

Welcome to The JDT!

The JDT is the "Teaching Tour" of the SCPGA Junior Tour! New and beginner golfers learn how to compete in high level golf tournaments throughout Southern California. We strive for juniors to succeed on the golf course, by learning the techniques and etiquette needed to move to the next level. We hope you enjoy your experience with us and please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything we can do to help.

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MEMBERSHIP

Consisting of multiple age divisions, the JDT is designed for players to compete within their own age division and play from yardages based on the course layout and course difficulty.

Age Divisions & Yardages

11 & under

Girls 5-7: modified short tees (parent caddies allowed)

Girls 8-11: forward - middle tees

Boys 5-7: modified short tees (parent caddies allowed)

Boys 8-11: forward - middle tees

12 & over

Girls 12-14: middle - back tees

Girls 15-18: back tees

Boys 12-14: middle - back tees

Boys 15-18: back tees

TOURNAMENTS

JDT Tournaments are single day 9-hole golf tournaments hosted mostly at executive length or par 3 courses. You will find the JDT Tournament Schedule on our website under <u>JDT Schedule</u>, <u>click here</u>.

NOTE! All JDT events are hosted on the weekends throughout the year. There will be two events, per age division hosted on each Saturday and Sunday.

For example, if a Player is in the 8-11 age division they may ONLY sign up for the "5-11 JDT Tournament." If a Player is in the 12-14 age division they may ONLY sign up for the "12-18 JDT Tournaments."

^{*}Please keep in mind that yardages are subject to change based on the difficulty of the golf course.

Tee Times

Tee times will be sent to players 5-7 days in advance before the tournament by email and will also be available on the tournament website.

Double Par Plus One Rule

The double par plus one rule is in effect on the JDT. This means there is a max score players can take on every hole based on Par.

Par 3 is 7

Par 4 is 9

Par 5 is 11

Once a player reaches their max score they are <u>required</u> to take that score, pick up their ball, and move on to the next hole. SCPGA Staff has the right to check players' scorecards during their rounds.

JDT Championship

At the end of the Fall Season, a one-day 9-hole JDT Championship Tournament will be held in mid-December. This event will be split by age divisions.

HOW TO CANCEL A TOURNAMENT

Note our cancellation policy:

- \$10 if canceling 7 days or more prior to an event,
- No refund if you cancel less than 7 days prior to the event.
- Log into your Players Club Account by clicking on 2023 Member
 Login at the top right corner of the <u>scpgairtour.com</u> website
- 2.) Log in using either your Player ID given to you in your confirmation email or your email used to create the account and your password.
- 3.) Scroll down the page to the JDT Schedule. You will see the option to cancel next to the event you are registered for or waitlisted for (see image below).
- 4.) Click cancel and you are all set.

5.) If you are still having issues with this process, please contact our staff at 951-845-4653 or scopajuniortour@bluegolf.com.



ADVANCING TO THE PLAYERS TOUR

Advancing to the Players Tour is a major accomplishment for JDT Members! Players must be at least <u>9-years of age</u> and <u>six qualifying scores</u> must be met before advancing to the Players Tour.

Qualifications

- Boys must shoot **6 rounds of 6 over par or better** in JDT tournaments.
- Girls must shoot **6 rounds of 6 over par or better** in JDT tournaments.

Application Process

Once a player has received their 6 qualifying scores, the JDT Application for Players Tour must be submitted. <u>Click here for access to the application</u>.

Players must be <u>9-years-old</u> to move up to the Players Tour. If a Player is 8-years-old and received his/her 6 qualifying scores, the Player must wait to apply for the Players Tour during the season in which they will turn 9-years-old.

On the Players Tour, if a player scores 30 over par or more in 3 of their first 5 tournaments. they will be asked to move to the JDT so they can gain more experience.

CADDIES (5-7 DIVISIONS ONLY)

The guidelines for parent caddies for the 5-7 age divisions are:

- 1. Have a basic understanding of the game of golf and how each of the fourteen golf clubs are used.
- 2. Know where your player's ball is at all times: mark its position.
- 3. Replace or repair all divots.
- 4. Rake all bunkers and attend the flagstick.
- 5. Assist players with club selection, pace of play and correct score for each hole played.
- 6. Never touch a golf ball while it is in play.
- 7. Always wear your JDT Caddy badge while on the course.

SPECTATORS

Spectating on the SCPGA Junior Tour is a privilege, not a right. Please respect Tour procedures and golf course policies at every tournament.

Please keep in mind that these policies and procedures are imperative for The SCPGA Junior Tour to continue to host events at these facilities. Although most Junior Tour members have been following these policies, there have been moments where they have been ignored and caused unnecessary conflict between our Tours and the host facility. Please respect their policies at all times.

<u>Spectator Guidelines and Tips</u>

1. Spectators may NOT speak to, communicate with (includes hand signals) or give advice to any player during competition.

Examples of advice: "You should hit a 6-iron here," "Take an unplayable lie," "Keep your head down," "Relax, take it one shot at a time." All of these are considered advice by the USGA Rules of Golf.

- **2**. Spectators may give necessary items (food, drink, medicine, etc.) to players. These items may only be given following the completion of a hole or at the turn and must not interrupt play.
 - ***Abuse of this privilege will not be tolerated, and the player will be subject to penalty.
- **3.** All spectators must stay in the rough or on the cart path and maintain at least a **20-yard distance** between all players during competition.
- **4.** Spectators are <u>NOT to get involved in scoring matters</u>, (including Rulings) unless requested by the SCPGA staff.
- **5.** Spectators are permitted to assist in a ball search and/or give information as to a ball's location if needed and can be done in a safe manner.
- **6.** Spectators may be called upon by Tournament Staff to verify a score or order of events during play.
- 7. Any misconduct or unbecoming behavior by the Junior Member or their parent/guardian may result in the immediate disqualification of the player from the event, or the removal of the parent/guardian from the facility.

Examples of misconduct include: throwing clubs, use of vulgar or obscene language, smoking, drinking alcohol, use of tobacco, littering, abuse of SCPGA Staff, volunteers, or PGA Members. If you witness any unbecoming behavior, please report it immediately to the SCPGA Staff on-site. Excessive and continued abuse of SCPGA Rules and Regulations by a Junior Member or Parent will result in a hearing with the SCPGA Ethics Committee and /or suspension or expulsion from the SCPGA Junior Tour. If a junior or a parent is suspended, the suspension may last throughout the end of the calendar year. The Junior/Parent may reapply for Membership/reinstatement the following year and may appeal the Ethics Committee's decision.

Penalty for breach: Two stroke penalty to the player involved for accepting advice (Rule 10.2a), and removal of spectator(s) in violation. If the violation occurs twice within the same season (calendar year), the spectator will be suspended from SCPGA Junior Tour events for the remainder of the year.

The Junior Development Tour | Contact Information

We are excited and welcome you to The JDT and we wish you the best of luck! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

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