole sudden death playoff. All other ties will be decided by a scorecard play-off using the USGA recommended method of matching scorecards. The order in determining scorecard play-offs will proceed as follows:

1. Best score for the last nine holes
2. Best score for the last six holes
3. Best score for the last three holes
4. Hole-by-Hole scores starting on the final hole and working backwards

All Tour members involved in a hole-by-hole sudden death playoff or scorecard playoff for 1<sup>st</sup> Place will receive an invitation to participate in the Tour Championship.

## *Tour Player of the Year Points System*

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Points will be awarded in each event based on the player's gross score placement within their own Division. Points will be awarded to non-members that play in eligible events, but only Tour members are eligible for the Tour Championship. The tie breaker system will be used to award 1<sup>st</sup> Place points in every event. In the event of a tie for any other place, points will be split among those players involved in the tie. While there is no limit on the number of events that each participant may enter, Player of the Year Points will be based solely on the 10 best placements including the Tour Championship placement. The point system structure has been slightly modified for 2015.

### **Spring and Summer Series Events (Top 10 Places)**

100, 85, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10, 5

### **Regional Events and Fall Classic (Top 10 Places)**

180, 140, 100, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10

### **Tour Championship (Top 15 Places)**

300, 240, 190, 150, 120, 100, 80, 60, 50, 40, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10

### **KY Junior PGA Championship Qualifier and KY Junior Amateur (Bonus Points)**

+75 for finishing as Champion

+50 for finishing in Top 5

+25 for finishing in Top 10

NOTE: Bonus points are not considered part of the event limit.

# ***Tour Championship***

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The 2015 Tour Championship will be held on Tuesday-Wednesday, July 28-29 at Big Spring Inc. - Harmony Landing Campus just outside of Louisville in Goshen, KY. The host site was formerly known as Harmony Landing Country Club which is the home course of current PGA Tour Professional, Justin Thomas, and the club will be hosting the Kentucky Invitational Tournament for top high school boys' teams in August. Our staff is excited to bring the opportunity to play this great facility to players on the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour.

Only Tour members are eligible to compete in the Tour Championship. Invitations are issued to Tour Members based on their performance during the 2015 season. Invitations will be extended to (a) Winners of series and regional event in each Division; and (b) Players' standing on the Tour Player of the Year list as of July 23, 2015 with these restrictions:

<b>Boys Open Division</b>	Top 9 on Player of the Year Points List
<b>Girls Open Division</b>	Top 9 on Player of the Year Points List
<b>Boys 17-18 Division</b>	Top 9 on Player of the Year Points List
<b>Boys 15-16 Division</b>	Top 12 on Player of the Year Points List
<b>Boys 13-14 Division</b>	Top 12 on Player of the Year Points List
<b>Girls 16-18 Division</b>	Top 9 on Player of the Year Points List
<b>Girls 13-15 Division</b>	Top 12 on Player of the Year Points List
<b>Boys 11-12 Division (9-Hole)</b>	Top 12 on Player of the Year Points List
<b>Boys 10 &amp; Under Division (9-Hole)</b>	Top 12 on Player of the Year Points List
<b>Girls 12 &amp; Under Division (9-Hole)</b>	Top 12 on Player of the Year Points List
<b>Boys 8 &amp; Under Division (6-Hole)</b>	Top 6 on Player of the Year Points List
<b>Girls 9 &amp; Under Division (6-Hole)</b>	Top 6 on Player of the Year Points List

Special invites may be extended beyond these restrictions to fill the field in each division.

# ***Golf House Kentucky Junior Golf Tournaments Recognized by the AJGA & Junior Golf Scoreboard***

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**AJGA:** (Status Pending AJGA approval – Updates will be posted before season begins)

- Kentucky Junior PGA Championship Qualifier (June 16-17)
  - Boys Overall Champion: 1 performance star
  - Girls Overall Champion: 1 performance star
- Kentucky Junior Amateur Championship (June 30-July 1)\*\*\*
  - Boys Overall (15-18) Champion: 8 performance stars
  - Boys 15-18 Top 10: 4 performance stars
  - Boys 13-14 Champion: 1 performance star  
(2014 Stars Listed – See note below)
- Kentucky Girls Junior Amateur Championship (June 30-July 1)\*\*\*
  - Girls Overall 13-18 Top 3: 4 performance stars  
(2014 Stars Listed – See note below)
- Kentucky Junior Player of the Year\*
  - Boys Player of the Year: 4 performance stars
  - Girls Player of the Year: 4 performance stars  
(2014 Star Listed – See note below)



Events that are not listed are not guaranteed PBE status. If other two-day events do meet the minimum requirements for any age division, we will submit it to the AJGA for consideration.

\* Only one boy and one girl will be awarded PBE status as Player of the Year. It is intended to be awarded to the overall Player of the Year from the state. The AJGA is reviewing the guarantee PBE status for this award.

\*\* Fields need at least 40 boys or 12 girls in the oldest age division in order to receive PBE status. Additionally for events where the champion earns 4 Performance Stars, if you have 55+ boys or 18+ girls, the AJGA will recognize the top 10% of the field with 1 Performance Star. Divisions for any event to be recognized must meet the minimum yardages below:

Boys Minimum Yardage: 6,200  
Girls Minimum Yardage: 5,500

\*\*\* PBE status for the Junior Amateur is currently under review by the AJGA. As soon as we get the guarantee status notification, information will be updated in the Handbook.

**Note: If older and younger divisions play from the same yardage, the AJGA will combine the divisions and look at the overall results, when awarding PBE status.**

# Junior Golf Scoreboard:

- Kentucky Junior PGA Championship Qualifier (June 16-17)
- KPJGT Summer Regional at Keene Trace (June 23-24)
- Kentucky Junior Amateur Championship (June 30-July 1)
- Kentucky Girls Junior Amateur Championship (June 30-July 1)
- KPJGT Summer Regional at KY Dam Village (July 11-12)
- KPJGT Junior Tour Championship 18-Hole/Open (July 28-29)
- KPJGT Fall Classic (October 17-18)





# ***2015 Kentucky PGA Junior Tour***

## ***Frequently Asked Questions***

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**1. What is the easiest way to get in touch with Chris and/or Kyle during the tournament season?**

*Communication via e-mail is the easiest and preferred way to get in touch with our staff. Chris Redle (credle@kygolf.org); Kyle Twomey (kyintern1@kygolf.org)*

**2. Do I still have to fill out and send in the Medical Authorization Form if I am only playing in one tournament?**

*Yes. All participants, in any junior golf event, MUST fill out the Emergency Form on BlueGolf.*

**3. I am not receiving correspondence, information and confirmation about tournaments I have registered for, what do I need to do.**

*As noted above, most communication is done via e-mail during the tournament season, so please contact Chris or Kyle via e-mail or call Golf House Kentucky (502) 243-8295 to assure that we have a current and correct e-mail address on file for you.*

**4. How do I schedule a practice round prior to an event?**

*We do our best to provide you with information and junior rates for each of our host courses. Refer to the info page for each event for practice round information. In order to schedule a time, contact the host golf course/facility. Practice round availability, restrictions, and limitations are at the sole discretion of the host golf course/facility.*

**5. Can I use distance measuring/electronic devices (cell/smart phones, laser range finders, SkyCaddies, Bushnells, etc.) in junior golf events?**

*Please refer to the "Electronic Devices" section on page 16. Distance measuring devices that measure distance only and not slope or wind are allowed during competition.*

**6. Do I have to pay a membership fee to play in all junior golf events?**

*The Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Membership fee for all junior participants is \$80, which allows you to compete in all tournament offerings throughout the calendar year. Events that are open to non-members are listed on page 7 in the Handbook. Non-members must pay an additional \$25 for the listed events. That \$25 fee MAY NOT be applied to the Tour Membership fee.*

**7. If I am a member of the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour and begin the season as a 14 year old and turn 15 by July 1, 2015. What age division will I play in for the season?**

*Whatever age you will be on June 1, 2015 is the age group that you will play in for the duration of the season. This is the same for the 6-Hole and 9-Hole Division. If you are a boy and will be 9 years old by June 1, 2015, you will not be able to compete in the 6-Hole Division. Players may "play up" into the next Age Division if they wish to compete against older juniors from a longer yardage.*

**Note:** *The June 1, 2015 age requirement is only in place for the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Events.*

**8. Can I communicate with my son/daughter during the stipulated round of a tournament?**

*Yes, but only to provide them with a beverage and/or food item at their request (exception: emergency situations). Please make an effort to stay at least 30 yards from all competitors, out of fairways, clear of putting greens, keeping spectator carts (if applicable) on designated paths (or ample distance from fairways in absence of paths), at all times.*

**9. If I want to rent a spectator cart, how do I go about doing so? How much does it cost?**

*These fees are at the sole discretion of the host golf course/facility and may vary from site to site. You can inquire about rental in the golf shop/clubhouse at most facilities.*

**10. If I find it necessary to withdraw from a tournament during the stipulated round, how should I go about doing so?**

*Please find a junior tour staff member, rules official, or host site official with radio communication to immediately inform them of your decision. They will assist you through radio communication with the tournament director to complete the process of exchanging/signing scorecards with fellow competitors prior to your exit from the golf course. You must sign for the scores you have recorded as a marker up until that point and assure that you return your scorecard to the scoring area, or have one of your fellow competitors do so. Also, the card you were keeping must be kept by another member of your pairing/group and if necessary cards must be exchanged so that no competitor is keeping their own score.*

**11. I participated on the tour in 2014. What has changed with the tour for this season?**

*In addition to the new leadership of the Tour, there are several enhancements to the Tour program in 2015. Junior Tour players will receive a handicap with their membership. Scores will be posted by our staff for all divisions playing at least 9 holes. Once the player has at least 5 posted scores to establish a Handicap Index, they will be eligible to win the Low Net prize from each set of tees if they finish outside of the top 3 in their Division. Three (3) NEW two-day Regionals have been added to the calendar. Tour Membership will include discounted entry into Regional events, Kentucky Junior PGA Championship Qualifier, Kentucky Junior Amateur Championship, and the Fall Classic. Eligibility has been expanded to include residents outside of Kentucky that maintain an active handicap at a Kentucky Golf Association Member facility. The use of caddies has been expanded to include the 18-hole Divisions in some events. The "Circle 9 Rule" will be implemented to assist with pace of play while still allowing those that use the rule to compete in their Division. As we continue to develop ideas that will take our tour to the next level, we welcome the feedback from parents and participants as they experience the Tournament Program this season!*

**If you have any other questions not answered above or in the 2015 Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Handbook please contact Golf House Kentucky.**