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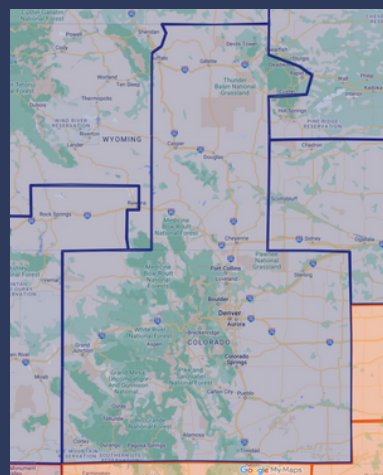
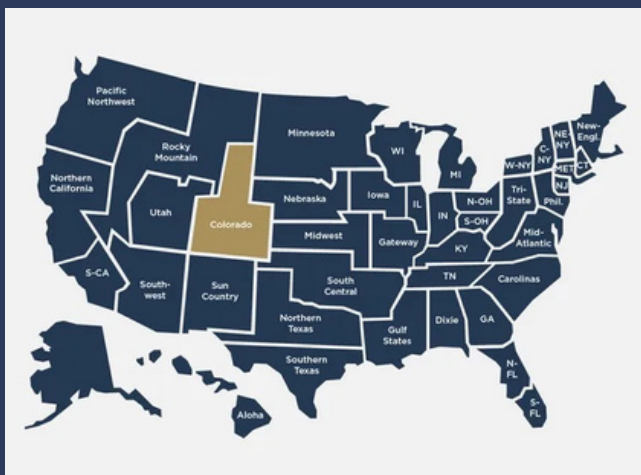
The Colorado Section of the PGA promotes the game of golf to golfers of Colorado, Eastern Wyoming, and a small portion of South Dakota. The purpose of the Section is to promote enjoyment and involvement in the golf game and contribute to its growth by providing services to golf professionals and the golf industry within the Section.

The Colorado PGA REACH Foundation supports our PGA Professionals to help make a difference in our local communities. Our REACH Foundation focuses our programming within our three pillars: Youth Development, Supporting our Military, and Inclusion. Under the Youth Development Pillar, we promote programs such as Drive, Chip & Putt, PGA Jr League, Golf in Schools, and Colorado PGA Junior Golf Tournaments.

The Colorado PGA REACH Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Mission

PGA REACH Colorado offers youth opportunities to learn, play, and compete throughout their skill development. Although our programs foster competition, the primary goals are to grow the game, provide a welcoming and inclusive environment, and encourage friendship, sportsmanship, honesty, and integrity. We aim to utilize golf as a vehicle to instill values such as integrity, honor, and patience.



MEMBERSHIP & MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

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Membership

The Colorado PGA Junior Golf Membership is open to all juniors between the ages of six and their 19th birthday or the day they enter college, whichever comes first. All members must complete the membership registration form and be approved by one of the Colorado PGA Junior Golf staff. Out-of-state residents are welcome to register for a membership.

Membership is based on the calendar year and expires on December 31. Membership fees are paid annually; there are no pro-rated fees for partial-year memberships or family discounts. Members will be able to access COPGA Junior events. You must have an approved membership and pass a rules quiz before registering for tournaments.

Membership Levels

Colorado PGA Junior Golf offers three different membership levels to best serve golfers of all skills and abilities.

Junior Development Series

The Junior Development Series (JDS) is a way for Juniors to gain a competitive golf experience in a more relaxed and fun environment. The JDS offers a non-intimidating, FUN, focused junior golf environment purposed to foster friendship, inspire commitment, and offer guidance.

The JDS is open to kids ages 6-18 with little to no competitive golf experience (new players are recommended to begin in the JDS). The JDS membership cost is \$100.00.

Junior Development Series Tournaments – These tournaments provide opportunities in a structured yet welcoming format. Players compete in divisions based on skill level, age, and/or gender. 10 & Under, Boys 11-18, and Girls 11-18.

Benefits

- Access to Junior Development Series Events
- Membership Gift
- Regular Junior Golf Newsletter
- Access to COPGA Junior Golf Education Events
- Possible Volunteer Opportunities

Membership Level Upgrade

Once a Junior Development Series Member becomes eligible for the Junior Player Series, they may upgrade memberships online by paying the remaining \$50.00 balance. You may contact the Colorado PGA at any time to upgrade.

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Junior Player Series

The COPGA Junior Player Series (JPS) is the flagship level of our programs. Designed to serve juniors with a wide range of playing abilities, from juniors that have advanced through the Junior Development Series to those looking to earn an invite into the Junior Cup Series. The JPS is open to kids ages 11- 18. The JPS Membership cost is \$150.00.

Declaring Up - Juniors 10 & under seeking a JPS membership or players declaring up an age division, please fill out the application and include a playing resume and a letter of recommendation from their PGA/LPGA Professional.

Players who are declaring up an age division remain in the age division for any JPS and JDS events.

Junior Player Series Tournaments - These tournaments provide competitive opportunities in a structured, yet welcoming format. Players compete in divisions based on age and gender. Boys 11-13, Girls 11-13, Boys 14-18, and Girls 14-18.

Benefits

- Access to our Junior Player Series Events
- Playing opportunities to earn Junior Cup Series membership
- Membership Gift
- Regular Junior Golf Newsletter
- Discounted Junior Golf Hub Membership - \$49.00 (originally \$129.00)*
- Access to COPGA Junior Golf Education Events
- Possible Volunteer Opportunities

*Contact a Colorado PGA Staff member at copgajrgolf@pgahq.com for more information

Membership Level Upgrade

Once a Junior Player Series Member becomes eligible for the Junior Cup Series, they may upgrade memberships online by paying the remaining \$50.00 balance. You may contact the Colorado PGA at any time to upgrade.

Junior Cup Series

The Junior Cup Series (JCS) is by INVITATION ONLY. The JCS offers a competitive atmosphere for top junior golfers to hone their skills in 36 and 54-hole events. The JCS membership is \$200.

2023 Invitation Requirements -

- CO PGA 2022 Championship Pass Points List - Top 50 Boys & Top 30 Girls
- AJGA Colorado Rankings - Top 25 Boys & Top 15 Girls*

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2023 Invitation Requirements (cont.) –

- 2022 Aurora Junior Championship Results – Top 20 Boys & Girls who made the cut for final day
- 2022 CO PGA Junior PGA Championship – Boys & Girls who made the cut for final day
- 2022 CO PGA Junior Invitational – All invited players
- 2022 CGA State Junior Championship – Top 32 Boys & Top 16 Girls
- CO PGA 2022 Competitive Pass Points List – Top 5 Boys & Top 3 Girls
- Junior Golf Scoreboard Colorado Rankings – Top 50 Boys & Top 25 Girls*
- CHSAA Boys and Girls State Championship
 - 3A – Top 15 Boys & Top 10 Girls
 - 4A – Top 15 Boys & Top 10 Girls
 - 5A – Top 15 Boys & Top 10 Girls
- 2021 JGAC Tour Points List – Top 50 Boys & Top 30 Girls

*Any past members who live out of state that fall above the final spot we awarded for in-state players will also earn an invitation.

Midseason Entry – Players can gain entry into the Cup series one of two ways during the season:

- Q-school
 - Top 20% of the field will earn their Cup series invitation
 - Players will have to meet the target score to earn their spot - Boys - 85 or lower; Girls - 90 or lower.
- Cup Qualifiers
 - A cup qualifier will be hosted for each of the summer cup events.
 - The top 6 Boys and top 3 girls that meet the set target score will earn a spot to play in the cup event hosted the following week. Target score - Boys - 85 or lower; Girls - 90 or lower
 - If the players from the qualifier earns points at the event will have the option to upgrade their membership

Junior Cup Series Tournaments – These tournaments are designed for college-bound golfers in Colorado, Eastern Wyoming, and a small part of South Dakota.

Benefits

- Access to our Junior Cup Series Events & Junior Major Championship
- Membership Gift
- National Junior Golf Scoreboard (JGS) Rankings
- AJGA Performance-Based Entry Recognition (If events meet the AJGA requirements)
- Regular Junior Golf Newsletter
- Free Junior Golf Hub Membership (originally \$129.00)
- Access to COPGA Junior Golf Education Events
- Possible Volunteer Opportunities



Tournaments

Junior Development Series

Age Divisions - The competitor's age will determine age Divisions as of June 1, 2023.

10 & Under - Players 6-10 years old are eligible to play in the 10 & under age division. Both boys and girls will be placed into the 10 & Under division for the contest. Players will have the ability to declare up to the next division if they would like.

Playing UP - If you wish to play out of your age group, please contact the Colorado PGA, and they will be reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis.

Caddies - All players in the Junior Development Series may have a caddie. Please see the Caddie Policy in this handbook.

Scoring - Each 10U group will have a walking scorekeeper to assist with scoring (if needed, parents may be asked to fill this role). All players can have their caddies assist with keeping score if they need help.

Stroke Limit - Double Par + 1

Bunker Rule - If a player's ball is in a bunker and has taken two strokes at the ball in the same bunker and has not advanced the ball out of the bunker, the player may under no penalty, drop the ball outside the bunker at the nearest point one club length, NO CLOSER to the hole and continue play.

Penalty Area Rule - If a player hits 2 balls into the same red penalty area, they may drop a ball on the opposite side of the penalty area. (Example: Player hits his or her first (1) shot into water. Player Drops and lays two (2). Player proceeds to hit his or her third (3) shot into the same penalty area. The player then can drop on the other side of the penalty area and lay four (4) and proceed to hit their fifth shot (5).

Yardage - Play will be contested on executive length courses and par three courses. Precise yardages will be available online five days before the event.

- Level 1: Max 1500 yards (ONLY 3-hole, 6-hole)
- Level 2: Max 2000 yards (ONLY 9-hole)
- Level 3: Max 2500 yards (ONLY 9-hole)

3, 6, & 9-hole events - one day events will be held during the spring, summer, and fall seasons.

Junior Development Series Championship - The season-ending invitational will be played as a single day, 9 holes event. The 70 JDS players who play in the most events will be invited to the Junior Development Series Championship. Participants **MUST** compete in at least 5 events prior to July 21, 2023 to be eligible to compete in the JDS Championship. Invitations will be emailed out to notify players that they can register to play in this event.

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Junior Player Series

Age Divisions - The competitor's age will determine age Divisions as June 1, 2023.

11-13

Players 11-13 years old are eligible to play in the 11-13 age division. Players will be broken into divisions by gender: 11-13 Girls and 11-13 Boys. Awards will be given for each division.

Playing UP - If you wish to play out of your age group, please contact the Colorado PGA, and they will be reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis.

Caddies - caddies are NOT allowed.

Scoring - Each player is responsible for keeping their score and performing marker (scorekeeper) duties. It is the players' responsibility to ensure that scorecards are correct.

Stroke Limit - There is 10 stroke limit.

Yardage - Yardages will vary. Play will be contested from the forward tees on regulation courses. Precise yardages will be available online roughly five days before the event. Play will be from the approximate yardages of:

- 11-13 Girls - Approximately 5,200 yards
- 11-13 Boys - Approximately 5,800 yards

18-hole events - one day, 18-hole events will be held during the spring, summer, and fall seasons.

Points - The COPGA Junior Golf Points system will be used to assist in the selection for the 11-13 Championship. Invitations will be based off point standings for events.

JPS 11-13 Points Allocation

CO PGA Junior Events	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
18 Hole - 1 Day Event	100	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	2							
11-13 Championship	200	150	120	100	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	2	
Two-Player Team Event (Per player)	60	50	40	30	25	20	15	10	5	2												
Optimist Qualifier	100	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	2							
IMG Qualifier	100	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	2							

National Events	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
IMG Academy Junior World Championship	150	125	110	90	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	2
Optimist International Championship	150	125	110	90	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	2

11-13 Championship - The season-ending invitational will be played as a two-day, 36 holes event. The top 21 boys and 9 girls will earn their spots into the 11-13 Player Series Championship. Invitations will be determined based on the overall point standings from the 2023 season as of July 27, 2023.

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Junior Player Series (cont.)

14-18

Players 14-18 years old are eligible to play in the 14-18 age division. Players will be broken into divisions by age and gender: 14-18 Girls and 14-18 Boys. Awards will be given for each division.

Playing UP - If you wish to play out of your age group, please contact the Colorado PGA, and they will be reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis.

Caddies – caddies are NOT allowed.

Scoring – Each player is responsible for keeping their score and performing marker (scorekeeper) duties. It is the players’ responsibility to ensure that scorecards are correct.

Stroke Limit – There is 10 stroke limit.

Yardage – Yardages will vary. Play will be contested from the forward tees on regulation courses. Precise yardages will be available online roughly five days before the event. Play will be from the approximate yardages of:

- 14-18 Girls – Approximately 5,800 yards
- 14-18 Boys – Approximately 6,500 yards

18-hole events – one day, 18-hole events will be held during the spring, summer, and fall seasons.

Points - The COPGA Junior Golf Points system will be used to assist in the selection for the 14-18 Championship. Invitations will be based off point standings for events.

JPS 14-18 Points Allocation

CO PGA Junior Events	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
18 Hole - 1 Day Event	100	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	2						
14-18 Championship	200	150	120	100	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	2
Two-Player Team Event (Per player)	60	50	40	30	25	20	15	10	5	2											
Optimist Qualifier	100	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	2						
IMG Qualifier	100	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	2						

National Events	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
IMG Academy Junior World Championship	150	125	110	90	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	2
Optimist International Championship	150	125	110	90	80	75	70	65	60	55	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	2

14-18 Championship – The season-ending invitational will be played as a two-day, 36 holes event. The top 21 boys and 9 girls will earn their spots into the 14-18 Championship. Invitations will be determined based on the overall point standings from the 2023 season as of July 27, 2023.

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Junior Cup Series

The Junior Cup Series allows players to compete against top-level junior golfers. Players have the opportunity to play in nationally recognized multi-day events, national qualifying opportunities, and the Colorado PGA Junior Majors.

Age Divisions – The competitor's age will determine eligibility for the Junior Cup Series events on the final day of the tournaments. If a player turns 19 on the last day of an event or enters college, they will not be eligible to compete in that event. The recommended age minimum is 14.

Caddies – caddies are not allowed.

Scoring – Each player is responsible for keeping their score and performing marker (scorekeeper) duties. It is the players' responsibility to ensure that scorecards are correct.

Stroke Limit – There is NO stroke limit. Players must play out each hole.

Yardage – Precise yardages will be available online five days before the event. Play will be from the approximate yardages of:

- Girls – Approximately 6,000 yards
- Boys – Approximately 7,000 yards

36-hole events – two-day, 36-hole events will be held during the spring, summer, and fall season, with 18-holes contested each day.

54-hole events – three-day, 54-hole events will be contested as our Major Championships that are held during the summer season, with 18-holes contested each day. Following the second round, the field will be cut to the top 50% and ties for the final round. These Majors will include the Aurora Junior Championship and the Colorado Junior PGA Championship.

Colorado PGA Junior Invitational – The season-ending invitational will be played as a two-day, 36 holes event. The top 39 boys and 21 girls will earn their spots into the Colorado PGA Junior Invitational which will take place in early October.

Exemptions – The following Majors will have exemptions into the event:

- Colorado Junior PGA Championship
- Aurora Junior Championship
- Colorado PGA Junior Match Play
- Colorado PGA Junior Invitational

Exemptions for the Major Championships will be posted on their respective tournament information pages. Players who have earned an exemption into a Major Championship will receive an email with their invitation to accept their spot.

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Junior Cup Series (cont.)

Major Championship Qualifiers – The following Majors will have qualifiers to earn a spot into the event:

- Aurora Junior Championship
 - June 16 – Qualifier: TBA (Date could change slightly to meet host facility requirements)
- Colorado Junior PGA Championship
 - July 7 – Qualifier: TBA (Date could change slightly to meet host facility requirements)
- Colorado Junior Match Play Championship
 - July 21 – Qualifier: TBA (Date could change slightly to meet host facility requirements)

Major Championship Qualifiers will be open to Junior Cup Series players who have not earned an exemption and Junior Player Series players

Points - The COPGA Junior Golf Points system will be used to assist in the selection for the Colorado PGA Junior Invitational. Invitations will be based off point standings for events.

JCS Point Allocation

CO PGA Junior Events	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
36 Hole - 2 Day Event	300	250	210	180	150	130	110	90	70	50	35	30	25	20	15							
Two-Player Team Event (Per player)	100	80	60	40	30	25	20	15	10	5												
Optimist Qualifier	100	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	2							
IMG Qualifier	300	25	210	180	150	130	110	90	70	50	35	30	25	20	15							
CHSAA State Championship - 5A, 4A, 3A	100	80	70	60	50	45	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	2							
Other Local/National Events	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
IMG Academy Junior World Championship - Age 15-17	350	275	200	150	130	120	115	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	35	30	25	20	15	10		
Optimist International Championship - Boys 16-18 & Girls 15-18	350	275	200	150	130	120	115	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	35	30	25	20	15	10		
Junior PGA Championship	350	275	200	150	130	120	115	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	35	30	25	20	15	10		
AJGA Hale Irwin Colorado Junior Championship	350	275	200	150	130	120	115	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	35	30	25	20	15	10		
AJGA Colorado Springs Junior	350	275	200	150	130	120	115	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	35	30	25	20	15	10		
AJGA Junior Open at The Bridges	350	275	200	150	130	120	115	100	90	80	70	60	50	40	35	30	25	20	15	10		
COPGA Junior MAJORS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-45	46-50
Aurora Junior Championship	600	500	450	400	350	300	275	250	225	200	175	150	125	100	75	50	40	30	20	15	10	5
Colorado Junior PGA Championship	600	500	450	400	350	300	275	250	225	200	175	150	125	100	75	50	40	30	20	15	10	5
Colorado PGA Junior Invitational	600	500	450	400	350	300	275	250	225	200	175	150	125	100	75	50	40	30	20	15	10	5
Match Play Championships	Champion	Runner-up	Semi-Finalist	Qtrr.-Finalist	Rnd of 16																	
Colorado PGA Junior Match Play Championship	600	500	400	300	200																	
CGA State Championship	350	275	180	120	80																	

EVENT REGISTRATION, APPROVAL, WAITING LIST

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Event Registration

Entries for COPGA Junior Golf tournaments will open on Monday at 9:00 AM, four weeks before the first day of the event. Tournament registration deadlines are one week before the event.

BEFORE REGISTERING FOR EVENTS, you **MUST** be approved for a COPGA Junior Golf Membership and **MUST** pass a rules quiz. If the rules quiz is **NOT** passed you will not be able to register for events.

Event Approval

Junior Development Series Events

Players will be approved on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Junior Player Series Events

Players will be approved on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Junior Cup Series Events

Players will be approved on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Waiting List

If event registration is full, players have the option to be placed on a waitlist. In the event a spot becomes available, players will enter the field on a first-come, first-served basis in their respective divisions.

Waitlisted players are welcome to wait at the tournament site on the day of the first round for players who may cancel the day of the tournament or who are no-shows. Only players who are COPGA Junior Golf member will be allowed into the event. For example - Suppose multiple waitlist players are at the tournament site. In that case, they enter into the event based on their number on the tournament waitlist. The three players arrive at the area who are waitlisted, #17, #5, and a third who is not on the waitlist. They are added to the field in the order of #5, #17, then the player who was not on the waitlist.

Credit Card payment will not be processed until the player enters the tournament.

CANCELATION POLICIES & START TIMES

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Cancellation Policies

Tournament Withdraw and Refunds

If it is necessary to withdraw from an event, please do so online or email the Colorado PGA. If a player withdraws before the registration deadline (11:59 PM the week prior), a full refund of the tournament entry fee minus a \$5.00 credit card processing fee will be issued. Or, a player may receive full credit to their account for future events.

If a player withdraws between the registration deadline and 48 hours before the event's start, a 50% refund of the tournament entry fee will be issued. Or, a player may receive a 50% credit to their account for future use.

If players withdraw less than 48 hours before the event, please call the Colorado PGA office or email the tournament director. No refunds will be issued. Receiving credit is not an option.

If players must cancel or withdraw on the day of the event, please call, text, or email the tournament director. As a courtesy, call the course at which the event is being played and ask that a message be given to the COPGA Junior Golf staff so we may add a waitlisted player to the field.

No Show/No Card Policy

Failure to withdraw (no show/no card) will forfeit their entry fee for that event. The second time this occurs, players **MAY** be suspended from entry into future events.

Membership Refund Policy

Colorado PGA Junior Golf Membership Refunds will please contact the Colorado PGA, and they will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Memberships is subject to suspension or cancellation by the CO PGA Junior Golf Tour for violations of any COPGA Junior Golf Tour Policy and Procedures.

Start Times

Approximately four days before the event, the pairings list with tee times will be emailed to participants and published on the COPGA Junior Golf tournament information pages. Emails will provide check-in time and when the course driving range opens. We ask that you **DO NOT** arrive at the facility before that time as our staff and the course personnel need time to prepare for the event.

Specific tee times and pairing group requests will **NOT** be accommodated. Family members typically will not be paired together. The Tournament Committee may approve exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

WEATHER POLICY

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Weather Policy

Weather Delay

It will be at the discretion of the tournament director or tournament committee to suspend or cancel play. Play will be suspended in lightning or other dangerous situations until conditions are safe.

Please check emails or cell phones for texts before the event in the case of inclement weather. The COPGA Junior Golf staff will contact the host course and email/text all players if there is a change or cancellation of an event. Please do **NOT** contact the host golf course or tournament staff for information on the morning of the event.

If a player wishes to withdraw from the event during a weather delay, contact the tournament director for that event.

Evacuation Policy

If players have been evacuated from the golf course due to inclement weather, players must seek shelter in their cars or in a sheltered location established by the tournament staff. Updates will be provided to players and families via email and text regarding resumption of play.

A staff member will be stationed at the clubhouse. Players **MUST** check in with the staff member prior to heading to their cars for shelter. This is to ensure that all players have been removed from the golf course.

Cancellation Due to Weather

In the event of inclement weather and the entire field is unable to finish the second round of a 36-hole event, the tournament will be scored and awarded based on 9-hole rounds. i.e. if the entire division was only able to complete 27-holes that will be used to determine the winners. In a 10 and under division, if the entire field is unable to complete the second round of an 18-hole event, the tournament will be scored and awarded based on 6-holes.

In the event of a shotgun event and the entire field is unable to finish the second round of a 36-hole event, the tournament will be scored based off the first rounds 18-hole scores since everyone has played the same holes. In the event that a player withdraws prior to the second round but completed the first round, those players will be added back into the event because they completed the first round.

CADDIES, SCORING AREA, RULES/ ETIQUETTE, & DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

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Caddies

Caddies are permitted in Junior Development Series only. Caddies may be a parent or guardian of the player or anyone 15 and older.

Caddies will need to register with the Colorado PGA before the first event. Please review the Colorado PGA Caddy Policy.

Scoring Area

There will be a designated scoring area at Colorado PGA Junior Golf events. Only players are allowed in the defined scoring area. Parents and spectators are **NOT** allowed in the scoring area. Any unauthorized access may result in player disqualification.

Players arriving at the scoring area **WILL BE** asked by a COPGA staff member if there are any unresolved rule issues or if a player played two golf balls at any time. Rules issues must be resolved before the player signs and return their scorecard.

It is the players' responsibility to ensure their scores and the scores of the player they are keeping score for are accurate. At no time should parents be consulted unless authorized by the COPGA staff.

Rules and Etiquette

The USGA Rule of Golf will be in effect at each event. Rules officials and staff members will be on-site to help teach and enforce the rules to protect the field. When a player is uncertain of a rule, they should call the phone number provided on the scorecard or the event notice to players to contact the tournament director via cell phone.

Distance Measuring Devices

Distance Measuring Devices (DMDs), or rangefinders, are permitted for all COPGA Junior Golf events. Features used to gauge other factors such as slope, wind, temperature, etc., must be disabled. Cell phones are permitted if the app measures distance only (See Rule 4.3a).

CELL PHONE POLICY & PACE OF PLAY

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Cell Phone Policy

A player may only use devices that do not make audible noise. If a player's phone makes a loud noise (including vibrations that can be heard) during the round, the player **WILL** receive a warning. Subsequent offenses **MAY** result in disqualification.

Local Rule G-8 is in effect at COPGA Junior events: Which refers to "Rule 4.3a(4) is modified in this way: During a round, a player **MUST NOT** listen or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device.

Players are encouraged to use their cell phones to contact the tournament director in emergencies. The tournament director **MAY** also assist with rulings over the phone and will be able to quickly respond to on-course issues when made aware via cell phone.

Disruptive cell phone use during a round is considered unbecoming conduct. The tournament committee may disqualify a player under Rule 1.2b for a serious breach of etiquette and may reject a player's entry into future events. Spectators who misuse cell phones will be asked to leave the course.

Pace of Play

The COPGA Junior Golf Pace of Play Policy will be enforced. As a recommendation to improve each group's pace of play, the following guidelines as laid out by the AJGA will be implemented.

1. Play **READY** golf throughout your entire round.
2. Must, Must, May
 - **Must** - The first player to finish playing a hole **MUST** immediately grab their bag and start making their way to the next tee. In doing this, the player walking ahead is expected to be quiet and courteous to their fellow competitors. The player should periodically look back to watch the other players' shots.
 - **Must** - This player **MUST** be the first person to play from the next teeing ground. This player must get their yardage and determine club selection while the other players finish the last hole and walk to the tee.
 - **May** - This player **MAY** tee off if they choose to before others arrive. All players must confirm scores on the previous hole before leaving the tee.
3. When spotters, officials, or parents can help search for a lost ball, other players in the group will go to play their next shot to hold the group's position on the golf course. After advancing their ball, the entire group may search for the remainder of the three minutes.
4. Walk with a **PURPOSE** between shots and from green to tee.

TIEBREAKING, GOLF CARTS, & SPECTATOR CARTS

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Tiebreaking and Playoffs

On-Course Playoff

In the event of a tie in a stroke play competition, first place ties will be decided by an on-course sudden-death playoff, time and weather permitting. If a playoff is not feasible, the tie will be broken using a scorecard playoff. Ties for 2nd, 3rd, etc., will be determined by a scorecard playoff, unless otherwise specified by the tournament committee, commonly due to qualifying events.

Scorecard Playoff

The winner will be determined by the best total score on holes 10-18 of the final round, regardless of the players' starting hole. If the tying players have the same total score on holes 10-18, the winner will be determined by the total score on holes 13-18. If a tie still exists, the winner will be determined by the total score on holes 16-18. If a tie still exists, the winner will be determined by the score on hole 18. If a tie still exists, the winner will be selected by lot.

Golf Carts

Motorized carts are not allowed at any COPGA Junior Golf event for use by participants without preapproved medical documentation. Contact the Colorado PGA beforehand if this pertains. Pull/push carts may be used by participants unless otherwise directed by the facility.

Participants may **ONLY** accept a ride when warranted by a tournament official. If an emergency arises, please call the rules phone number.

Spectator Carts

The use of spectator carts is at the discretion of the host facility. Some facilities may require handicap or medical documentation. Spectators may rent carts if the facility allows at the cost set by the facility.

SPECTATOR POLICY

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Spectator Policy

We realize that it is enjoyable for friends and family to watch junior golfers play; we must protect the competition and the junior golfers. In keeping with the traditional role of a spectator not to interfere with any player on the course, all spectators must adhere to the following guidelines while watching a COPGA Junior Golf Tournament.

- Except for those volunteering in an official capacity, spectators and parents are not allowed in the scoring area.
- Walk only on the cart paths or in the rough where cart paths are unavailable. Always be aware of other groups on the course, and don't hold up the group behind you.
- Golf carts will only be allowed at the discretion of the host facility.
- All spectators shall stay a reasonable distance away from the junior golfers.
 - Do **NOT** walk alongside the junior golfers while walking down the fairway or to the next teeing ground.
 - Do **NOT** speak to players in a way that may be seen as giving advice, resulting in a penalty for the player.
 - Do **NOT** attempt to give rulings or advice. There are several rules officials on the course to provide with assistance if players need it. Spectators may help a player call the rules phone number if needed.
- Spectators are encouraged to look for "lost" balls. This should be done with no other interaction with the player.
- Disrespect towards tournament officials, volunteers, and players will not be tolerated.
 - Obscene, abusive, or vulgar language is not tolerated.
 - Interfering with discussions on rulings and scores will not be permitted.
 - Distracting play by loud talking with other spectators or using a camera, cellular phones, radios, or beepers during competition is strictly prohibited. Cameras and video cameras are okay if they do not cause a distraction to the players.
- Legalized marijuana and any illegal substance are prohibited
- Spectators should encourage all participants (polite/soft clapping).

Parental or spectator interference **MAY** result in disqualification of the related participant. This policy is to protect the players. Any continued non-compliance with these policies will result in being asked to leave the course and possibly a loss of future spectating privileges.

JUNIOR CODE OF CONDUCT & PLAYER RESPONSIBILITY

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Junior Code of Conduct

COPGA Junior Golf provides a venue for our members to participate in a game that can be played throughout life, which develops character, sportsmanship, and the life values of integrity, honesty, self-discipline, and competitive spirit.

Junior golfers are to comply with the following expectations throughout the tournament season, both on and off the course. Participants and spectators are expected to show good sportsmanship and proper conduct during COPGA Junior Golf events.

Any of the below-listed behavior will be met with severe consequences as determined by the tournament committee. Flagrant or subsequent violations will result in automatic disqualification. Repeated infractions will result in the suspension of membership.

- Cheating
- Disrespect of officials, facility staff, and tournament directors
- Throwing/slamming clubs or balls
- Delay of play due to player routine
- inappropriate language
- Inappropriate attire (see Dress Code section of this handbook)
- Damage to golf course property (slamming putters into greens, etc.)
- Damage to other competitors or their property (e.g., clubs)
- Littering on golf course property
- Use of electronic devices to listen to music during a round
- Use of any type of tobacco, alcohol, or drugs (unless by written medical authorization)

Player Responsibility

All players are to protect the field during tournament play. A player or player's scorekeeper (marker) **MUST NOT** sign a scorecard that they believe to be incorrect.

A player shall not permit any scores to be posted that have incorrect evidence. Players **MUST** not leave the scoring area until, as a group, they reconcile, sign, and attest all scorecards. The player and the marker **MAY** be subject to disqualification if they knowingly sign incorrect scorecards.

Please remember it is the players' responsibility, **NOT** the parents or spectators, to verify scorecards. Parents are **NOT** allowed in the scoring area. If players have difficulty talking/confronting fellow competitors directly, please speak to a rules official or tournament director before signing the scorecard.

DRESS CODE & PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

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Dress Code

While on golf course property, players are expected to represent themselves and the Colorado PGA. Players are required to follow the guidelines below.

Appropriate Attire

Boys - Sleeved, collared, and appropriate length or tucked-in shirts, with knee-length shorts or long pants.

Girls - Appropriate Golf tops with no low-cut V-necks, mid-thigh length shorts/skirts, or long pants

Short/Skirt Policy- Shorts and skirts must have a hemline no shorter than the player's fingertips when their arms are down by their sides.

Hat Policy - Hats must be worn appropriately (bills forward) and removed when indoors on golf course property.

Inappropriate Attire

- Metal spikes
- Tank tops, halter tops, tee shirts
- Short shorts/skirts, spandex, running/basketball shorts
- Sweatpants, denim
- Baggy bottoms

The tournament director has **sole discretion** regarding participants' clothing. If a player violates the Dress Code at the start of a round or during a round they must conform to the dress code before teeing off or continuing play. Failure to comply will result in disqualification and removal from the course.

Player Expectations

Etiquette

- Be respectful and courteous to the host course, fellow competitors, and tournament staff.
- Stand still and be quiet when someone is playing.
- Be ready to play.
- Replace divots and ball marks.
- Watch errant golf shots and help search when time allows.
- Use appropriate language and self-regulation methods after undesirable shots.

PLAYER EXPECTATIONS (CONT.)

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Player Expectations (cont.)

On the Tee

- Stand to the side when players are swinging.
- Use a unique identification mark to identify balls.

In the Sand

- Enter and exit bunkers from the low side.
- Leave rakes outside of bunkers parallel with the line of play.
- Rake bunkers smooth when finished playing.

On the Green

- Place your clubs on the side of the green nearest the next tee.
- Repair ball marks.
- Place a ball marker directly behind your ball.
- Walk to your ball and putt without stepping or standing on anyone's line of putt.

After the Round

- Thank volunteers and the host facility staff.