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Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Program

A Handbook to Help Navigate the 2018 Season of Junior Golf in Kentucky

Dear Junior Golfer & Parent/Guardian,

The Kentucky PGA Junior Tour will celebrate 25 years of providing playing opportunities for junior golfers. 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 2018, we will continue to focus on a tournament schedule that visits different areas in the state while providing a playing experience for all levels of play!

On behalf of the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour, I present to you the 2018 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 2018 season. Enclosed in this booklet are policies and procedures, the 2018 Tournament Schedule and information on how to sign up for tournaments online.

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 2018, we will continue many of the programs started the past three seasons. 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:

- Standard event pricing for registrations at least 7 days in advance *(NEW in 2018)*
- Registration deadlines closer to event date with additional fee *(NEW in 2018)*
- Late registration fee option if openings in age group tee times after final registration deadline *(NEW in 2018)*
- Continued dedication to growing High School Golf Team Donation Program
- Caddies continue in 9-Hole Divisions with a Caddie Bib Purchase Program available

For the 2018 Season, the membership fee is \$80.00 for juniors of all ages competing across different divisions. Players may earn a credit by referring a new member to the tour. Tour membership allows entry at member pricing for the spring, summer, and fall series of events. Members of the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour and the Golfweek Junior Tour receive member credit for tournament entries on both Tours. When you visit kygolf.org and begin the registration process, please read through the description for our 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. Most 18-Hole Divisions will play a yardage reflective of high school tournament yardage, but there will also be younger 18-Hole Divisions using Middle School State Championship yardages. All members will receive a handicap, and score posting to establish a handicap index is encouraged.

Junior golfers may sign up for membership and tournaments throughout the year; however, the best value is registering at least seven (7) days prior to the event. As the demand grows for our events, early registration is encouraged as many events have maximum participation levels that could be met.

If you have further questions do not hesitate to contact me at any time via e-mail at credle@kygolf.org.

Respectfully,

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Spring Series

Date	Course	City	Date	Course	City
March 31	Marriott's Griffin Gate GC	Lexington	<u>Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Spring Match Play:</u>		
<u>Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Spring Combo Stableford Points Regional:</u>			April 28-29	Old Bridge GC	Danville
*April 7	Weissinger Hills GC	Shelbyville	May 6	Gay Brewer Jr GC at Picadome	Lexington
*April 8	Quail Chase GC (South/West)	Louisville	May 12	Paxton Park GC	Paducah
<u>Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Spring Regional (Stroke Play):</u>			May 12	Bellefonte CC	Ashland
April 14-15	Juniper Hill GC	Frankfort	<u>Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Spring Classic:</u>		
<u>Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Four Ball Championship (Team Event):</u>			May 19-20	Wild Turkey Trace GC	Lawrenceburg
April 21-22	Audubon CC	Louisville	NOTE: Stableford Series events on March 31, April 7-8, and May 6		

Summer Series

Date	Course	City	Date	Course	City
May 29	Eagle Trace GC	Morehead	June 20	Triple Crown CC	Union
May 30	*Kenny Perry's Country Creek GC	Franklin	June 21	Oxmoor CC	Louisville
May 31	*Indian Hills CC	Bowling Green	June 21	*Lakewood CC	Russell Springs
June 1	Rolling Hills CC	Paducah	June 22	*The Pines at Lindsey Wilson GC	Columbia
June 2	Shawnee GC (PM Start)	Louisville	June 22	Hidden Cove GC	Grayson
June 4	Owensboro CC	Owensboro	June 25	Bowling Green CC	Bowling Green
June 4	Lassing Pointe GC	Union	June 26	Weissinger Hills GC	Shelbyville
June 5	Polo Fields CC	Louisville	June 30	Moss Hill GC (PM Start)	Versailles
June 8	Elizabethtown CC	Elizabethtown	July 2	Oldham County CC	Buckner
June 11	Dale Hollow State Park GC	Burkesville	July 2	*Drake Creek GC	Ledbetter
June 12	Nevel Meade GC	Prospect	July 3	*Paxton Park GC	Paducah
June 12	Crooked Creek GC	London	July 5	Gay Brewer Jr. GC at Picadome	Lexington
June 13	*Greenbrier G&CC	Lexington	July 7	GC of Kenton County-Pioneer (PM Start)	Independence
June 14	*Lakeside GC	Lexington	July 9	University Club at Arlington	Richmond
June 15	Ben Hawes State Park GC	Owensboro	July 10	Hopkinsville G&CC	Hopkinsville
June 15	Old Bridge GC	Danville	July 11	Boone Links GC	Florence
June 16	Wasioto Winds GC (PM Start)	Pineville	July 11	Campbellsville CC	Campbellsville
June 18	Kentucky Dam Village State Park GC	Gilbertsville	July 12	*Winchester CC	Winchester
June 18	*Boone Trace National GC (The Bull)	Richmond	July 13	*Eagle Trace GC	Morehead
June 19	*Gibson Bay GC	Richmond	July 14	Barren River State Park GC (PM Start)	Lucas

2-Day Regional Sites (JGS Ranked Events)

May 26-27	Seneca GC: Summer Preview	Louisville
June 9-10	Calvert City CC: "Marshall Strong Classic"	Calvert City

KY PGA Junior Tour Championship (Invite Only):

All 18-Hole, 9-Hole, and 6-Hole Divisions		
July 18-19	Gibson Bay GC	Richmond

Events marked with an * represent Combo Series JGS ranked events if playing on both days. Series includes May 30-31, June 13-14, June 18-19, June 21-22, July 2-3, and July 12-13.

Fall Series

Date	Course	City	Date	Course	City
July 23	Owl Creek CC	Louisville	August 11	# Seneca GC	Louisville
July 26	# Battlefield GC	Richmond	August 18	# Boone Links (Ridgeview)	Florence
July 28	Juniper Hill GC	Frankfort	August 19	Quail Chase GC (South)	Louisville
July 30			September 9	# Cherokee GC	Louisville
August 3			<u>Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Fall Series Tour Championship:</u>		
August 5	GC of Kenton County (Pioneer)	Florence	September 16	Bardstown CC (Maywood)	Bardstown
August 7	Cherry Blossom GC	Georgetown	<u>Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Fall Classic:</u>		
August 9	# Thoroughbred GC	Nicholasville	Oct 13-14	University Club of Kentucky (Wildcat)	Lexington

Events marked with # represent PGA Junior League Series (2-person scramble) events on July 26, 30, August 9, 11, 18, and September 9.

Special Events

Date	Course	City	Date	Course	City
<u>KY Junior PGA Championship Qualifier:</u>			<u>KY PGA Junior Tour Adult-Child Tournament:</u>		
18-Hole Boys Divisions / 9-Hole Boys Divisions on Wildcat (Front 9)			June 23	Bardstown CC (Maywood)	Bardstown
June 6-7	University Club of Kentucky (Big Blue)	Lexington	<u>Kentucky Junior Amateur Championships:</u>		
18-Hole Girls Divisions / 9-Hole Girls Divisions			All Boys & 9-Hole Girls		
June 6-7	Kearney Hill GC	Lexington	June 27-28	Bardstown CC (Maywood)	Bardstown
<u>Trusted Choice Big "I" Qualifier (AM Start):</u>			18-Hole Girls		
July 5-6	Quail Chase GC (South-West)	Louisville	June 28-29	Cherry Blossom GC	Georgetown
<u>Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Summer Classic (PM Start):</u>			<u>Musselman-Kirchdorfer Invitational (Invite Only):</u>		
July 5-6	Quail Chase GC (South-West)	Louisville	July 9-10	Big Spring CC (Big Spring Campus)	Louisville

Join us for the "Championship Drive" in 2018 with the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour...
Membership Registration starts on December 1... Event Registration starts on February 15!

Using the Handbook

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 presented by Musselman-Kirchdorfer (includes 9-Hole & 6-Hole Divisions)
- 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

Juniors that are born after June 1, 1999 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. Memberships are available for out of state residents who do not maintain an active Handicap Index at a KGA Member facility for a slightly higher fee.

All Spring and Summer Series events will have 6-Hole, 9-Hole, and 18-Hole Divisions. The 2-day Regionals will not have 6-Hole divisions, but there will be 11-12 and 10 & Under Divisions for boys (9-Holes) and a 12 & Under Division for girls (9-Hole). The Fall Series single-day events will have 6-Hole and 9-Hole Divisions with recognition to the Fall Series Players of the Year and an end of season Tour Championship.

Age Divisions for Competition

Participants will select their Division based on their age as of June 1, 2018 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 playing from a longer yardage. ***Players may not move from Boys 15-16 to 17-18 or Girls 13-15 to 16-18 Divisions since both play same 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 one selected Division through the Tour Championship. Class of 2018 graduating seniors may still participate in the oldest age group.

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

Girls Divisions: Girls 16-18; Girls 13-15; Girls 14 & Under; Girls 13-18 (9-Hole); Girls 12 & Under (9-Hole); Girls 9 & Under (6-Hole, Series events only)

The Boys 13-18 (9-Hole) and Girls 13-18 (9-Hole) Divisions are designed toward developing players in those age groups who are not yet ready to compete in 18-Hole events. Points are not awarded for Player of the Year, and these Divisions do not participate in the Summer Series Tour Championship. Players may move to 18-Hole Divisions after experience is gained. The Girls 14 & Under Division play from Middle School Championship yardages while the other Girls 18-Hole Divisions play from High School Invitational yardages.

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® computation service; USGA Course Rating® 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. Since its inception, this effort has reached thousands of young people from across Kentucky. This season represents the 25 Years the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour has provided tournament golf throughout the state.

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.

In 2018, the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour and the Musselman-Kirchdorfer Junior Tour completed a merger changing the name to the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour presented by Musselman-Kirchdorfer. The merger allows our Tour to continue to host events throughout the state servicing participants of all abilities with an emphasis on pace of play while developing a series of 2-Day Championships leading to an Invitational Tournament in July. The merger combines more than 50 years of experience conducting Junior tournaments for junior golfers in Kentucky while welcoming out of state participants.

For more information on Kentucky's family of golf organizations, visit kygolf.org.

2017 Junior Players of the Year by Age Division:

Boys 17-18 Division: Blake Evans

Boys 15-16 Division: Reese Sexton

Boys 14 & Under Division: Grant Puckett

Boys 11-12 Division: Landen Howard

Boys 10 & Under Division: Griffin Barke

Boys 8 & Under Division: Conner Ford

Girls 16-18 Division: Abby Crites

Girls 13-15 Division: Mattie Neeley

Girls 14 & Under Division: Brooke Hopkins

Girls 12 & Under Division: Jenna Estravillo

Girls 9 & Under Division: Madison Easterling

2018 Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Program

Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Membership Fee

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

Out of State Membership Fee: 18-Hole, 9-Hole and 6-Hole - \$90.00

The Tour Membership runs through the calendar year consisting of stroke play events with a stroke play Tour Championship at the end of the summer and fall season. All Divisions of the Tour Championship will be held at Gibson Bay GC on July 18-19, 2018.

- AGES:** These events are for junior golfers born after June 1, 1999 that have not yet started college. Divisions are formed based on the age of the junior golfer as of June 1, 2018.
- # OF HOLES:** All golfers will play eighteen holes per round *except:*
- Boys and Girls 13-18 (9-Hole) Divisions will play nine holes
 - 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:** The following costs represent member pricing and do not include the membership fee. Non-Members may register for individual events by paying an additional fee of \$40 per event. Listed fees are based on entries before registration deadline (additional fee for late registrations).

Spring & Summer Series Single-Day Events:

\$65.00 – 18-Hole Divisions

\$45.00 – 9-Hole & 6-Hole Divisions

Fall Series Single-Day Events:

\$45.00 – 9-Hole & 6-Hole Division Member Price

\$65.00 – 9-Hole & 6-Hole Division Non-Member Price

Tour Championship (Members Only by Invitation):

\$95.00 – 18-Hole Divisions

\$75.00 – 9-Hole & 6-Hole Divisions

\$55.00 – Fall Series Tour Championship: Open to any Member

Two-Day Regional Events & Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Fall Classic:

\$110.00 – 18-Hole Divisions

\$75.00 – 9-Hole Divisions

Junior PGA Championship Qualifier & Kentucky Junior Amateur:

\$110.00 – 18-Hole Divisions

\$75.00 – 9-Hole Divisions

Musselman-Kirchdorfer Invitational:

\$110.00 – 18-Hole Divisions by Invitational ONLY

Players in the Boys Overall and Girls Overall Contests in 2-Day events associated with the Musselman-Kirchdorfer Series will have a chance to earn invitations to participate.

KY STATE AMATEUR BENEFIT

Members of the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour may participate in the Kentucky State Amateur without paying the KGA Membership fee (\$40 value). Kentucky PGA Junior Tour members must call Golf House Kentucky at (502) 243-8295 to complete registration.

NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION

Non-Members Kentucky residents may participate in any event other than the Tour Championship by paying an additional \$40 per event under the “Member Fore A Day” program. Non-Members may enter events directly from the Tournament Information page. Any additional fees for Non-Members may not be retroactively applied to Tour Membership fees.



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 2018 Junior PGA Championship Qualifier will be available on kygolf.org as it becomes available. Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Members do receive member pricing on select registration fees.

2018 KENTUCKY JUNIOR AMATEUR

The Kentucky Junior Amateur will be held on June 27-28, 2018 at Bardstown Country Club (Maywood)

- Entry is open to any male who is 18 & Under as of June 27, 2018 (the first day of Championship)
- Boys 12 & Under Divisions will play at Bardstown Country Club (Maywood)
- Divisions are set by age and do not necessarily correspond to Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Divisions
- Entry is limited to Kentucky residents with an AJGA Full Exemption awarded to the Overall Boys Champion
- \$110 (18-Hole) / \$75 (9-Hole) entry fee for Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Members (Non-Members add \$40 to entry fee)

2017 Champions: *Landon Stillwell (10 & under), Landen Howard (11-12), Grant Puckett (14 & Under), Jansen Preston (15-16) & Chase Landrum (17-18)*

Overall Champion: *Jansen Preston*

2018 KENTUCKY GIRLS JUNIOR AMATEUR

The Kentucky Girls Junior Amateur will be held June 28-29, 2018 at Cherry Blossom Golf Club

- Entry is open to any female who is 18 & under as of June 21, 2016 (the first day of the championship)
- Girls 12 & Under Divisions will play at Bardstown Country Club (Maywood) on June 27-28, 2018
- Divisions are set by age and do not necessarily correspond to Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Divisions
- Entry is limited to Kentucky residents with an AJGA Full Exemption awarded to the Overall Girls Champion
- \$110 (18-Hole) / \$75 (9-Hole) entry fee for Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Members (Non-Members add \$40 to entry fee)

2017 Champions: *Madison Borders (12 & under), Rylea Marcum (13-15) & Sarah Hinton (16-18)*

Overall Champion: *Sarah Hinton*

KENTUCKY JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER

The Junior PGA Championship Qualifier will be held the week of June 6-7, 2018 at Multiple Locations

- The Boys Junior PGA Championship Qualifier will be at the University Club of Kentucky (Big Blue Course)
- The Girls Junior PGA Championship Qualifier will be at Kearney Hill Golf Links
- The Boys and Girls Overall Champion will advance to the Junior PGA Championship
- An additional wildcard Boys and Girls spot will be awarded based on criteria released by the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour (see page 19 for more information on "Golden Ticket")
- Additional Qualifier spots and alternates will be determined at each Qualifier
- The Girls Junior PGA Championship will take place July 9-12, 2018 at Kearney Hill Golf Links in Lexington, KY
- The Boys Junior PGA Championship will take place July 30-August 2, 2018 at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, KY
- For eligibility requirements and additional information, visit PGAJuniorSeries.com
- Divisions are set by age on final day of National Championship and do not necessarily correspond to Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Divisions
- Only participants playing 36 holes from the Championship Tees will be eligible to Qualify for the Junior PGA Championship
- \$110 (18-Hole) / \$75 (9-Hole) entry fee for Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Members (Non-Members add \$40 to entry fee)

2017 Qualifiers: *Taylor Edlin, Laney Frye, Rylea Marcum, Brady Howell, Joe Muschong & Mason Lenhart*

U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR QUALIFIER

The U.S. Junior Amateur Qualifier will be held Monday, June 18, 2018 at Owensboro Country Club

- For more information regarding this tournament, visit usga.org

U.S. GIRLS JUNIOR AMATEUR QUALIFIER

The U.S. Girls Junior Amateur Qualifier will be held Monday, June 18, 2018 at Owensboro Country Club

- For more information regarding this tournament, visit 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.

2017 Kentucky Boys Player of the Year: Cooper Parks

2017 Kentucky Girls Player of the Year: Sarah Hinton

KENTUCKY PGA JUNIOR TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP (Overall) (#) Invitation Only

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

JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER

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

Additionally, bonus points will be given for the following:

- + 20 for making the cut
- + 30 for finishing in the top 25
- + 40 for finishing in the top 10
- + 80 for finishing as Champion

KENTUCKY JUNIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP (Overall)

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

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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

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

USGA JUNIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING

Boys and Girls: 40 for Qualifying from a Kentucky site

20 for Qualifying from a site outside Kentucky

- + 20 for advancing to Match Play
- + 5 for advancing to 2nd Round
- + 10 for advancing to Quarterfinals
- + 20 for advancing to Semifinals
- + 25 for finishing as Runner-Up
- + 30 for finishing as Champion

KENTUCKY STATE AMATEUR AND KENTUCKY OPEN (Finish compared to other Juniors)

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

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

WOMEN'S KENTUCKY OPEN (Finish compared to other Juniors)

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

KENTUCKY WOMEN'S STATE AMATEUR

Girls: 20 (Championship Flight Only)

Each additional match won earns 10 points

KENTUCKY PGA JUNIOR TOUR 2-DAY REGIONALS, COMBO REGIONALS & FALL CLASSIC (Overall)

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

AJGA EVENTS IN KENTUCKY (Finish compared to other KY Residents)

Boys: 20 - 17 - 15 - 13 - 11 - 9 - 7 - 5 - 4 - 3

Girls: 20 - 17 - 15 - 13 - 11

TRUSTED CHOICE BIG "I" JUNIOR CLASSIC

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

NOTE: Information on the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Player of the Year Points System is listed on page 20.

2018 Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Policies and Programs

(Pages 11 – 23)



***New in 2018** information can be found throughout
the Handbook.*

***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 **Thursday, February 15th, 2018**. 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, 2018 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 “PLAY” tab in the blue menu bar.
- Click on the “Membership & Registration” under “JUNIOR” menu area.
- If you are a returning member, register under the “Renew Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Membership” Section.
- If you are a new member, register under the “NEW Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Membership” Section.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR TOURNAMENTS:

- Once your membership has been approved you will receive an email with a username and password.
- Click on the “Membership & Registration” link.
- Use your credentials to login to your account and begin signing up for tournaments under the “Tour Member Event Registration” link.
- 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 by **an acceptance email via BlueGolf**. Membership packets will be distributed at events, or they are available to pick up 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.
- *Most Non-Member registration may be completed through the Tournament Information page for each event.*
- *Kentucky Junior Amateur and Junior PGA Championship Qualifier Non-Member registrations have restrictions based on residency for AJGA Full Exemption and Junior PGA Championship qualifiers.*
- An additional fee of \$40 per event will be charged to non-member registrations.

DEADLINES: There is no Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Membership deadline. ***All tournament deadlines will be at 11:59 p.m. EST approximately SEVEN (7) days prior to the event.*** Event deadlines may be extended before pairings are published for some events. If a later registration deadline is in place, the revised date will be noted on the event listing.

LATE ADDITIONS: Between the time when the tournament pairings have been published and the event date, additional spots in a particular starting time may be filled on a case-by-case basis. Pace of play expectations and division assignments will be considered with any such request. 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. ***Additional fees for late registrations are required.***

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 online at least **SEVENTY-TWO (72)** 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 at least a \$5.00 cancellation fee.

WITHDRAWALS / CHANGES: Participants MUST notify Golf House Kentucky at least **SEVENTY-TWO (72)** 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.

- **An additional fee could be charged if you wish to move from one tournament to a different tournament based on the timing of the request or the cost of the different tournament.**

In the event of an extreme circumstance for which the participant cannot compete in the tournament within **SEVENTY-TWO (72)** 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

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 if an 18-Hole event completes 9 holes of play. Prizes will be awarded if the minimum number of holes has been completed.

On Course Hospitality

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.***

Care for the Course

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.

Rules of Play

The 2016 Rules of Golf shall govern all play. Supplemental rules will be provided at each site in the form of a “Notice to Competitors” given to all participants prior to starting play.

Spectators

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. Personal motorized golf cars are only allowed at the discretion of the Host Professional Staff. Spectators should not arrive to an event with a personal cart without advance permission from the Host Professional Staff.**

VIOLATIONS 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 will assist in any way possible when they are asked to do so by the players. Players are encouraged to ask ***“What are my options?”*** when asking for assistance from an official.
3. Only participants in the event will be allowed to walk in the fairways. Spectators should remain off all teeing grounds and putting greens. Spectators must 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.

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.

Spectators are reminded that they should not inject themselves into the competition. That includes making rulings, reporting penalties, asking for scores, or giving advice of any kind. The competitors are expected to go to the scoring area immediately upon the completion of their round without consulting with spectators beforehand. While spectators may share their thoughts with Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Officials and staff, the players are responsible for signing and reviewing their scorecard in the scoring area. Our staff is dedicated to conducting events under the Rules of Golf, and educating players is part of that process.

Junior Tour Pace of Play Guidelines

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. preceding group has cleared the next hole to be played.

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 **and** more than 10 minutes behind the preceding group, all players in the group may 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:

- 1st bad timing | **Warning**
- 2nd bad timing | **1 stroke penalty**
- 3rd bad timing | **Additional 1 stroke penalty**
- 4th 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. Time spent waiting for a ruling and searching for a ball is included in the total round time expectation.

Caddies

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.

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

NOTE: Parents and Guardians are always allowed to caddie 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 wear a visible badge or caddie bib signifying their role. Badges will be available on the starting tee with the relationship verified as appropriate for player's Division. Personalized caddie bibs will be available for purchase during the season.

PUSH / PULL CARTS: Manual push/pull carts are acceptable (as permitted by the host facility).

Caddies are reminded they are there to assist the player by teaching them how to make decisions and keep score on the course. The time needed to take each shot includes any consultation with the caddie. It is important for caddies to assist the player without taking complete control of every action. The players will be responsible for correcting any scoring discrepancies in the scoring area as they sign the scorecards. ***Caddies are not allowed in the scoring area.*** The experience of having a caddie should be viewed as an educational opportunity while promoting the independence needed by each player to play the game. Encouragement of all players in the group is important when teaching good sportsmanship to the competitors.

Caddies are expected to maintain the same dress code and conduct guidelines as the players. Caddies that are observed creating potential penalty situations for the players will be educated on correct procedures whenever possible. If a caddie creates a negative behavior situation within a group during a stipulated round, they may be cautioned or removed by a tournament official. In order to maintain as much of a positive experience as possible for all golfers, caddies are expected to serve as a positive role model for the players.

Cheating

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.

Dress Code & Conduct Guidelines

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 comply with the dress code policy. Players will not be allowed to compete in the tournament if they do not adhere to the dress code policy.

CONDUCT GUIDELINES: Any conduct which may be detrimental to the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour will not be tolerated. Such behavior includes swearing, club throwing, or damage to the golf course or other player's belongings. 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.

Caddies are expected to adhere to all of the dress code and conduct guidelines.

Electronic Devices

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 any other function such as 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: First Offense - Two Stroke Penalty; Subsequence Offense - 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

DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE: In most situations, players are expected to use *Rule 3-3* (Doubt as to Procedure) to play a second ball when they are uncertain how to proceed. The competitor must designate which ball to count if the Rules permit, and the situation must be reported as the scoring area when the scorecard is signed even if the same score occurs with both balls.

Keeping Score

Players must report to the scoring area immediately after completing their stipulated round. Scorecards will be checked and signed by the players in the scoring area without the assistance of caddies or spectators.

- *Rule 6-6a in the 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 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 (9-Hole & 6-Hole Divisions)

To assist with pace of play, the Tour will implement a scoring limit on each hole for the 9-Hole and 6-Hole divisions in series events. The maximum score a player can take is **four over Par (+4)** on any hole. The maximum score a player in the 9-Hole or 6-Hole divisions can record is 7 on a Par 3, 8 on a Par 4, and 9 on a Par 5. Competitors are not disqualified from winning prizes in their age group when taking a maximum score on any hole. This policy will also be available at most events for the Boys and Girls 14 & Under Divisions when Junior Golf Scoreboard Rankings are not being used.

Circle 9 Option (18-Hole Divisions)

To assist with pace of play, the Tour will implement a “**Circle 9 Option**” for the 18-Hole divisions in series events that are not ranked with Junior Golf Scoreboard. If a player hits 9 shots (including penalty shots) and has not finished the hole, they have the **OPTION** 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.

Circle 9 scores will be converted before being used to compute gross 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.

Equitable Stroke Control Score Posting

When posting scores, players must adjust their score if the allowable **Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)** score maximum is expected to be higher than the maximum score in Tour events. Equitable Stroke Control maximum scores are based on course handicaps, and those totals are as follows:

❖ Course Handicap: 9 or Lower	Maximum posting score of Double Bogey (+2)
❖ Course Handicap: 10-19	Maximum posting score of 7 regardless of Par
❖ Course Handicap: 20-29	Maximum posting score of 8 regardless of Par
❖ Course Handicap: 30-39	Maximum posting score of 9 regardless of Par
❖ Course Handicap: 40 or Higher	Maximum posting score of 10 regardless of Par

Handicap Service & Posting Scores

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. Players are expected to post every round played under the Rules of Golf for a proper reflection of their personal Handicap Index. This includes practice rounds, recreational rounds, and tournament rounds with the player trying to do as well as possible on each hole. Equitable Stroke Control must be used when posting scores. A Handicap Index is calculated on the revisions schedule for Kentucky as soon as at least 5 scores have been posted.

Scoring Limit (Total Score)

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 subject to review and dismissal from the remainder of the tour/series schedule. Pace of Play will be strongly considered when reviewing scores over the listed expectation. All remaining fees shall be refunded.

BOYS AGE DIVISION		18 HOLES	GIRLS AGE DIVISION		18 HOLES
17 – 18 Division		100	16 – 18 Division		100
15 – 16 Division		105	13 – 15 Division		110
14 & Under Division		110	14 & Under Division		110
BOYS AGE DIVISION		9 HOLES	GIRLS AGE DIVISION		9 HOLES
13 – 18 Division		60	13 – 18 Division		60
11 – 12 Division		65	12 & Under Division		65
10 & Under Division		65			
BOYS AGE DIVISION		6 HOLES	GIRLS AGE DIVISION		6 HOLES
* 8 & under Division		No Limit	* 9 & under Division		No Limit

** Divisions available at all Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Single-Day Series events.*

Maximum scores in the 9-Hole and 6-Hole divisions reflect the maximum score of +4 on any hole played. Maintaining a pace of play of 2 hours and 15 minutes or less per 9 holes will be strongly considered for any round that exceeds the scoring limits.

Playoff Procedure

Time, weather, and staff permitting, ties for first place will be decided by a hole-by-hole sudden death playoff. Otherwise, all 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 1st Place will receive an invitation to participate in the Tour Championship provided they complete at least three total events.

Junior PGA Championship “Golden Ticket”

At the Junior PGA Championship Qualifiers, the Boys and Girls Overall Champion will advance to the Junior PGA Championship. In the events leading up to the Qualifier, Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Members will have the ability to earn a “Golden Ticket” for 2018. The lowest finish among all Golden Ticket holders at the Junior PGA Championship Qualifier will receive a spot in the 2018 Junior PGA Championship. Playoffs will be used to settle ties to determine who advances from the Qualifier among Golden Ticket holders.

Only Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Members will have the ability to earn Golden Tickets by participating in the Boys 17-18, Boys 15-16, Girls 16-18, or Girls 13-15 Divisions. The Golden Tickets will be awarded to the lowest overall score by gender using the combination of the Boys 17-18 / 15-16 Divisions and the Girls 16-18 / 13-15 Divisions. All players involved in a tie for the final Golden Ticket will earn the chance to compete for a spot in the Junior PGA Championship at the Kentucky Section Qualifier. Participants may earn a Golden Ticket for 2018 in the following events:

- Overall Champion at any Spring or Summer Series Event between March 24 and June 5
- Champion and Runner-Up in Brackets of the KPGA Match Play Championships on April 28-29 at Old Bridge GC
- Finish in the Top 5 Overall in Spring Regionals at Juniper Hill GC (April 14-15), Wild Turkey Trace GC on May 19-20, or Seneca GC (May 26-27)
- Finish in the Top 3 Overall in Stableford Spring Combo Regional on April 7-8 at Weissinger Hills GC and Quail Chase GC (South-West)
- Finish in the Top 3 Overall in Summer Combo Regional #1 on March 30-31 at Kenny Perry’s Country Creek GC and Indian Hills CC

Players may also earn a Golden Ticket toward the 2019 Junior PGA Championship by finishing in the Top 5 Overall in a 2018 Regional, Top 5 Overall in a 2-Day Championship, or Top 3 in any Combo Regional. 2019 Golden Ticket holders must become a member of the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour in 2019 and still be eligible to compete in the Junior PGA Championship to receive a 2019 Golden Ticket.

Tour Player of the Year Point System

Points will be awarded in each event based on the player's gross score placement within their own Division. Any player involved in a tie for 1st Place will receive 1st Place points. In the event of a scorecard playoff to determine 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 totals including the Tour Championship.

Spring and Summer Series Events (Top 10 Places)

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

Combo Regional Events (Top 10 Places)

130, 100, 85, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10

Regional Events (Top 10 Places)

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

KY Junior PGA Championship Qualifier and KY Junior Amateur (Boys/Girls Overall)

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

NOTE: Points also awarded for Boys 12 & Under and Girls 12 & Under Divisions

Tour Championship (Top 15 Places)

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

NOTE: Players participating in Combo Regionals may receive points for the individual events as well as Regional level points for the Combo Regional.

Musselman-Kirchdorfer Series Point System

Players in the Boys (17-18 & 15-16) and Girls (16-18 & 13-15) Overall Divisions will earn points in Musselman-Kirchdorfer Series events. There is no limit to the number of events each participant may enter, but only the best 5 point totals will be used toward the rankings. Players in the Top 3 (and ties) at Musselman-Kirchdorfer Series events will receive an invitation to the Musselman-Kirchdorfer Invitational at Big Spring CC on July 9-10. ***(NEW in 2018)***

Musselman-Kirchdorfer Series Events (ALL Places - 25 points outside of Top 20)

300, 250, 220, 200, 180, 160, 150, 140, 130, 120, 110, 100, 90, 80, 75, 70, 65, 60, 55, 50

Musselman-Kirchdorfer Invitational (ALL Places - 30 points outside of Top 20)

1000, 750, 650, 550, 500, 450, 400, 350, 300, 250, 200, 180, 160, 140, 120, 100, 90, 80, 70, 60

Fall Series Player of the Year Point System

Points will be awarded for the Fall Series under same parameters of the regular season. 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 4 best totals including the Tour Championship.

Fall 9-Hole Series Events (Top 10 Places)

150, 120, 90, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10

Tour Championship (Top 15 Places)

250, 180, 150, 120, 100, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10

Summer Tour Championship

The 2018 Summer Tour Championship will be held on Wednesday-Thursday, July 18-19 at Gibson Bay Golf Course in Richmond, KY.

Only Tour members are eligible to compete in the Tour Championship. Invitations are issued to Tour Members based on their performance during the 2018 season. Invitations will be extended to (a) Winners of series and regional event in each Division that play in at least three events on the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour schedule; and (b) Players' standing on the Tour Player of the Year list as of July 14, 2018 with these restrictions:

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

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

Fall Series (9-Hole Events)

A series of 9-Hole events will be held starting on July 23rd through the middle of September. Each event will consist of 9-Hole and 6-Hole Divisions for all age groups. Kentucky PGA Junior Tour members will receive a special rate when registering for these events. Non-members may play in the Fall Series events at an additional cost of \$20 per event. The Fall Series events will be conducted under the same rules as the KPGA Middle School State Championship which will be held on September 29, 2018. Lunch will not be provided at each event, but trophies will be awarded for all Fall Series events. For more information about this program, please call Golf House Kentucky.

Fall Series Tour Championship

The Fall Series will conclude with a Tour Championship to be held on Sunday, September 16th at Bardstown CC (Maywood) in Bardstown. The Tour Championship will be open to any Tour Member and any player that participated in one of the 12 Fall Series events regardless of their finish in those events.

Musselman-Kirchdorfer Invitational

New in 2018: A series of 2-Day events will be branded as “Musselman-Kirchdorfer Series”, and participation in these events will lead to invitations to participate in the Musselman-Kirchdorfer Invitational at Big Spring CC, Inc. (Big Spring Campus) on July 9-10, 2018. Only players in the Boys Overall (17-18 & 15-16 Divisions) and Girls Overall (16-18 & 13-15 Divisions) will earn points toward participation in this event.

The Top 3 Overall scores (and ties) in each series event will receive an invitation to participate in the Invitational. Additional invitations will be issued based on Musselman-Kirchdorfer Point Standings. Players earn points by participating in the 11 of the 13 events associated with the Musselman-Kirchdorfer Series. Points are not awarded for the Four Ball Championship and Match Play Championship, but the Champion and Runner-Up in each HS Yardage Division will receive an invitation to the Musselman-Kirchdorfer Invitational. There is no limit to the number of events entered, but only the best 5 point totals will be used for the Point Standings.

Shotgun starts will be used both days of the Championship with a late morning/early afternoon start on July 9 and morning start on July 10. A luncheon will be held following play on Tuesday, and spectators and guests will be allowed to register for the luncheon at an additional fee.

Adult-Child Tournament

Juniors will have the chance to compete in the Adult-Child Tournament on Saturday, June 23 at Bardstown CC (Maywood). This event combines any player eligible to compete on the KY PGA Junior Tour (HS Class of 2018 who haven't started college or younger) combined with any adult (considered HS Class of 2017 or older). Entry information on the adult partner is entered during the event registration process. This event is limited to the first 50 registered teams, and all teams will complete 18-hole at this event.

The format of the competition will be Selective Drive Alternate Shot. Tees will be set by gender and age. Play will begin with an afternoon shotgun start with a buffet dinner following play on site. More information about this event may be found on the [Tournament Information page](#) (link for online Handbook posts).

Youth on Course Membership

Members of the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour will benefit as members of Youth on Course. Youth on Course members have access to affordable golf from participating courses for \$5 or less. More information about Golf House Kentucky's relationship with Youth on Course will be shared at a later date with all Tour Members.

Kentucky Junior Tour Partnership

NEW in 2018: Players that join the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour presented by Musselman-Kirchdorfer as well as the Golfweek Junior Tour will receive a \$40 credit toward event registration with both Tours. Players that join both Tours should send an e-mail to Chris Redle (credle@kygolf.org) notifying that membership is complete. After following up with the Golfweek Junior Tour, credits will be applied and a confirmation e-mail will be sent. Click on the link provided to view the press release announcing the [Kentucky Junior Golf Partnership](#).

Junior Tour Four Ball Championship

Juniors will have the chance to compete with a partner in the Junior Tour Four Ball Championship at Audubon Country Club on Saturday-Sunday, April 21-22. The Four Ball format used the best score from two partners on each hole with Divisions available for High School and Middle School Championship yardages for Boys and Girls. The High School yardage Divisions will consist of players between 15 and 18 years of age, and the Middle School yardage Divisions will consist of both players 14 and Under. All participants will play 18-holes each day, and there will not be any 9-Hole Divisions for this event. Tee times will start off #1 and #10 on both days starting at 12:30pm. Players may register individually and e-mail Chris Redle (credle@kygolf.org) notifying partner assignments, or Tour Members can be selected as a partner during the registration process.

For those coming from out of town, “Thunder Over Louisville” kicks off the Kentucky Derby Festival week downtown on Saturday, April 21. This can make finding hotels difficult, but the later start time both days may help those coming to the course. More information about this event may be found on the [Tournament Information page](#) (link for online Handbook posts).

J.B. Holmes Cup Matches

The Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Player of the Year in the Boys 17-18, 15-16, 14 & Under, and 11-12 Divisions as well as the Girls 16-18, 13-15, 14 & Under, and 12 & Under Division have the opportunity to play on one of two teams competing in the J.B. Holmes Cup Matches late in the Fall. Other Members may also be considered when filling the two teams that compete in this event. To be considered for this event, Members must have competed in an event at Campbellsville Country Club or Old Bridge Golf Club during the season. The Tour offers a total of three events at these facilities, and includes the Junior Match Play event.

Team members are provided accommodations with teammates from Friday through Sunday for this event. Team members will be expected to attend all team events and meals including a practice round and service project. This experience is supported by PGA Tour Professional and former KY PGA Junior Tour Member J.B. Holmes, his family, and several corporate partners. The 2018 event is scheduled to take place at Old Bridge Golf Course in Danville. For more information, please contact Golf House Kentucky.

“Member Fore A Day” Program

Eligible non-members of the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour may participate in any event other than the Tour Championship by paying an additional \$40 program fee. To complete event registration, non-members may register through the Tournament Information page for most events. Non-member registration for the Kentucky Junior Amateur or Junior PGA Championship Qualifier must contact Golf House Kentucky at (502) 243-8295 to complete registration. ***The additional program fee for non-members may not be retroactively applied to Tour Membership fees.*** Players in this program for single day events will receive a portion of the membership gift package at the event.

Golf House Kentucky Junior Golf Tournaments Recognized by the AJGA

AJGA: More info released after AJGA sets performance stars for our events.

- Kentucky Junior PGA Championship Qualifier (June 6-7)**
 - *Boys & Girls Overall Champion:* 4 performance stars
 - *Boys & Girls Top 20%:* 2 performance stars
 - *Boys & Girls Top 50%:* 1 performance star



- Kentucky Boys Junior Amateur Championship (June 27-28)
 - *Boys Overall (15-18) Champion:* Fully Exempt
 - *Boys Overall Top 5* 12 performance stars
 - *Boys Overall Top 10* 8 performance stars
 - *Boys Overall Top 15* 4 performance stars

Boys 13-14 Division players may declare up to 15-16 Divisions to compete for performance stars.

- Kentucky Girls Junior Amateur Championship (June 28-29)
 - *Girls Overall (13-18) Champion:* Fully Exempt
 - *Girls Overall Top 3* 12 performance stars
 - *Girls Overall Top 5* 8 performance stars
 - *Girls Overall Top 10* 4 performance stars

- Golf House Kentucky Junior Player of the Year*
 - *Boys Player of the Year:* 4 performance stars
 - *Girls Player of the Year:* 4 performance stars

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 Golf House Kentucky Junior Player of the Year from the state.

** 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 there are 40+ boys or 30+ girls, the AJGA will recognize the top 20% of the field with 2 Performance Stars, and Top 50% of 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

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.

Golf House Kentucky Junior Golf Tournaments Recognized by Junior Golf Scoreboard

Junior Golf Scoreboard:

- KYPGA Spring Regional at Juniper Hill GC (April 14-15)
- KYPGA Spring Classic at Wild Turkey Trace GC (May 19-20)
- KYPGA Summer Preview at Seneca GC (May 26-27)
- KYPGA Summer Combo Regional at Kenny Perry's Country Creek GC and Indian Hills CC (March 30-31)
- Kentucky Junior PGA Championship Qualifier (June 6-7)
- KYPGA Summer Regional at Calvert City CC (June 9-10)
- KYPGA Summer Combo Regional at Greenbrier G&CC and Lakeside GC (June 13-14)
- KYPGA Summer Combo Regional at Boone's Trace National GC and Gibson Bay GC (June 18-19)
- KYPGA Summer Combo Regional at Lakewood CC and The Pines at Lindsey Wilson GC (June 21-22)
- Kentucky Boys Junior Amateur Championship (June 27-28)
- Kentucky Girls Junior Amateur Championship (June 28-29)
- KYPGA Summer Combo Regional at Drake Creek GC and Paxton Park GC (July 2-3)
- Trusted Choice Big "T" Qualifier / KYPGA Summer Classic at Quail Chase GC (South-West) (July 5-6)
- KYPGA Musselman-Kirchdorfer Invitational (July 9-10)
- KYPGA Summer Combo Regional at Winchester CC and Eagle Trace GC (July 12-13)
- KYPGA Junior Tour Championship (July 18-19)
- KYPGA Fall Classic (October 13-14)



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Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the easiest way to get in touch with Chris and/or other staff 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); PJ Boatwright Interns, (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 accept the Emergency Waiver 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 staff 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. Cell phones or watches that allow for direct communication (i.e. texts) are not allowed to be used as a distance measuring device.

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 are open to non-members; however non-members must pay an additional \$40 for each event under the "Member Fore A Day" program. That \$40 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 on July 1, 2018. What age division will I play in for the season?

Whatever age you will be on June 1, 2018 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, 2017, 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, 2018 age date 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). Otherwise, please 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. As a general rule, spectator carts may not be reserved in advance and are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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 2017. What has changed with the tour for this season?

There were several enhancements to the Tour program in 2017, and some other new ones for 2018. Recent enhancements that have continued include the addition of the Musselman-Kirchdorfer Series and announcement of merger agreement. There also was a recent announcement of the Kentucky Junior Golf Partnership with the Golfweek Junior Tour allowing members of both Tours the chance to receive \$40 credit with both Tours.

Many programs started in 2017 will continue in 2018. Player participation in the 18-Hole Divisions continues to generate revenue for high school golf programs in Kentucky. Players must compete in at least 3 events to compete in the Tour Championship, and the Fall Series Player of the Year award and Fall Series Tour Championship will continue. Player of the Year points will be given for the Junior PGA Championship Qualifier and Kentucky Junior Amateur. The Fall Series Player of the Year points system has been revised to include the Fall Series Tour Championship. An additional event includes the Adult-Child Tournament and Musselman-Kirchdorfer Invitational. Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Members will benefit from a Youth on Course Membership. Check out information about each of these new features outlined in this Handbook.

In addition to the new programs, the tour will continue to provide players with a handicap. Tour Membership continues to allow discounted entry fees into all events. These are most of the programs that have developed over the past few years on the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour. 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 2018 Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Handbook please contact Golf House Kentucky (502-243-8295).