



## 2023 Players Handbook

“Providing Fun & Competitive Junior  
Tournaments For New England’s Youth”

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# PGA

## New England Section

### Professional Golfers Association of America - New England Section

The New England PGA is a non-profit association dedicated to promoting the game of golf and improving the vocation of the golf professional in New England. The New England PGA is one of the 41 sections of the PGA of America. The New England PGA has more than 1100 PGA Member and apprentice golf professionals working in Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island, Eastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the Islands. The New England PGA conducts close to 400 golf tournaments annually for professional, amateur, and junior golfers throughout New England. The New England PGA Section Office is located in Boylston, Massachusetts.

### Tournament Director Contact Information

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### Partnership Opportunities

Junior Golf in New England is increasing in popularity each and every day. Now is the time to show your support and boost your business by becoming involved with our Junior Golf Program. If you would like to become a Partner of the New England PGA Junior Golf Program or would like to sponsor an event in your area, please contact the New England PGA Junior Golf & Player Development Manager, Brianna Sovring at **508.869.0000**

## The 2023 New England PGA Junior TOUR

The New England PGA Junior Tour offers a superior junior tour experience. Our goal is to help develop younger golfers as well as provide outstanding competitions on a local level. In addition, this program strives to foster sportsmanship and integrity among its members. The New England PGA Junior Tour consists of more than ninety events throughout the New England golf season.

### Junior Golf Season Membership

**Membership Price: \$135 or Ping Expanded Guide + Membership: \$165**

Tournaments	Entry Fee	Skill Levels
Developmental	\$25 (5 hole division)	Beginner. Open to ages 6-9. Parents encouraged to caddy and assist
Junior TOUR	\$45 (18 hole divisions) \$35 (9-hole divisions)	Beginner to Advanced. Open to ages 9-21. No spectators allowed.
Maine Junior TOUR	\$35 (18 hole divisions) \$25 (9-hole divisions)	Beginner to Advanced. Open to ages 9-21. Limited Spectators allowed.
Qualifiers	\$65	Intermediate to Advanced. Open to ages 9-18. No spectators allowed.
Championships / Invitationals (2 day, 36 hole event)	\$100-\$200	Intermediate to Advanced. Open to ages 9-18. No spectators allowed.
Elite Tournaments (2 day, 36 hole event)	\$135	Intermediate to Advanced. Open to ages 9-21. No spectators allowed.

**\*\*All tournament prices are subject to change\*\***

### Membership Gifts

All Junior Golfers who purchase the 2023 NEPGA Junior Golf Membership receive:

\*note: tee gifts subject to change

- Tumbler    ▪ Towel    ▪ Hat    ▪ Ball Marker
- Car Magnet    ▪ Golf balls (sleeve)    ▪ Rule Book

**Sibling/Family Membership**

The Sibling Membership is for families with multiple juniors. We are offering a discount to any brother or sister (ages 9-21) of a full paying member of the New England PGA Junior Tour.

**Full membership:** \$135

**Sibling Membership:** \$67

(Note: Sibling memberships will be the full \$135 with \$67 in credits added to the account.)

**Eligibility:** Open to any brother or sister (ages 9-21) of a full paying member of the NEPGA Jr Tour.

**Sibling Discount Registration:** Families must register and pay in full for all of their children, then email Brianna Sovring ([bsovring@pgahq.com](mailto:bsovring@pgahq.com)) the names of the members in order to credit the \$67 back onto the Juniors account for future events.

**ELIGIBILITY**

The New England PGA Junior Tour is open to all junior amateurs who live in the jurisdiction of the New England PGA from the ages of 9-21 (age calculated September 1, 2023- i.e. if your child turns 14 before September 1, 2023 then he/she will play with 14 year olds).

<b>NEPGA Junior Tour Age Divisions</b>	
Boys 18-21 (College students/Grad Div)	
Girls 18-21 (College students/GradDiv)	
Boys 16-18	
Girls 14-18	
Boys 14-15	
Boys 12-13	
Boys 11 & under (9 holes)	
Girls 13 & under (9 holes)	
<b>Elite Tour (Two Day Events-not separate membership)</b>	
Boys Divisions 12-13, 14-15, 16-18	Girls Division 14-18

### Collegiate/Graduates Division

To be eligible a player needs to have been out of high school for 1 year and is 19 years or older. For Boys 16-18 division, boys who are 19 years old are permitted to play in this division as long as they are either a Senior in high school or have graduated in 2023

### Playing “UP”

A junior may “declare up” to a higher age division however they MAY NOT return to the younger division for the remainder of the season. When making such a decision, please keep in mind that the juniors who declare up will be competing against older players. A formal request **MUST** be made to the Jr Golf & Player Development Manager to be presented to the Junior Golf Committee. Parents who fail to inform the New England PGA of their child moving up a division are subject to penalties.

*Note: Age will be calculated on September 1, 2023. i.e. if your child turns 14 before September 1, 2023 then they will play in the 14 year old Division*

**Example of Process:** Player A requests to ‘declare up’ to the 18 holes 12-13 division. Player A’s age shows that they will turn 11 in August of this year. A formal request has been made to the Jr Golf & PD Manager and presented to the golf committee. The committee votes to allow the player to move up to the 12-13 division based on the supporting criteria presented by Player A’s family.

### FORMAT

All 2023 Junior Tour events will be individual stroke-play competitions. With the exception of the Boys 11 & under division and the Girls 13 & under division who will play 9 holes, all other age divisions will play 18 holes. Elite Tour events are 36-hole events.

Please note that players in both ***Boys 11 & under division and Girls 13 & under divisions*** may qualify to play in the older, 18 hole division. If you are in those age divisions and would like to play in the 18 hole division, please contact the NEPGA Junior Golf & Player Development Manager as it is a case by case basis.

## 2023 New England PGA Jr TOUR Stroke-Play Championship

**Stow Acres Country Club  
Tuesday & Wednesday, August 22 & 23, 2023**

Players on the Junior Tour will have the opportunity to qualify for the 2022 NEPGA Junior Tour Stroke-Play Championship at Stow Acres Country Club on Tuesday & Wednesday, August 22-23, 2023. Players can accumulate points in their age division at each stop on the Junior Tour plus several other venues. Players can compete in as many events as they like. The top point recipients in each age division will qualify to play in the championship. Below is the number of players that will qualify from each age division:

<b>Age Division Qualifying Spots</b>	
<b>Boys 16-18</b>	<b>Top 12 point recipients plus ties</b>
<b>Boys 14-15</b>	<b>Top 12 point recipients plus ties</b>
<b>Boys 12 &amp; 13</b>	<b>Top 8 point recipients plus ties</b>
<b>Girls 14-18</b>	<b>Top 12 point recipients plus ties</b>
<b><u>Boys 11 &amp; under (9 holes)</u></b>	<b><u>Top 6 point recipients</u></b>
<b>Girls 13 &amp; under (9 holes)</b>	<b>Top 4 point recipients</b>

\*Note: The cut off/deadline of player of the year is Thursday, August 17, 2023 after events on the day are complete.

\*In the case where we are oversubscribed on tournament field size, there will be a tiebreaker based on the number of events played. i.e. If we need to shrink the field and there are a lot of ties, the person who played in the most events will gain entry.

\*Players who qualify for the Championship will be contacted via email. Players must R.S.V.P Starting times for the championship will be posted online

**POINT STRUCTURE**  
**(one day events)**

The point structure below applies to all age divisions. However, to receive points, there must be at least one competitor in the age division. First through third place ties will be decided by matching cards. The winner will receive the full 25 points. Points will be placed as 25 for first, 20 for second, 17 for third place, and 15 for fourth and continues onto 1 where all players participating will receive at least 1 point.

Place	Points		Place	Points		Place	Points		Place	Points
1	25		6	13		11	8		16	3
2	20		7	12		12	7		17	2
3	17		8	11		13	6		18	1
4	15		9	10		14	5		19	1
5	14		10	9		15	4		20	1

***\*Note: For all 2 day events points above are DOUBLED\****

Note: Four-Ball Series has a separate scale (see below).

**Four-Ball Series Player of the Year point structure (South Shore CC event)**

Place	Points		Place	Points		Place	Points		Place	Points
1	30		6	18		11	13		16	8
2	25		7	17		12	12		17	7
3	22		8	16		13	11		18	6
4	20		9	15		14	10		19	6
5	19		10	14		145	9		20	6

First place ties will be decided by matching cards. Each member of the winning team will receive the full 30 points. Points will be placed as 30 for first, 25 for second, 22 for third place, and 20 for fourth and continues onto 6 where all players participating will receive at least 1 point.



**POINT STRUCTURE**  
**(Invitationals & Championships)**

**Junior PGA Championship**

National Championship; place in overall gender division:

1st 100 points

2nd 75 points

3rd 50 points

*Section Championship*; place in overall field (overall boys/overall girls):

1<sup>st</sup> 50 points

2<sup>nd</sup> 40 points

3<sup>rd</sup> 30 points

4<sup>th</sup> 25 points

5<sup>th</sup> 20 points

*Note:* The points a player accumulates in the Junior PGA Championship will apply to their age division on the Junior Tour (not Elite Tour)

**John Boda Memorial Tournament of Jr. Club Champions**

Girls & Boys

Divisions:

1st 50 points

2nd 40 points

3rd 30 points

**New England PGA Jr. Tour Championship**

Divisions:

1st 50 points

2nd 40 points

3rd 30 points

4<sup>th</sup> then follow regular junior tour POY point structure (25, 20, 17, 15 etc)

The Junior Tour Point Standings will be updated and posted online at the conclusion of each tournament. Note: Players may have their points revoked at any time if they are in breach of the NEPGA Junior Golf Program Code of Conduct.



### Avidia Jr Cup

One of the premier golf major championships for the New England PGA juniors, the Avidia Junior Cup Championship is where the best in New England compete. The event, which began in 2014, brings together the best young men and women from across our region to compete for the title of Avidia Junior Cup Champion. Players must be amateurs as defined by the USGA and may not be full-time college students.

Thanks to our great partner Avidia Bank for the support and assistance over the years!

**Avidia Junior Cup Championship | July 19-20, 2023 | The Bay Club @ Mattapoisett**

### QUALIFYING

To compete in the 2023 Avidia Junior Cup Championship, players must qualify at one of the qualifying sites set forth by the New England PGA. All players must reside within the jurisdiction of the New England PGA to be eligible

\*Note: NEPGA Jurisdiction map and boundaries.\*

**Qualification will be based off of a number for each contest (boys & girls) at qualifying events. For example, top five and ties etc.**

Note: adjustments to the qualification process are at the sole discretion of the New England PGA Foundation Committee.

The Championship is open to girls and boys who are 18 and under as the final day of the event.

**Championship Exemptions:** The New England PGA Foundation Committee reserves the right to provide an exemption to any deserving player(s) who may not have otherwise qualified for the Championship. These exemptions are given at the sole discretion of the New England PGA Foundation Committee (see Avidia Jr Cup Championship website for more details on eligible tournament finishes Bay State's, Junior PGA Championship)

**All Participants are required to RSVP no later than July 20, 2023 at 12 noon (subject to change). All individuals who fail to RSVP by this time will forfeit their entrance.**



### **Junior PGA Championship (National)**

Considered the premier golf major championship for juniors, the Junior PGA Championship is where the best in the world get their start. The event, which began in 1976, brings together the best young men and women from across the nation to compete for the national title of Junior PGA Champion.

The Championship is open to girls and boys who are 18 and under as the final day of the National Championship (August 5, 2023). Players must be amateurs as defined by the USGA and may not be full-time college students.

### **New England Junior PGA Championship (Section)**

#### **New England Jr. PGA Championship | June 27-28, 2023 | Shaker Hills CC**

The 2023 Junior PGA New England Section Championship will be a 36-hole stroke-play competition held at Shaker Hills CC in Harvard, MA. All play will be conducted under the USGA Rules of Golf supplemented by the NEPGA Local Rules and Conditions of competition.

The low Boy's (2) and low Girl's (2) at the conclusion of the competition will be invited to compete against other junior golfers nationwide at the 2023 Junior PGA National Championship. To compete in the New England Junior PGA Section Championship, players must earn an exemption or qualify at one of the qualifying sites set forth by the New England PGA. Please view the schedule for a complete list of qualifying sites.

#### **48th BOYS & GIRLS JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP**

#### **August 1-4, 2023 | Hot Springs Country Club - Hot Springs, Arkansas**

### **QUALIFYING**

To compete in the 2023 Junior PGA New England Section Championship, players must qualify at one of the qualifying sites set forth by the New England PGA. All players must reside within the jurisdiction of the New England PGA to be eligible\* Note: NEPGA Jurisdiction map and boundaries.\*

**Qualification will be based off of a number for each contest (boys & girls) at qualifying events. For example, top five and ties etc.**

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right to provide an exemption to any deserving player(s) who may not have otherwise qualified for the Championship. These exemptions are given at the sole discretion of the New England PGA Foundation Committee (see JR PGA Championship website for more details on eligible tournament finishes Bay State's, Junior TOUR Championship)

### DIVISIONS

Players shall compete in one of two age divisions at the Section Qualifiers, Boys 18 & under and Girls 18 & under. Both divisions will each play from a designated set of tee markers. Starting times for the Section Championship will be posted online at [www.nepgajuniortour.com](http://www.nepgajuniortour.com).

**All Participants are required to RSVP no later than June 20, 2023 at 12 noon (subject to change). All individuals who fail to RSVP by this time will forfeit their entrance.**

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### ALTERNATES

Starting in 2022: A minimum of 5 Boys and 5 Girls from the NE Jr. PGA Championship Qualifier will be designated as alternates. In the event that all of our section representatives are unable to compete in the National Championship, we will ask our alternates (in order) to represent our Section. *Note: Players selected as alternates must meet the tournament eligibility and scoring requirements in order to participate.*

## John Boda Memorial Tournament of Jr. Club Champions Andover Country Club, Andover, MA

The John Boda Memorial Tournament of Junior Club Champions being held at **Andover Country Club on Thursday August 3, 2023** is open to male and female 2022 / 23 junior club champions from New England PGA recognized facilities. If a 2023 champion cannot be determined prior to Friday July 28, 2023 the 2022 junior club champion may represent the club provided they are 18 years of age or younger as of August 4, 2023. The Championship will be an 18-hole Stroke Play competition consisting of an open boy's and an open girl's division. If you meet the above requirements and would like to participate in this event, please review the official application at the end of this document. This application is also available on [www.nepgajuniortour.com](http://www.nepgajuniortour.com)

## ★ Diversity Equity and Inclusion Policy

The New England PGA believes in and is committed to diversity, inclusion and gender equity among its competitors. As participation in New England PGA junior events provides golfers a unique and positively powerful experience, the goal of the policy is to create opportunity for transgender golfers to participate in accordance with their gender identity while maintaining the relative balance of competitive equity within our events. The implementation and administration of the policy will consider an equitable level of monitoring that is inclusive and respects a person's human rights. This considers the state guidelines of all that fall within the New England PGA Boundaries of competition and events. Policy available upon request and review from the Foundation Committee.

### Online Registration

All registration for the 2023 Junior PGA New England Section Qualifiers and Junior Tour will be done online at [www.nepgajuniortour.com](http://www.nepgajuniortour.com). To register for the tournaments online, you must be a 2023 Junior Member. To register for non-member events as a non-member, you must do so online as well. **Note: Tournament deadlines will be at least 5-7 days prior to the event. The NEPGA reserves the right to change deadlines at anytime.**

### Registration/Rejected Credit Cards

While either registering for membership or for tournaments, please ensure that you are using a CREDIT CARD that has not expired. Debit cards will not work. In the case that the card transaction is "rejected," please log into BlueGolf and try to register again with a different card. If the system continues to reject the card, please call the NEPGA Office – 508-869-0000. **Note:** please enter the credit card numbers correctly.

### Waitlist Policy

Juniors on the waitlist will gain a spot in a tournament in the event of a cancellation. The spot in the field will be filled according to the age division of other members in the tee time on a first come, first serve basis off the waitlist. **Note:** Anyone who is placed on the waitlist will not be charged unless they get into the event. **Example:** If a spot opens in a 12 & under age division tee time, the first participant on the waitlist in that division will be eligible for the spot. A junior in the 16-18 age division would not be eligible to fill the opening.

### ★ Credit Remission Policy

The New England PGA Junior TOUR may issue credits in replacement of a credit card refund for the total of a tournament entry fee. Credits can not be transferred to another member's account and can only be used on membership or tournament registration costs. **After 2 consecutive years of failure to renew junior tour membership or use account credits, any remaining balance will be forfeited. Notice of credit expiration will be given prior to forfeiture.**

### ★ Credit Card Processing Policy

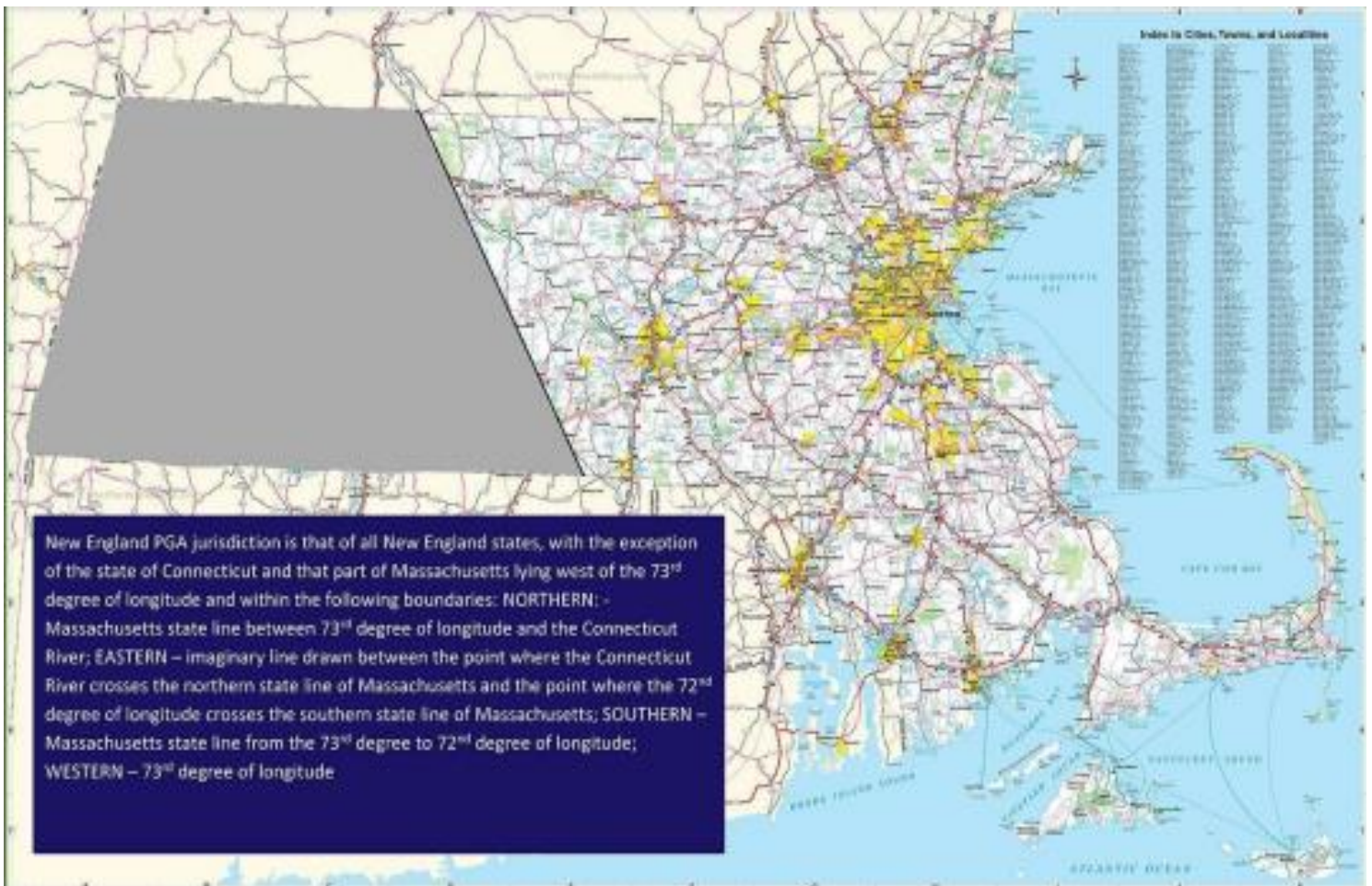
Participants may cancel out of an event anytime up until **ONE MONTH** prior to the event without penalty. One month prior to the event, credit cards will be processed. From one month prior to the event, to **5 DAYS** before the event, cancellation follows our cancellation policy.

## ★ Cancellation Policy

Once credit cards are processed, participants may cancel out of an event prior to the tournament deadline advance and receive a full refund minus an administration fee of \$5. Participants who cancel after the tournament deadline will not be refunded unless a valid explanation is provided. Any player that cannot participate in a Junior Tournament due to medical reasons, and it is after the tournament deadline, must provide a notice from a Doctor or Physician to validate the cancellation. Excused cancellations will still be subject to the \$5 administration fee.

Although participants who cancel out of an event after the tournament deadline may not receive a refund, it is **mandatory that they** cancel out of the event online. This is being enforced to help eliminate no-shows and allow players on the Waitlist to participate.

**Players will receive one warning about this policy. A second offense may lead to a suspension. If a player shows complete disregard for this policy they will have their playing privileges revoked.**



## Starting Time and Groups

Starting times are produced at random by age division. Effort is made to avoid paring players from the same family or hometown. The NEPGA does not take or accept starting time requests or changes. Unless otherwise specified, starting times for all New England PGA Junior Golf events are posted online at [www.nepgajuniortour.com](http://www.nepgajuniortour.com) at least 3-5 days prior to the date of the event. Participants will also receive starting time notifications via email. If the event is over or under capacity, the production of starting times may be delayed. The New England PGA reserves the right to change starting times at any time. The following is from the USGA Rules of Golf:

### **Rule 5.3a: When to Start Round**

The player must start at (and not before) his or her starting time. This means that the player must be ready to play at the starting time and starting point set by the Committee. A starting time set by the Committee is treated as an exact time (for example, 9 am means 9:00:00 am, not any time until 9:01 am). If the starting time is delayed for any reason (such as weather, slow play of other groups or the need for a ruling by a referee), there is no breach of this Rule if the player is present and ready to play when the player's group is able to start.

**Penalty for Breach of Rule 5.3a: Disqualification**, except in these three cases:

- **Exception 1 – Player Arrives at Starting Point, Ready to Play, Nor More Than Five Minutes Late:** the player gets the **general penalty** applied to his or her first hole.
- **Exception 2 – Player Starts No More Than Five Minutes Early:** the player gets the **general penalty** applied to his or her first hole.
- **Exception 3 – Committee Decides that Exceptional Circumstances Prevented Player from Starting on Time:** there is no breach of this Rule and no penalty. **Note:** Please see Interpretation 5.3a/1 for further clarification of “exceptional circumstances.” Ordinary circumstances like heavy traffic do not apply.

### **Rule 5.4: Playing in Groups**

**5.4a Match Play:** During a round, the player and opponent must play each hole in the same group.

**5.4b Stroke Play:** During a round, the player must remain in the group set by the Committee, unless the Committee approves a change either before or after it happens.

**Penalty for Breach of Rule 5.4: Disqualification**

## Dress Code (Parents & Players)

The following dress code must be observed: Appropriate attire for boys is a collared golf shirt, pants or long shorts, and golf shoes or sneakers. Appropriate dress for girls is a collared golf shirt, pants or long shorts/ skirts, and golf shoes or sneakers. No MOCK NECKS OR CARGO SHORTS, jeans, tank tops, sweat suits, T-shirts, gym/mesh shorts, bicycle shorts, halter-tops, midriffs, or short shorts/skirts will be tolerated. Girls' shorts/skirts MUST be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee. All shirts must be tucked in. No hats are to be worn backwards and should be taken off when entering the clubhouse. The use of cell phones,

iPods/mp3 players is not permitted during a round. Golf shoes must have soft spikes. It is important that children, as well as adults, dress appropriately at all times. Players and parents who do not abide by the dress code will be asked to leave club premises. The tournament staff reserves the right to deem whether a player is wearing proper golf attire.

### Spectator Policy

#### All Parents/Guardians are required to read this section

Unless otherwise specified, the New England PGA Junior Golf Program does not allow spectators on the golf course at any time. Spectators may watch from holes within close proximity to the clubhouse (typically the 1st & 10th tees and the 9th & 18th greens). Any spectator caught on the course will be escorted off the course with a warning. A second offense will result in disqualification of the competitor(s) the spectator is following. This policy is for the general good of both the player and the game. This policy is in effect for all New England PGA Junior Golf events. For circumstances, which warrant a parent/guardian to be on course with their child (medical, etc), the NEPGA must have documentation on file from a doctor or physician prior to the juniors participation in the event. However, such spectators must remain on the golf car path/rough and maintain 50 yards distance from the players at all times.

### ★ Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

Given the USGA Rules of Golf Players Edition rule book no longer being distributed, the New England PGA has decided to deem the use of electronic devices appropriate during event competition. Given this change it is mandatory for every player with a cell phone to have the USGA Rules of Golf App downloaded and accessible at all times in the event of a rules situation.

If a player is found to be misusing an electronic device to potentially gain an advantage or any other means besides using the rules of golf app, the player will receive one verbal warning regarding this inappropriate violation.

If the player is in violation of this rule a second time, the player will be disqualified from the competition.

**NOTE: The NEPGA reserves the right to change this policy at any time.**

### Policy on Pull Carts and Motorized Golf Cars

All players may use pull carts, however it is ultimately the tournament course that has the final decision. If a course does not allow pull carts, then players must carry their own golf bag. Please call the course to understand their pull cart policy. The use of caddies and golf carts are **prohibited**. It is a condition of participating in all events that the competitor is not permitted to use a motorized golf cart during event competition notwithstanding the foregoing: The NEPGA and PGA of America are committed to conduct golf competitions within the perimeters of the American with Disabilities Act. Players who request relief under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and seek a reasonable accommodation for their disability by the use of a motorized golf cart during an event competition shall be required to submit their request in writing to the FOUNDATION COMMITTEE on or before the entry deadline date for review and determination. The Jr. Golf Committee will schedule a hearing to allow the applicant the ability to present evidence to support the applicant's position. Please contact New England PGA Junior Golf & PD Manager Brianna Sovring for more information.



### Course Yardages/Tees

The following will be a general guideline for course yardages for NEPGA Junior Tour events. The tees to be played will be designated on the Rules sheet provided for that competition.

Division	Set of Tees Yardage
Developmental Tour	Play will be from a Forward set of tees and some fairways
Boys 11 & Under (9-holes)	Play will be from a Forward set of tees
Boys 12 & 13	Play will be from a Middle set of tees (Approximately 5,200 to 6,200 Yards)
Boys 14 & 15	Play will be from a Back set of tees (Approximately 6,300 to 6,800 Yards)
Boys 16 - 21	Play will be from a Back set of tees (Approximately 6,300 to 6,800 Yards)
Girls 13 & Under (9-holes)	Play will be from a Forward set of tees
Girls 14 - 21	Play will be from a Forward set of tees (Approximately 4,800 5,500)

\* The Boys 14-15 age division will play from the same tees as the Boys 16-18 age division unless The Committee deems it necessary to move up to the middle set of tees based on the difficulty of the course. The New England PGA Foundation Committee in charge of the competition reserves the right to adjust any of the above regulations solely at their discretion.

## **PACE OF PLAY POLICY**

### **Definition of “Out of Position”**

#### **First Group**

Considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group exceeds the allotted per hole time as detailed in the Pace of Play Time Chart.

#### **Subsequent Groups**

Considered out of position if they (a) exceed the allotted per hole time to play and/or (b) at any point during the round reach the tee and there is an open par-3 or par-4, or when they reach the tee of any par-5 hole and the preceding group is on the putting green.

### **Informing and Monitoring Group**

Immediately after all the players have left the teeing ground, but before subsequent strokes have been played, a Rules Official will inform a group that they are out of position and that they will be monitored and timed. When a group will be timed, all players in the group will be informed they are being timed.

### **Timing**

Except on the putting green, if a player has reached his ball, and it is his turn to play and there are no distractions, timing will begin after he has had reasonable time to select his club. Any time spent determining yardage will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke. On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable time to lift, clean, and mark his ball, repair his ball mark and other marks on his line of putt and remove any loose impediments on his line of putt.

#### **Note: An extra ten seconds will be allowed for:**

- a) the first player to play from a teeing ground on a par-3 hole
- b) the first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or a par-5 hole  
(when attempting to reach the putting green)
- c) the first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole
- d) the first player to play on or around the putting green

### **Penalties**

Any/All player(s) in a group out of position who exceeds 45 seconds to play his/her stroke on two occasions will be informed as soon as practicable that he/she or the group has been penalized one stroke. If any/All player(s) in question exceed 45 seconds to play a stroke on one more occasion (a total of three) he/she will be informed as soon as practicable that he has been penalized an additional two strokes (general penalty). If any/all player(s) in question exceed 45 seconds to play a stroke on one more occasion (a total of four), he/she will be informed as soon as practicable that he has been disqualified. When a/the player (s) has/have been penalized and the group in which he/she is playing regains its proper position and subsequently falls out of position again, the player(s) will be penalized if he exceeds the 45 seconds to play a stroke on two occasions.

#### **Penalty for Breach of Rule 5.6a:**

- First breach: Warning
- Penalty for second breach: One penalty stroke.
- Penalty for third breach: General Penalty.
- Penalty for fourth breach: Disqualification.

If the player unreasonably delays play between two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.

This policy is in effect for all New England PGA Junior Golf events. Players are advised to read Rule 5-6a. Undue Delay; Slow Play in the USGA Rules of Golf **NOTE:** An extra 5 seconds will be allowed for: (a.)

the first player to play a stroke on a hole, (b.) the first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5, (c.) the first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole (provided it is not played from on or around the putting green), and (d.) the first player to play on or around the putting

## **CODE OF CONDUCT (PLAYERS)**

Any conduct unbecoming a junior golfer shall be subject to one warning by an official and immediate disqualification at any subsequent incident. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the player may be disqualified or suspended indefinitely without warning from an official. Such conduct shall include but is not limited to cheating, fighting, abusive language, tobacco/ alcohol/drug use, club throwing, profanity, showing disrespect to volunteers, staff or officials, littering or leaving trash on the course, abuse of the golf course or golf facility including failure to repair ball marks and replace divots.

Players must be willing to comply with all policies set forth by the New England PGA including the Dress Code Policy. Players must also adhere to any rules set forth by the host facility, i.e. soft spike policy, no hats in the clubhouse, etc. Any such incidents regarding Code of Conduct violations will be handled immediately at the discretion of the onsite staff. The matter will then be reported to the Junior Golf Director. The NEPGA reserves the right to suspend and or revoke playing privileges at any time.

## **ETIQUETTE**

Displaying proper Golf Etiquette is required at all times during course of play.

Learning the appropriate etiquette of golf will ensure a more positive experience for you and your fellow players. These tips will help you succeed before, during, and after a round of golf.

- Confirm your starting time online to minimize confusion the day of an event. Also, become familiar with the definitions in the USGA Rules of Golf. Remember, it is the responsibility of the player to know and understand the Rules.
- SAFETY. Safety always comes first. Prior to playing a stroke or making a practice swing, always ensure that no one is standing close by or is in position to be hit by the club, the ball, or any objects that may be moved by a swing. Make sure that the group in front of you is not within range of the shot.
- Respect your fellow players. Remain silent and still when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke. Keep a steady pace while on the course. Always carry an extra ball in case a provisional is needed. Have tees and ball markers readily available in your pocket. Think about your next shot while walking to your ball and be ready to hit when it is your turn. To minimize lost balls off the tee, each individual in the group should pay close attention during each shot.
- Preserve the condition of the course by raking bunkers, replacing divots and fixing ball marks on the green (yours and one more!). On the green, tread lightly. Never run or hit the surface of the green with a club. Never walk on the intended line of putt of any golfer in your group.
- Be respectful towards all employees at the host facility. This includes golf professionals, tournament staff, rules officials and volunteers. Remember, you are a guest at the host facility. A Please and a thank you can go a long way.

## PARENT/GUEST CODE OF CONDUCT

The New England PGA (NEPGA) Junior Tour appreciates the support provided by parents, grandparents, guardians, family members, and guests who attend our events. In order to run our tournaments in the most effective manner and provide enjoyment for all involved, we need all non-players to abide by the following Sport Code of Conduct throughout the tournament experience.

I therefore agree,

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
3. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players and respect for NEPGA Staff & Officials, volunteers, and host facility and staff and official at every NEPGA Junior Tournament or event.
4. I (and my guests) will encourage sportsmanship for my child by showing respect and courtesy for all players, NEPGA Staff, parents, officials at every NEPGA Jr Tournament or event.
5. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, NEPGA Staff, player, volunteer, parent, and host club members or staff.
6. I will ensure that my child comprehends the benefit of competition and place an emphasis on appreciating the beneficial aspects of competing aside from just winning or losing.
7. I will ensure that my child treat other players, NEPGA Staff & Officials, host club members and staff and volunteers with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
8. I will ensure a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
9. I will not make insulting comments to players, NEPGA Staff & Officials, volunteers, host club members and staff.

Any misconduct or unbecoming behavior by the Spectator (s), Parent(s), Legal Guardian, all attendees associated with junior participant may result in the immediate disqualification of the player from the

event and/or the elimination of NEPGA Jr Tour Membership, and/or the removal of the Spectators, Parent(s), Legal Guardian, all attendees associated with junior participant from the facility, and/or suspension or expulsion from the NEPGA Jr tour for those said violators.

Examples of misconduct include but are not limited to: Abusive or foul language, use of electronic devices to video, record, or photograph participants (prohibited), advice to participants, dishonesty, disrespectful behavior toward volunteers, officials, host club members or participants, inappropriate communication to New England PGA staff, New England PGA Leaders etc.

I will otherwise conduct myself in a professional manner and I will follow the rules and instructions of the NEPGA as may be provided to me in writing or verbally through NEPGA staff and as may be updated from time to time during the season.

## NEW ENGLAND PGA 2023 HARD CARD

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf effective January 2023, and where applicable, by the following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Committee Procedures refers to the Committee Procedures section in the current *Official Guide to the Rules of Golf*. The *Committee* refers to the New England PGA Rules Committee. **Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.**

1. **Out of Bounds and Course Boundaries:** *Out of bounds* is defined by the line between the *course-side* points at ground level of white stakes and fence posts, off club property, and in any other manner as described in the applicable event's "Notice to Players."

**Note:** A ball coming to rest on or beyond a public road is out of bounds, even if it comes to rest on another part of the course that is in bounds for other holes.

2. **Dropping Zones:** When the use of a dropping zone is permitted on the applicable "Notice to Players" for a particular competition round, the provisions in Model Local Rule E-1 apply. The ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the dropping zone.
3. **Penalty Areas:** Red penalty areas with an opposite side relief option will be indicated on the applicable "Notice to Competitors." Model Local Rule B-2.1.

**Note:** When the edge of a red penalty area coincides with the boundary of the course, Model Local Rule B-2.2 is in effect and modifies the first paragraph of Model Local Rule B-2.1.

### 1. Abnormal Course Conditions and Integral Objects

#### a. Ground Under Repair:

- i) Any area **encircled by a white line**, including gallery crosswalks (except dropping zones or *out of bounds*).
- ii) **Newly trenched areas**, including grass-covered cables.
- iii) **French drains**, which are trenches filled with rocks or stones.
- iv) **Aeration holes** in General Area or on Putting Green, **but** interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the putting green, on the player's line of play – Model Local Rule E-4.
- v) A **hole made by a movable obstruction** (stakes, signs, chairs or the like) may be treated as ground under repair by the Committee. **But** interference does not exist if the hole only interferes with the player's stance.
- vi) If a player's ball lies in or touches a **seam of cut turf** or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing in the *general area*, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. **But** interference does not exist if the seam **only** interferes with the player's *stance*.

**Note:** All seams within the area of cut turf are treated as the same seam in taking relief. This means that if a player has interference from any seam after *dropping* the ball, the player must proceed as required under Rule 14.3c(2) even when the ball is within one club-length of the reference point.

#### b. Immovable Obstructions:

- i) **All roads and paths on the course**, even if not artificially surfaced, are treated as *immovable obstructions* from which free relief is allowed under Rule 16.1. ii) **White lined areas of ground under repair tying into immovable obstructions** are

- treated as a single *abnormal course condition* when taking relief under Rule 16.1. iii) **Roads or paths surfaced with shells, wood chips or mulch** are immovable obstructions. The individual pieces of shells, wood chips or mulch are loose impediments. iv) **Landscaped or garden areas (flower beds, shrubbery or the like) completely encircled by an immovable obstruction** are part of the obstruction.
- v) **Railroad ties, curbing** or other similar artificial edges adjoining cart paths are part of the same *obstruction*.
- vi) **Where the non-course side edge of a road or path defines out of bounds**, the road or path is an obstruction.
- vii) **Stakes, ropes, wires, or other objects** supporting trees or tree limbs, provided they are not closely attached, are immovable obstructions. The tree or tree limb is not part of the obstruction.
- viii) **Secured mats and plastic cable ramps** covering cables.

#### c. Integral Objects

- i) **Bunker Liners:** The Committee may treat an exposed liner as ground under repair under Rule 16.1. But interference does not exist if the liner only interferes with the player's stance.
- ii) **Artificial retaining walls** and/or pilings when located in *penalty areas*. iii) **Wires, cables, wrappings, signs and lightning rods** closely attached to trees or objects defining *out of bounds*.
- d. **Temporary Immovable Obstructions:** Model Local Rule F-23 in Committee Procedures is in effect and includes any Temporary Immovable Obstruction installed for the competition.

#### 5. Permanent Elevated Power Lines or Cables

If it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball hit a permanent elevated power line **in bounds**, the stroke does not count. The player must play a ball without penalty from where the previous stroke was made in accordance with Rule 14.6.

#### 6. Restrictions on Use of Specific Equipment

- a. **List of Conforming Driver Heads:** Any driver the player uses to make a *stroke* must have a clubhead, identified by model and loft, which is on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the USGA.

**Penalty for Making a *Stroke* with Club in Breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.** There is no penalty under this Local Rule for carrying, but not making a *stroke* with a driver that is not on the List of Conforming Driver Heads (See Model Local Rule G-1 in Committee Procedures).

- b. **Groove and Punch Mark Specifications:** In making a *stroke*, the player must use clubs that conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the *Equipment Rules* that took effect on 1 January 2010. Ping Eye 2 irons manufactured before 31 March 1990 with a groove spacing to groove width ratio of 2.3 to 1 are allowed for play under the Rules of Golf, even when this Local Rule is in effect (See Model Local Rule G-2 in Committee Procedures).

**Penalty for making a *Stroke* with Club in Breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.** There is no penalty under this Local Rule for carrying, but not making a *stroke* with a club which does not conform to these groove and punch mark specifications.

- c. **List of Conforming Golf Balls:** Any ball used in making a *stroke* must be on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA. This list is regularly updated and can be found at [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org). **Penalty for Making a *Stroke* at a Ball Not on Current List in Breach of this Local Rule: Disqualification.**

## 7. Restrictions on Practice

### a. Before or Between Rounds in Stroke Play:

Rule 5.2b is modified in this way: A player must not practice on the competition *course* before or between *rounds*.

#### Penalty for Breach of this Local Rule:

**Penalty for first breach: *General Penalty*** (applied to the player's first hole). **Penalty for second breach: Disqualification.**

## 8. Procedures for Bad Weather and Suspensions of Play

### a. Methods for Stopping and Resuming Play:

A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged note of a siren or horn. All other suspensions will be signaled by three consecutive notes of a siren or horn. In either case, resumption of play will be signaled by two short notes of a siren or horn. See Rule 5.7b.

**Note:** All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the *Committee* has declared them open.

### b. Removal of Temporary Water on the Putting Green:

If a player's ball lies on the *putting green* and there is interference by *temporary water* on the *putting green* the committee may:

- Require the player to take free relief under Rule 16-1d **or**
- Squeegee the line of play

Such squeegeeing should be done across the *line of play* and extend a reasonable distance beyond the *hole* (that is at least one roller length) and must only be carried out by individuals designated by the *Committee*.

**Note:** The *Committee* may squeegee the *putting green* at any time.

9. **Committee Pace of Play Policy:** See Rule 5.6b(3). See posted NEPGA pace of play guidelines for pace of play policy and penalties.

## 10. Scoring Area, Returning of Scorecard:

a. **Scoring Area** may include but is not limited to tents or rooms. A player's scorecard has been returned to the Committee when the player has exited the defined scoring area with both feet, unless the player, prior to leaving, verbally informs the Scoring Official, and it is acknowledged, of their intention to leave the scoring area and immediately return.

b. **Returning Scorecard:** For the purpose of applying Rule 3.3b(2), a player's *scorecard* is treated as returned when the player has first left the scoring area with both feet.

11. **Measuring Condition of Putting Greens:** Before or between *rounds* on any day of the competition or play-off, a player or *caddie* must not use any device that measures the condition (slope, texture, firmness, or moisture level) of any *putting green* on the *course*. The use of such a device is only permitted on practice days.

12. **When the Result of the Competition is Final:** The result of the competition is final when all scores have been approved by the Committee. In the event of a play-off, the competition is final when the play-off scores have been approved by the Committee.

## Unplayable Conditions

The New England PGA will conduct junior golf events during foul weather conditions including rain, wind and extreme heat. However, in the event these conditions become a dangerous situation or render the course unplayable, we will delay or cancel the event. The host facility has the final say on whether the course is deemed playable. If weather appears to be questionable the day of any event, please check our website or your email account prior to calling the section office. Other than extreme situations, all decisions regarding weather related cancellations are made the day of an event. Unless otherwise specified, we will not reschedule an event. The NEPGA reserves the right to cancel an event under any conditions.

If suspension of play due to a dangerous situation or unplayable conditions prevent the start or completion of an event, the following policy will apply regarding the determination of division and overall champions as well as distribution of points:

Overall results and point distribution will be on a divisional basis.

If an entire division of the field is able to complete the number of holes in a round, then the overall results will stand, and player of the year points will be distributed. However, if an

entire division cannot complete the number of holes in a round the division/ event or round will be cancelled. No points will be distributed

All players that did not finish/complete the number of holes will be refunded their entry fee minus an administration fee of \$5 in addition to any course, range fee accrued (per person).

*This policy can be changed by the NEPGA at any point and time and is in effect for all New England PGA Junior Golf events.*



## Decision of Ties

### Junior Tour

Unless otherwise noted in the Conditions of the Competition, first place, second place and third place finishes on the Junior Tour will be decided by matching scorecards. The New England PGA Junior Golf Program has adopted the method of determining the winner based on the best score for the last round.

If the tying players have the same score for the last round or if the competition consists of a single round, the winner will be determined by based on the score for the last nine holes, last six holes, last three holes, and finally the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. If there is still a tie, then ties will be decided by lot. If the round is less than 18 holes, the number of holes used in matching scores may be adjusted. See Committee Procedures, section 5A(6) for more details.

First place, second place and third place finishes will use the above guideline. Ties for fourth place onward will be split. Players will share the total of these points.

### Championships

If time and or conditions permit, first place ties will be decided by a hole-by-hole play-off at the following events: Junior PGA New England Section Championship, Boda Memorial Tournament of Junior Club Champions, Bay State Cup, Junior Tour Stroke Play Championship, and Elite Tour events.

The playoff will begin on the most convenient hole for the tournament committee and the course. All subsequent ties will be decided by the matching of scorecards method described above, unless otherwise noted on the Conditions of Competition.

*This policy can be changed by the NEPGA at any point in time.*

**NEPGA JOHN E. BODA MEMORIAL**  
**~ Tournament of Junior Club Champions ~**  
Thursday, August 3, 2023  
Andover Country Club, Andover, MA

Eligibility

Open to male and female 2023 junior club champions from New England PGA recognized facilities. If a 2023 champion cannot be determined prior to July 28, the 2022 junior club champion may represent the club provided they are 18 years of age or younger as of August 4, 2023.

Applications, Entry Fees and Deadlines

Every player shall pay an entry fee of **\$60.**

All Checks should be made payable to New England PGA Foundation. Applications must be received Friday, July 28, 2023. Deadline for entries means time of receipt at NEPGA office. Entry fee will be refunded regardless of reason if the New England PGA is notified prior to July 28, 2023. No refunds will be processed after July 28, 2023 unless approved by the NEPGA Foundation committee. All refunds will be subject to a \$5 administration fee.

Starting times

Starting times for the Championship will be posted online at

[www.nepgajuniortour.com](http://www.nepgajuniortour.com). Starting times will also be emailed to all participants.

Format

The Championship will be an 18-hole Stroke Play competition consisting of an open boy's and an open girl's division.

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*(Application Below)*

(2023 APPLICATION)  
NEPGA JOHN E. BODA MEMORIAL  
Address: 321 Cross Street., PO Box 743, Boylston, MA 01505

PLAYER INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: M / F \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Course: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to player: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Primary Emergency Contact (PEC): \_\_\_\_\_

PEC Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT INFORMATION (American Express, MasterCard, Visa) \_\_\_\_\_ Cardholder

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp date: \_\_\_\_\_ 3-digit security code: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PGA Professional Signature (required): \_\_\_\_\_

Course: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 24



See you on the  
fairways soon!