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CNY JUNIOR TOUR PLAYER HANDBOOK 2026

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The mission of the Central New York PGA's Junior tour is to create a positive learning environment and competitive experience for juniors of all skill levels while developing regional talent. The CNY PGA's junior tour is a place for players to learn patience, honor, and integrity.

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Dear Junior Golfer:

On behalf of the Central New York Section of the PGA of America, we would like to welcome you to the 2026 Central New York PGA Junior Golf Tour. The CNY PGA Junior Golf Tour was created to provide affordable, competitive events for junior golfers, further develop the quality of junior golfers in the region and to encourage sportsmanship while promoting the rules and etiquette of the game. Our goal is to provide junior golfers with affordable events that are administered to the highest professional standards of the PGA of America. As you review the schedule we have created, you will see that the tour is set to visit some of the finest facilities across the Section. We will play several events, beginning in May and ending in mid-August.

Age Divisions:

- Boys ages 16-18
- Boys ages 14-15
- Boys ages 12-13
- Boys ages 9-11 (9 holes)
- Girls ages 12-14
- Girls ages 15-18
- Girls ages 9-11 (9 holes)

*NEW IN 2026: DEVELOPMENT SERIES- *Boys 12-14 and Girls 12-14* that are new to tournament golf, and interested in gaining experience in less competitive settings now have the opportunity to play 9 hole events. Players that elect to play in 9 hole events can transition to the 18 hole division within their respective age group at any time.

As you read this booklet, you will find out about the CNY PGA Junior Golf Tour and the benefits you will receive by becoming a member of the tour. For the CNY PGA Junior Golf Tour to succeed, we have guidelines and procedures for all juniors and parents to follow. Players and parents should take the time to review these guidelines and familiarize themselves with all policies and procedures. We are very excited about the 2026 CNY PGA Junior Golf Tour. The Central New York Section of the PGA of America is dedicated to providing junior golfers with one of the finest junior golf programs in the country. Play well!

Deadlines

Tour Membership - Players may register for membership at any time.

Tournament Entry - Players must register 7 days before the start of a tournament

The 7-day deadline to register for tournaments will be strictly adhered to; in order to provide the host course with enough notice on the number of players, we must follow this rule.

BEFORE YOUR TEE TIME

Registration

- All registrations and payments must be completed with a credit card through BlueGolf before arriving at the facility.
- There will be no checks or cash accepted on-site. If you are having trouble registering or paying online, please reach out to CNY PGA staff before the entry deadline.
- Any other forms of payment (Venmo, PayPal and CashApp) will not be acceptable forms of payment at this time.

DURING YOUR ROUND

Suspension of Play Protocol

- During Immediate Suspensions (such as when there is imminent danger from lighting), shuttles will be utilized to retrieve players from the course.
- Texts and emails will be sent out when it is safe to return to the golf course.

Scoring

**The official scorecard for all Junior Tour play will be the Bluegolf app. To install the app, go to the app store on your mobile device and search for "Bluegolf Junior" and then install it on your phone. For anyone who does not have a cell phone or if no one in your group has a cell phone, those players will follow the procedures for using scorecards below:

- There will be a scoring area outside near the 18th green or clubhouse when possible.
- Once scores are confirmed, sign your scorecard and leave the card at the scoring table.

E-Version Scoring

- Players will be responsible for keeping a fellow competitor's score.
- Every player from the group will go to the scoring area to confirm that the scores are correct for the group (the only exception is if there is a ruling to be made).

Paper Scorecards will not be provided unless you are unable to utilize the app, if this is the case, please contact Player Development Director prior to your tee time

Playoffs

- There will only be playoffs for qualifying spots, or majors. Player of the Year points will otherwise be distributed evenly

Membership Information

Eligibility

- The CNY PGA Junior Golf Tour is open to boys and girls ages 9 – 18.
- In order to compete in most CNY PGA Junior Golf Tour events including the Tour Championship, you must have paid the Tour Membership fee. (Unless the event is open to Non-Members. See tournament website for details).

Membership and Tournament Fees

CNY PGA Junior Golf Tour Membership is \$100.00 per junior golfer.

The entry fee for 1 day stroke play events is \$70.00 per tournament.

The entry fee for 9 - hole divisions is \$35.00 per tournament.

* Boys and girls 9-11 will only play in a select number of events.

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Membership Benefits

- Eligible to participate in all CNY PGA Junior Golf Tour Events
- Exclusive access to educational opportunities including the Flowcode Mental Coaching App
- CNY PGA Junior Golf Tour membership gift
- Build a playing resume
- Get recognized on multiple national websites (Junior Golf Scoreboard, Junior Golf Hub, AJGA)
- Exclusive benefits with our sponsors
- 1 Live action

Tournament Information

Age Divisions

Age division for individual tour events only.

Boys Divisions: 9 - 11, 12 - 13, 12-14 (9 holes) 14 - 15, 16 - 18

Girls Divisions: 9 - 11, 12 - 14, 12-14 (9holes), 15 – 18

FAQ:

Q: If I have a birthday during the tournament season, in which age group do I participate?

A: Your age is as of the Junior Tour Championship of that given season. You will then be able to play in the same age group for the entire season and be ranked accordingly.

Q: Can my child play up in a division if we feel their playing ability warrants?

A: During the season, no. The CNY PGA Junior Tour is open to juniors ages 9-18 to participate and earn points in events around Central New York. The CNY PGA Junior Tour is designed to categorize all participants by their ages as of the last day of the season, being the Junior Tour Championship. Their age division is based on their age as of that date, not the player's playing ability.

EXCEPTION: If a player's ability is in advance of their age, a formal request must be sent to Player Development Director Mike Discenza PRIOR to the start of the season for formal review. Each application will be reviewed and the Player Development Committee will render a final decision. It is strongly recommended that a PGA Professional send a formal request to Player Development Director on behalf of the athlete to move up in a division, prior to approval of Entry Deadlines.

All entry deadlines for each CNY PGA Junior Golf Tour will be indicated on the official web site. **Juniors must register for an event 7 days before the tournament date.** No late entries will be accepted for any reason. After the deadline, each applicant will be able to access tee time and directions to the tournament site via the internet at CNY.PGA.COM. If the applicant cannot access the web site, please call the CNY PGA Section office at 315 - 446 - 5610.

Weather Policy

The PGA representative or Section staff in charge, after consultation with the host professional and course superintendent, has the authority to order a stop in play due to weather as it relates to course conditions and safety of the participants and spectators. A decision to cancel play entirely rests with the official in charge, again after appropriate consultation. Suspension of play will be designated by one long blast for a dangerous situation or three short blasts for unplayable course conditions or darkness. Resumption of play will be designated by two long blasts. (Note: Players should be aware of their right to stop play at any time if they think lightning threatens them, even though no signal for discontinuance has been given or heard.)

Heat Index Policy: https://nysphsaa.org/documents/2023/5/5/Heat_Index_Procedure_5_23.pdf?id=3080

The following situations will result in the following outcome:

- The event is canceled before play begins – Full refund
- The event is canceled after play begins and all competitors have completed less than 9 holes and no lunch is served – Full refund (minus \$5 processing fee)
- The event is canceled after play begins and all competitors have completed less than 9 holes however lunch is served – Partial refund (minus \$5 processing fee)
- The event is canceled after all competitors have completed 9 holes- No refund

Code of Conduct

Dress Code

1. All Competitors shall wear shirts with a collar; mock golf shirts are allowed.
2. Girl's golf shirts may be sleeveless.
3. Tank tops are not allowed.
4. Players may wear shorts of mid-thigh length. Gym shorts, blue jeans and cutoffs are not allowed.
5. Shirts must remain "tucked-in" at all times.
6. "Baseball" caps are acceptable, with bill facing forwards.

1st infraction – warning

2nd infraction - 2 stroke penalty and player must correct immediately

3rd infraction - Disqualification from event

Conduct

Any conduct that is determined to be detrimental to the Central New York PGA Junior Golf Tour will not be tolerated. Such conduct includes but is not limited to the following:

- Consumption of alcoholic beverages, smoking, vaping or use of tobacco products, drug use, gambling, abusive language or profanity, club throwing, damage or abuse of host facility property.
- Any breach of the above guidelines will result in disqualification from the event where the incident occurred. The player will also be disqualified from the next event entered without a refund.
- A second infraction will result in suspension from the Central New York PGA Junior Golf Tour for the remainder of the season and forfeiture of all applicable entry fees.

Caddies and or Carts:

- Caddies and/or motorized carts will not be permitted at any Central New York PGA Junior Golf Tour event.
- Each competitor must walk and carry his/her own clubs. Pull carts are allowed unless not permitted by the host facility.

Photo and/or Video Use:

- The Central New York PGA (CNY PGA) reserves the right to use any photograph/video taken at any event sponsored or run by CNY PGA, without the expressed written permission of those included within the photograph/video.
- CNY PGA may use the photograph/video in publications or other media material produced, used or contracted by CNY PGA including but not limited to brochures, invitations, books, newspapers, magazines, television, websites, etc.
- To ensure the privacy of individuals and children, images will not be identified using full names or personal identifying information without written approval from the photographed subject, parent or legal guardian.

- A person attending a CNY PGA event who does not wish to have their image recorded for distribution should make their wishes known to the photographer, and/or the event organizers, and/or contact CNY PGA at 5011 Jamesville Road, Jamesville, New York 13078, in writing of his/her intentions and include a photograph. CNY PGA will use the photo for identification purposes and will hold it in confidence.

Spectator Guidelines:

Parents are more than welcome to follow their children around the golf course, however interaction between spectators and children should be limited, and can in some cases result in disqualification. ***Please see below our guidelines.***

1. Advice (Rule 10.2) is any verbal comment or action that is intended to influence any player in choosing a club, making a *stroke*, or deciding how to play during a hole or round. In addition, any conversation between player/spectator may be construed as advice. This includes any conversation between player/spectator in their native language. In either instance, the penalty for breach of this rule is two strokes. Players are responsible for the actions of their relatives and spectators regarding this rule.
2. Keeping the above statement in mind, please keep your conversation with the player to words of encouragement.
3. Please silence your cell phone while at CNY PGA events or abide by the Host Facilities policy.
4. Spectators should stay on cart paths. In the absence of cart paths, we ask that spectators stay in the rough. Please stay off fairways, tees and greens.
5. Spectators should stay one shot ahead of the group they are following. This allows spectators to follow errant shots and help identify where the ball comes to rest. Spectators are allowed to aid in the search for lost golf balls.
6. Spectators should not give rulings. Please seek a CNY PGA rules official or Tournament Director if the need arises.
7. Spectators are allowed to carry medicine, umbrellas, snacks, etc.
8. Any spectator or caddie exhibiting behavior detrimental to the integrity of the competition or unbecoming in anyway directed towards other spectators, caddies, players, course staff, or CNYPGA staff will be subject to IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM THE HOST FACILITY and are subject to suspension from future events.
9. Any spectator or caddie that we find to be swearing, yelling, or exhibiting any kind of disruptive behavior will be subject to IMMEDIATE REMOVAL FROM THE HOST FACILITY, and are subject to suspension from future events.

This applies for every tournament the Central New York PGA Administers.

The CNYPGA Tournament Committee, based on severity and frequency of the violation(s), may do one or more of the following:

- Issue a warning.
- Remove the spectator from the host facility and ban them for the remainder of the event.
- Depending on the severity of the violation, a spectator is also subject to possible suspension from future events for either a set number of events or indefinitely as well as their players' membership being suspended indefinitely.

The CNYPGA reserves the right to ban a spectator from any/or all events at their discretion, for a serious breach of the CNYPGA Code of Conduct. A spectator's violation of this code of conduct is not limited to the current round but may include repeated offenses from tournament to tournament.

Safety is our top priority while running our Junior Tour events. If at any point a spectator is acting inappropriately around any players (such as harassing, consuming alcohol in excess, intimidating, swearing, etc.) before, during or after the event. The tournament official has the right to ask the spectator to leave that group of players, remain at the clubhouse or to leave the property, in order to protect or make players feel more comfortable and safer.

Care for the Golf Course:

All players are expected to maintain, as well as improve, the condition of the golf course by replacing divots, repairing ball marks, raking bunkers (if rakes are made available), picking up and disposing of trash, etc.

Individuals with Disabilities:

The Central New York PGA Junior Golf Tour strongly supports and encourages individuals with disabilities to participate on the tour. We please ask that all guidelines from above be reached. For more information, please contact the section office at 315-446-5610.

Player of the Year Points

Junior Tour Events – Points

Players ages 12-18 can earn points. You will receive 5 points for every player in your division that you beat. A maximum of 100 points can be earned per event. Select events will have Junior Golf Scoreboard points and AJGA Stars.

*Double point events are as follows:

- CNY PGA Junior Open
- Junior PGA Championship Qualifier
- Junior AIM
- Junior Tour Championship
- Junior Player’s Championship

**You will receive double points with a maximum of 200 points in these events.

*Junior Golf Scoreboard Events are as follows:

- CNY PGA Junior Open
- Junior PGA Championship Qualifier
- Junior Tour Championship
- Junior AIM Championship



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Junior Tour Championship will be open for registration to anyone that has played in 5 or more Central New York PGA Events events regardless of point totals. Registration for the top 5 points each division will open 3 days before general registration. (Players must still meet the minimum of participating in 5 events)

Junior Tour Championship will be limited to the first 72 registrants. General registration will begin July 19th at 7pm.

Junior Tour Divisions:

Division	Yardage
Boys 16-18	5,900 – 6,300 yards
Boys 14-15	5,500 – 5,800 yards
Boys 12-13	5,200 – 5,400 yards
Girls 15-18	5,500 – 5,800 yards
Girls 12-14	5,200 – 5,400 yards

CNY PGA Junior Tour Developmental Division (Ages 9-11 & 12-14)

The Central New York PGA has created a developmental division for golfers ages 9-11 and Girls 12-14 / Boys 12-13. These divisions will play 9 holes. While using the American Development Model, the focus of athletes ages 9-11 should be 70% training and 30% competition. To stay in line with this model, players will have the opportunity to win medals at each event but will not accrue yearlong Tesori/Mulherin Cup points. Similarly, the 12-13/12-14 division is intended to give players the opportunity to participate in a competitive golf tournament with no previous experience. Players who participate in a 9 hole event in the 12-13/12-14 division may transition into the 18 hole division at any time during the season.

	Holes	Yardage
Boys/Girls 9-11	9	2,250 – 2,500 yards
Boys/Girls 12-14	9	2,500 - 2700 yards

Race to the Tesori/Mulherin Cup

Eligibility

The Tesori/Mulherin Cup will feature two teams each with 12 players who are CNY PGA Junior Tour members. All potential players must be ages 12-18 and must compete in the 2025 Junior Tour Championship to be eligible, unless exceptional circumstances or exemptions are met.

Exemptions

- 1) Top three boys from the Tesori/Mulherin Cup points list in Boys 16-18, 14-15, 12-13.(9)
- 2) Top two girls from the Tesori/Mulherin Cup points list in Girls 12-14 and 15-18 division. (4)
- 3) Boys Junior Tour Championship top 2 finishers not already qualified through POY points (16-18, 14-15 and 12-13) to be contested August 13-14, 2025. In an event there is a tie for 2nd place between eligible players, the USGA recommended tie breaking method will be used. (6)
- 4) Girls Junior Tour Championship top 2 finishers not already qualified through POY points (15-18 and 12-14) to be contested August 13-14, 2025. In an event there is a tie for 2nd place between eligible players, the USGA recommended tie breaking method will be used. (4)
- 5) One Captain's pick. (1)

Points List

Tesori/ Mulherin Cup points can be earned by players ages 12-18. You will receive 5 points for every player in your division that you beat. A maximum of 100 points can be earned per event.

Captains

In the event Joe Tesori Sr and Linda Mulherin cannot be Captain, Captains will consist of the host Golf Professional and the Player Development Director or the PDD's choice.

Team Announcement

The final Tesori Team and Mulherin Team will be announced by the Central New York PGA immediately following the conclusion of the final round of the Junior Tour Championship on Thursday, August 14.

Format

The Tesori/Mulherin Cup to be contested in August at Bellevue Country Club will consist of:

6 holes foursomes

6 holes fourball

6 holes singles match play

Each match is worth 1 point. ½ point is awarded to a tied match.

In the event of a tie, the cup stays with the previous year's winner.

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