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**JUNIOR GOLF**



**2023**

# Colorado PGA Player Pathway



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## The Tee

Golf in Schools,  
Camps, Clinics

- Introducing golf at child's school
- Lessons/instruction by PGA Pros
- PGA.coach programs

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## The Fairway

Development Series,  
DCP, PGA Jr. League

- For juniors 6-18
- Introduction to competitive golf
- Opportunities to play 3, 6, 9 hole events

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## The Approach

Player Series

- For juniors 11-18
- Intermediate tournament experience
- Primarily 18-hole events

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## The Green

Cup Series

- For juniors 14-18
- Advanced tournament experience
- 36 and 54-hole events

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## Beyond the Green

Amateur Tour

- For amateur's 18-over
- Opportunities to play exclusive courses within the section

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# Additional Information on Levels of Junior Play

## 1. Development Series (ages 6-18)

### **Mission:**

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

### **Membership:**

Open to kids ages 6-18 who have little to no competitive golf experience (new players are recommended to begin in the JDS) Membership will be \$100 annually.

### **What to Expect:**

JDS events include 3, 6, and 9-hole events on shortened golf courses with stroke limits, parent caddies, levels of progressions, and rules of golf learning components.

## 2. Player Series (ages 11-18)

### **Mission:**

The Junior Player Series (JPS) is the flagship level of our programs. It is designed to serve juniors of 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. Players will strive to improve their game while gaining competitive experience. Juniors compete within their age divisions and earn points for the Player of the Year standings.

### **Membership:**

Membership into the COPGA Junior Player Series is open to kids ages 11-18. Membership will be \$150 annually. For juniors 10 & under seeking JPS membership, they will need to fill out an application and their PGA Profesional will have to write a recommendation letter.

### **What to Expect:**

JPS events include single-day events, a Series Championship at the end of every season that the top point finishers will earn a special invite to, JCS local qualifiers\*, and a 36-hole qualifying school offered in Spring and Fall for juniors to earn invitation into The Junior Cup Series.

\*Local qualifiers are for juniors to earn spots in specified cup series events. Based on cup series results, player may earn Cup Series invite.

## 3. Junior Cup Series (ages 14-18)

### **Mission and Membership:**

The Junior Cup Series (JCS) is by invitation only, which can be obtained by Qualifying School, Players Series Points, or local qualifiers. The Cup Series will provide an alternative opportunity to top junior golfers to hone their skills in a local competitive environment. JCS events will be submitted for the possibility of earning AJGA stars. Membership will be \$200 annually.

### **What to Expect:**

Two day, 36-hole events.

### **Major Championships:**

36 and 54-hole events

### **Gaining Entry:**

#### **1. Player of the Year Point Standings**

**2. Cup Series Qualifying School:** 36-hole qualifying event for juniors to earn an invitation into the Cup Series.

**3. Local Qualifiers:** These are one-day qualifiers throughout the year. Local qualifiers are for juniors to earn spots in specified cup series events. Based on Cup Series results, player may earn Cup Series invite.

**4. Player Series Champion:** Starting in 2023, the overall champion and runner-up for both boys and girls at each Players Series Championship will earn a Cup Series Exemption.