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What is the JGAC?

The Junior Golf Alliance of Colorado (JGAC) was established in 2016 by the Colorado Section of the PGA and the Colorado Golf Association. The JGAC serves as a vehicle for collaboration in the arena of junior golf in the state of Colorado for parents, kids, coaches and PGA Professionals by streamlining the junior golf process, filling in the voids, further building the junior golf ranks and creating new excitement with the four Major Championships (Colorado Junior Amateur Championship, Colorado PGA Junior Championship, Colorado Junior Match Play Championship and Junior Golf Alliance of Colorado Tour Championship).

In addition to being your one-stop-shop for competitive junior golf, our Player Development Pathway embraces the core programs of each association including Golf in Schools, PGA Junior League, Drive Chip & Putt Championship, partnerships with in-state national qualifying events, instructional camps and clinics and much more. Additionally, we serve as your portal to college golf with a vast array of free counseling opportunities and assistance programs.

Appreciation of Support

The Junior Golf Alliance of Colorado is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and without generous contributions of sponsors and courses, our extensive schedule of programs and events would not be possible.

All juniors are encouraged to take a moment at each event and personally thank the host professional for their support. Many individuals also give their time freely to assist with all JGAC events; a simple thank you is a reminder of how much they are appreciated.



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Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed at all JGAC events. Duties may include helping with check-in, starting, live scoring, marshalling, spotting, and rules officiating. Vast golf knowledge is not a prerequisite to volunteering.

The JGAC also offers volunteer opportunities for members ages 11-18. Available opportunities may include live scoring, assisting with Drive Chip & Putt qualifiers, or serving as a walking scorer in the 10 & Under division. These volunteer hours can be used to fulfill community service project hours required by high schools and other organizations. If you are interested in becoming an event volunteer, please contact the JGAC.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available to any junior unable to afford tournament entry fees. Please contact the JGAC at 303-4JR-GOLF for more information about the application process. Once applications are received, the JGAC Committee will determine if, and to what amount financial assistance is to be granted.



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Membership Criteria

JGAC membership is open to boys and girls ages six up to their 19th birthday or the day they enter college, whichever comes first. The JGAC does not recommend membership to those under the age of six, but membership may be granted on a case-by-case basis. Out-of-state residents are welcome to JGAC membership. JGAC membership is not necessary for participation in PGA Jr. League or Drive Chip & Putt.

Membership dues are paid annually and are non-refundable. Membership is valid for the calendar year. No pro-rated fees for partial year memberships or family discounts are available. You must be a registered and paying member before registering for tournaments or events.

Membership includes an active GHIN number to track the player's handicap index. If a player currently holds a GHIN number, JGAC will re-activate it through the "JGAC Club". If a member did not previously have a GHIN number, the JGAC will issue a new number. See GHIN Number and Handicap Index section of this handbook for more information.

Youth on Course

In 2020, JGAC members also receive a Youth on Course (YOC) membership. Each member's GHIN number will also serve as his/her YOC membership number. Players must complete the online Life Skills Certification curriculum before participating in YOC initiatives. Once this is complete, players will receive a YOC membership card which may be presented at participating facilities to play golf for no more than \$5.00 during stipulated times.



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Membership Levels

The JGAC offers three different levels of membership in order to best serve golfers of all skills and abilities.

Introductory Membership

JGAC Introductory members will have ample opportunities to learn more about the game and prepare to become a recreational or competitive player. Introductory membership is designed for beginning players ages 6-18 and costs \$25.00.

9-Hole Prep Events – Open to golfers ages 11-18. Competitive 9-hole events for juniors to experience a basic competitive round alongside their peers. Players compete in two age brackets (11-13 and 14-18). There are no handicap index requirements for participation.

Stroke Limit - A ten stroke limit per hole is in effect for all players. On any hole, players are allowed seven strokes (including any penalty strokes) to advance their ball from the tee to the green. If the green is not reached, the ball must be picked up, carried to the front of the green and placed. Players then must putt out in three strokes or less. Players will take a ten regardless of the number of putts it takes to hole out.

Introductory Member Benefits

- ◇ JGAC Membership Gifts (received at first JGAC event)
- ◇ USGA Handicap/GHIN Number
- ◇ Volunteer Opportunities
- ◇ Youth on Course Access
- ◇ Access to 9-Hole Prep Events



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Series Membership

The JGAC Series is designed for the up-and-coming junior golfer. Through competitive events and educational seminars, players will develop the skills necessary to take them to the next level. There are no handicap index requirements for membership. Series membership is designed for intermediate players ages 6-18 and costs \$100.00.

JGAC Series Tournaments - JGAC Series Tournaments provide competitive opportunities in a structured, yet welcoming format. Players compete in three age brackets (10 & Under, 11-13 and 14-18). There are no handicap index requirements for participation.

JGAC Education Events - Top level instructors provide hands-on experiences on topics including technique, mental game, course management, fitness, nutrition, rules of golf, etc.

Series Member Benefits

- ◇ JGAC Membership Gifts (received at first JGAC event)
- ◇ USGA Handicap/GHIN Number
- ◇ Free College Counseling
- ◇ Volunteer Opportunities
- ◇ Postseason Awards and Recognition
- ◇ National Junior Golf Scoreboard (JGS) Rankings
- ◇ AJGA Performance Based Entry Recognition at Select Events
- ◇ National Championship Qualifying
- ◇ Youth on Course Access
- ◇ Access to 9-Hole Prep Events

Upgrade Membership

As soon as a JGAC Series member becomes eligible for JGAC Tour membership, he/she may upgrade memberships online by paying the remaining \$50.00 balance. Contact the JGAC Staff to upgrade.



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Tour Membership

The JGAC Tour allows players to compete against and learn alongside top-level junior golfers. Nationally recognized multi-day events, national qualifying opportunities and the JGAC Majors give players the chance to compete. Tour membership is for advanced players ages 13-18 and costs \$150.00.

JGAC Tour Tournaments - JGAC Tour tournaments are designed to be the home of college bound golfers in Colorado. Membership in the JGAC Tour requires a handicap index of 14.1 or lower for girls and 8.1 or lower for boys at the time of membership registration. A player that has not previously held a GHIN number may be admitted to the Tour by submitting score history and a recommendation from a PGA Professional.

JGAC Major Championships/Qualifiers/Exemptions

The four Major Championships include the CO Junior Amateur, CO Junior Match Play, CO Junior PGA, and JGAC Junior Tour Championship. JGAC Tour members gain entry through success in qualifiers or exemptions.

College Access Events - Players and families receive guidance prior to and during the college recruiting process. This includes strategy to contact coaches with e-mails, cover letters, resumes and swing videos.

Tour Member Benefits

- ◇ JGAC Membership Gifts (received at first JGAC event)
- ◇ USGA Handicap/GHIN Number
- ◇ Free College Counseling and Volunteer Opportunities
- ◇ Postseason Awards and Recognition
- ◇ National Junior Golf Scoreboard (JGS) Rankings
- ◇ AJGA Performance Based Entry Recognition at Select Events
- ◇ National Championship Qualifying
- ◇ Eligibility for Statewide and National Championships
- ◇ Youth on Course Access



GHIN Number and Handicap Index

Having a GHIN number and a handicap index is an important part of the game. First, it allows players to track progress as skills improve and scores lower. Second, players of different skill levels can fairly compete against one another in net tournaments and informal games. Finally, it is a requirement for entry into almost all competitive golf events in Colorado and across the country.

During tournament play, members with similar handicap indexes will be paired together with the intention of playing with someone of similar playing ability. Players who have not posted a minimum of five 18-hole rounds to their GHIN number will show up as an "NH". Players with an "NH" will all be paired together. There is then a chance that the player will be paired with someone of either a higher or lower playing ability.

The JGAC will post all tournament rounds to players' GHIN numbers in the 11-13 Series, 14-18 Series and Tour Events. When players in the 10 & Under division play from USGA rated yardages, scores will be posted. All non-JGAC tournament rounds shall be posted by the player. This can be done at www.ghin.com or through the GHIN mobile app.

Membership in the JGAC Tour requires a handicap index of 14.1 or lower for girls and 8.1 or lower for boys at the time of membership registration. A player that has not previously held a GHIN number may also be admitted to the Tour by submitting score history and a recommendation from a PGA Professional. There are no handicap requirements for JGAC Introductory or Series memberships. As soon as a player becomes eligible, he/she may upgrade to JGAC Tour membership by paying the remaining balance. A player is NOT required to be a JGAC Tour member because they meet the handicap index requirement.



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JGAC Junior Series

The JGAC Junior Series is designed to provide playing opportunities for juniors at all levels. Divisions for JGAC Junior Series tournaments will be determined by the age of the competitor as of the final day of the tournament. For example, if a player turns 14 on the second day of an 11-13 event, he/she will not be eligible to compete in that event.

10 & Under Junior Series

Age Divisions - Players 6-10 years old are eligible to play in the 10 & Under Junior Series. Players younger than six may compete on a case-by-case basis. Within the Series, players will be broken into divisions by age and gender: 6-10 Girls, 6-8 Boys, 9-10 Boys. Awards will be given for each division.

Playing Up - Players may play up an age division, but will not be allowed to play back down except when approved by JGAC staff in extenuating circumstances. If you wish to play out of your age division, please contact the JGAC.

Scoring/Caddies - Each pairing group will be accompanied by a walking scorekeeper (parents will be asked to fill this role). All players in all divisions may have a caddie. Please read the Caddie Policy section of this handbook.

Stroke Limit - A ten stroke limit per hole is in effect for all players. On any hole, players are allowed seven strokes (including any penalty strokes) to advance their ball from the tee to the green. If the green is not reached, the ball must be picked up, carried to the front of the green and placed. Players then must putt out in three strokes or less. Players will take a ten regardless of the number of putts it takes to hole out.



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Yardage - Yardage will vary as play will be contested from family tees on regulation courses, executive length courses and par 3 courses. Precise yardages will be available online five days prior to the event.

9-Hole Events – One-day, 9-hole events will be held during the Summer season. Registration fee: \$25.00.

18-Hole Events – Two-day, 18-hole events will be held during the Spring and Fall seasons (9 holes each day). One-day, 18-hole options will be available during select summer events. Registration fee: \$50.00.

Junior Series Championship - The season ending invitational event will be contested over 18 holes. This event is invitational only. The top 9 girls and top 21 boys on the JGAC 10 & Under Points Lists (regardless of current age) will be invited. Registration fee: \$50.00.

11-13 Junior Series

Age Divisions - Players 11-13 years old are eligible to play in the 11-13 Junior Series. There is no handicap index requirement. Players will be broken out by gender: 11-13 Girls, 11-13 Boys. Awards will be given for each division.

Playing Up - Players may play up an age division, but will not be allowed to play back down except when approved by JGAC staff. If you wish to play out of your age division, please contact the JGAC. A Series member may participate in JGAC Major Qualifiers if he/she meets the JGAC Tour handicap index requirement. Series members may not play both JGAC Tour and Series with the exception of Qualifiers.

Scoring/Caddies - Each player is responsible for keeping his/her own score and performing the duties of a marker. It is the player's responsibility to ensure scorecards are correct. Caddies are not allowed.

Stroke Limit - There is no stroke limit in effect.



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Yardage - Yardage will vary as play will be contested from forward tees on regulation courses and executive length courses. Precise yardages will be available online five days prior to the event. Play will be from the approximate yardages listed below.

11-13 Girls - Approximately 5,000 yards

11-13 Boys - Approximately 5,800 yards

Yardages may be significantly shorter if an event is held on an executive length course.

18-Hole Events – One-day, 18-hole events will be contested during the Summer season. Registration fee: \$50.00.

36-Hole Events – Two-day, 36-hole events will be available during the Spring and Fall seasons and during select summer events (18 holes each day). Registration fee: \$100.00.

Junior Series Championship - The season ending invitational event will be played as a two-day, 36-hole contest. This event is invitational only. The top 9 girls and top 21 boys on the JGAC 11-13 Points Lists (regardless of current age) will be invited. Registration fee: \$100.00.

14-18 Junior Series

Age Divisions - Players 14-18 years old are eligible to play in the 14-18 Junior Series. There is no handicap index requirement. Within the Series, players will be broken into divisions by age and gender: 14-18 Girls, 14-15 Boys, 16-18 Boys. Awards will be given for each division.



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Playing Up - Players may play up an age division, but will not be allowed to play back down except when approved by JGAC staff in extenuating circumstances. If you wish to play out of your age division, please contact the JGAC. A Series member may participate in JGAC Major Qualifiers if he/she meets the JGAC Tour handicap index requirement. Series members may not play both JGAC Tour and Series with the exception of Qualifiers.

Scoring/Caddies - Each player is responsible for keeping his/her own score and performing the duties of a marker. It is the player's responsibility to ensure scorecards are correct. Caddies are not allowed.

Stroke Limit - There is no stroke limit in effect.

Yardage - Precise yardages will be available online five days prior to the event. Play will be from the approximate yardages listed below.

14-18 Girls - Approximately 5,500 yards

14-15 Boys, 16-18 Boys - Approximately 6,250 yards

18-Hole Events – One-day, 18-hole events will be contested during the Summer season. Registration fee: \$50.00.

36-Hole Events – Two-day, 36-hole events will be available during the Spring and Fall seasons and during select summer events (18 holes each day). Registration fee: \$100.00.

Junior Series Championship - The season ending invitational event will be played as a two-day, 36-hole contest. This event is invitational only. The top 9 girls and top 21 boys on the JGAC 14-18 Series Points Lists (regardless of current age) will be invited. Registration fee: \$100.00.



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JGAC Junior Tour

The JGAC Junior Tour is designed to provide elite playing opportunities for players interested in multi-day events. These high quality, highly competitive events are designed for excelling players to prepare to compete at the next level.

Age Divisions - Eligibility for JGAC Junior Tour tournaments will be determined by the age of the competitor as of the final day of the tournament. If a player turns 19 on the final day of an event or enters college, he/she will not be eligible to compete in that event. Recommended age minimum of 13.

Handicap Index Requirement - All JGAC Tour members are eligible to compete in the JGAC Tour. Boys must have a handicap index of 8.1 or lower and girls 14.1 or lower at the time of membership registration.

Score Requirement - If a boy shoots three consecutive scores of 90 or above at JGAC Tour events, he will be required to play in JGAC Series events until he shoots three scores of 79 or lower. If a girl shoots three consecutive scores of 95 or above at JGAC Tour events, she will be required to play in JGAC Series events until she shoots three scores of 85 or lower.

Scoring/Caddies - Each player is responsible for keeping his/her own score and performing the duties of a marker. It is the player's responsibility to ensure scorecards are correct. Caddies are not allowed.

Stroke Limit - There is no stroke limit in effect.

Yardage - Precise yardage will be available online prior to the event. Approximate yardages: Boys - 7,000 yards. Girls - 6,000.



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36-Hole Events – Two-day, 36-hole events will be available during the Spring, Summer and Fall seasons (18 holes each day). Registration fee: \$100.00.

Major Championships and National Qualifying Events - Please see the Major Championships section of this handbook for additional policies. Visit www.juniorgolfcolorado.org for more information regarding Major Championship exemptions and national qualifying events.

If a Tour member wishes to play in JGAC Series events, please contact the JGAC Staff. Individual cases will be considered.

Tournament Registration

Entries for JGAC tournaments will be accepted beginning February 1, 2020. Entries must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on the day of the deadline. Tournament registration deadlines are one week prior to the event. Registrations will be approved by JGAC staff within two business days.

You MUST be a registered and paid JGAC member before registering for events.

Tournament Tee Times

Approximately four days prior to the event, a pairings list with teetimes will be e-mailed to participants and published on the JGAC website. The e-mail will state the time that check-in and the course driving range opens. Please do not arrive at the facility before that time. The staff and course need time to prepare the venue.

Specific tee time and pairing group requests will not be accommodated. Family members will not be paired together except in rare circumstances approved by the Tournament Committee.

Tournament Waiting Lists

If an event is oversubscribed at the time of registration, players will have the option to be placed on a waitlist. **Prior to the deadline**, if a spot becomes available in the event, players will be entered into the field on a first-come, first-served basis. **Once pairings have been published**, if a spot becomes available, players will be entered into the field on a first-come, first-served basis in his/her respective division.

Waitlisted players are welcome to wait at the tournament site 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 JGAC members will be allowed into the event. If multiple players are standing by at the tournament site they will be entered into the event based on their number on the tournament waitlist. For example, if three players arrive at the site who are waitlisted as #5, #17 and a third JGAC member who is not on the waitlist, they will be added into the field in the order of #5, #17, and then the player who was not on the waitlist.

Credit cards will not be processed until the player is entered into the tournament.

No Show/No Card Policy

Failure to withdraw (no show/no card) will result in forfeited entry fee for that event. The second time this occurs, players may be suspended from entry in future events.

Tournament Withdraw and Refunds

In the event that it is necessary to withdraw from an event, please do so online or by calling the JGAC office.

- ◇ If players withdraw **prior to the registration deadline** (11:59 p.m. 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 a full credit to their account for future use.
- ◇ If players withdraw between the registration deadline and **48 hours before the start of the event**, 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 must withdraw **less than 48 hours before the start of the event**, please call the JGAC office or text/e-mail the tournament director. No refund will be issued. Receiving a credit is not an option.

If players must cancel or withdraw on **the day of an event**, please text or e-mail 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 JGAC staff so we may add a waitlisted player into the field.

Weather Delay/Cancellation

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

Please check emails or cell phones for texts prior to the event in the case of inclement weather. The JGAC 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 for information the morning of the event.



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Caddies

Caddies are permitted in all divisions of 10 & Under events and 9-Hole Prep Events. Caddies may be a parent or guardian of the player.

Caddies do not need to register with the JGAC prior to the event.

This policy does not apply to USGA events. Please consult the USGA entry form.

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 he/she believes is incorrect.

A player shall not permit any score to be posted that he/she has evidence is incorrect. Players shall not leave the scoring area until, as a group, they reconcile, sign and attest all scorecards. Both the player and the marker may be subject to disqualification if they knowingly sign incorrect scorecards.

Please remember it is the responsibility of the players, not parents or spectators to verify scorecards. Parents are not allowed in the scoring area. If players have difficulty confronting fellow competitors directly, please talk to a rules official or tournament director prior to signing scorecards.

Rules and Etiquette

The USGA Rules 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 in attempts to protect the field. Please help your child understand the basic rules and etiquette of the game. When a player is uncertain of a rule, he/she should call the phone number provided on the scorecard or Notice to Players to contact the tournament director via cell phone.

Cell Phone Policy

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

Local Rule G-8 is in effect at all JGAC events: "Rule 4.3a(4) is modified in this way: During a round, a player must not listen to 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 emergency situations. 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.

Disrupting cell phone use during a round is considered unbecoming conduct and 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.

Distance Measuring Devices

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

Pace of Play

The JGAC Timing Pace of Play Policy will be in effect. 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 his/her 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 be getting their yardage and determining club selection while the other players are finishing the previous hole and walking to the tee.
 - ◇ **May** - This player **MAY** tee off if he/she chooses to. All players must confirm scores on the previous hole prior to leaving the tee.
3. When spotters, officials or parents are available to help search for a lost ball, other players in the group will go forward to play their next shot in attempts 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.

Rules and Competitions

Play in tournaments and events conducted by the JGAC are governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and supplemented by the JGAC Tournament Rules and Conditions of Competitions, commonly referred to as the "Hard Card". Its rules apply to all JGAC stroke play tournaments and events. Supplemental local rules will be distributed at events accordingly.

Every JGAC member can pick up current copies of the Rules of Golf and JGAC Tournament Rules and Conditions of Competitions on the first tee or at the registration table at all JGAC events. It is each player's responsibility to be familiar with and carry both in his/her golf bag.

Tiebreaking

In the event of a tie in a stroke play competition, first place ties will be decided by sudden death playoff on the course, time and weather permitting. If a playoff is not feasible, the tie will be broken by 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 Procedure

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 total score on holes 13-18. If a tie still exists, the winner will be determined by total score on holes 16-18. If a tie still exists, the winner will be determined by score on hole 18. If a tie still exists, the winner will be determined by lot.

Golf Carts

Motorized carts are not allowed at any JGAC event for use by participants without preapproved medical documentation. Contact the JGAC 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. If the facility allows spectator carts, they may be rented at a cost set by the facility.

Spectator Policy

We realize that it is enjoyable for friends and family members to watch junior golfers, but in order to protect the competition and the junior golfers, and in keeping with the traditional role of a spectator not to interfere with any player on the course, all spectators are required to adhere to the following guidelines while watching a JGAC Tournament.

- ◇ Spectators and parents, except those volunteering in an official capacity, are not allowed in the scoring area.
- ◇ Walk only on the cart paths or in the rough where cart paths are not available. 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 at all times.



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- ◇ Do **NOT** walk alongside the junior golfers while walking down the fairway or to the next teeing ground.
- ◇ Do **NOT** talk with the players in a way that may be construed 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 the players with assistance if they need it. Spectators may help a player call the rules phone number if needed.
- ◇ Spectators are encouraged to look for balls. This should be done with no other interaction with the player.
- ◇ Disrespect to tournament officials, volunteers and other players will not be tolerated.
 - ◇ Obscene, abusive or vulgar language will not be tolerated.
 - ◇ Interfering with discussions on rulings and scores will not be permitted.
 - ◇ Distracting play by loud talking with other spectators or use of camera, cellular phones, radios, or beepers during competition is strictly prohibited. Cameras and/or video cameras may be used if they do not cause a distraction to the players.
- ◇ Spectators are asked to encourage all participants with polite clapping.

Parental or spectator interference may result in disqualification of the related participant. This policy has been adopted 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.

Code of Conduct

The JGAC provides a venue for our members to participate in a game which can be pursued throughout life and which helps to develop character, sportsmanship, and the life values of integrity, honesty, self-discipline and competitive spirit.

Junior golfers are expected 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 all JGAC events.

Any of the below 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 suspension of membership.

- ◇ Cheating
- ◇ Disrespect of officials, course 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)

Dress Code

While on golf course property, players are expected to present themselves in a way that best represents themselves and the JGAC. Players are required to follow the guidelines below.

Appropriate Attire

Boys - Sleeved, collared and tucked in shirts
Knee length shorts or long pants

Girls - Golf appropriate 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 properly (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 is found in violation of the Dress Code at the start of a round or during a round, he/she will be required to conform to the dress code prior to 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

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 you are 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 course staff



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Postseason Awards

The JGAC believes in recognizing players for their accomplishments throughout the year. As players accumulate points throughout the year, they will be recognized for their success. The JGAC Points Lists are used in determination of most awards. For event-by-event points allocation, visit www.juniorgolfcolorado.org.

JGAC All-Star Team

The JGAC will recognize junior accomplishments by naming an All-Star Team comprised of both boys and girls. Team members are selected by the JGAC Staff and will be recognized accordingly. Recognition is, in part, determined from the final JGAC Tournament Players' Point Lists.

Points Chase Champions

The top finisher on each JGAC Points List will receive recognition for their accomplishments at the conclusion of each division's respective season.

JGAC Academic All-Star Team

The Junior Golf Alliance of Colorado recognizes those members who have displayed outstanding academic achievements within the classroom for the academic school year. Upon completion of the season, the JGAC will present certificates to respective students who have proven to be Academic All-Stars through achieving a 3.0 and above (or equivalent) on a 4.0 scale. Members will receive e-mail notification when transcripts and report cards are being accepted.

Most Improved Player Award

Each year, a boy and girl will be awarded with a "Most Improved Player Award". Scoring average, player attitude, overall growth and points accumulation will be used in the committee's determination of recipients.

Player of the Year Award

Players of the Year will be determined by committee decision. These players epitomize what it means to be a high-level, accomplished golfer in all areas of the game.



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Major Championships

The JGAC conducts four Major Championships.

Colorado Junior Amateur Championship

The Colorado Junior Amateur Championship is the historical CWGA and CGA Junior Stroke Play Championships. This 54-hole event is conducted over three days with a 50% cut in both boys and girls fields after 36 holes.

Entry

Exempt Players: Criteria for exempt players may be found online.

Entry Fee: \$150.00

Qualifiers

Any non-exempt JGAC Tour member or JGAC Series member who meets handicap index requirements may compete in the Colorado Junior Amateur Championship Qualifiers. Two qualifiers will be conducted. The number of qualifiers from each qualifying site will be determined on a percentage basis. For example, if there are 30 qualifying spots available and 50 players compete in Qualifier 1 and 100 players compete in Qualifier 2, 10 qualifiers will come from Qualifier 1 and 20 players will come from Qualifier 2. Players may only compete in ONE qualifier.

If a qualifier is cancelled for any reason it will not be rescheduled. Qualifying players will be determined by current ranking on the 2020 JGAC Tour Points list (as of the date of the scheduled qualifier). If players have zero points on the 2020 JGAC Tour Points list, the 2020 JGAC Series Points list will be used secondarily. If players have no Tour or Series points accumulated, spots will be determined by lot.

Entry Fee: \$50.00 (qualifier entry fee) + \$100.00 (remaining balance)



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Colorado Junior PGA Championship

The Colorado Junior PGA Championship is the qualifying event for the National PGA Junior Championship. This 54-hole event is conducted over three days with a 50% cut in both boys and girls fields after 36 holes.

Entry

Exempt Players: Criteria for exempt players may be found online.

Entry Fee: \$150.00

Qualifiers

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Colorado Junior Match Play Championship

The Colorado Junior Match Play Championship is the historical CWGA and CGA Junior Match Play Championships. Both boys and girls fields will begin with the Round of 32 and progress to final matches over three days.

Entry

Exempt Players: Criteria for exempt players may be found online.

Entry Fee: \$150.00

Qualifiers

Any non-exempt JGAC Tour member or JGAC Series member who meets handicap index requirements may compete in the Colorado Junior Match Play Championship Qualifiers. Two qualifiers will be conducted. The number of qualifiers from each qualifying site will be determined on a percentage basis. For example, if there are 30 qualifying spots available and 50 players compete in Qualifier 1 and 100 players compete in Qualifier 2, 10 qualifiers will come from Qualifier 1 and 20 players will come from Qualifier 2. Players may only compete in ONE qualifier.

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Seeding

Players will be seeded 1-32. Seeding will be determined by each player's position on the 2020 JGAC Tour Points list. If players have zero points on the 2020 JGAC Tour Points list, the 2020 JGAC Series Points list will be used secondarily. For example, a player with 2 Tour Points and 0 Series points will have a better seed than a player with 0 Tour Points and 380 Series Points. If players have no points, seeding will be determined by lot.

JGAC Tour Championship

The JGAC Tour Championship is the season-ending invitational event. This 36-hole event is conducted over two days with no cut.

Entry

Criteria for exempt players may be found online. Invitations for any remaining spots will be based on the 2020 JGAC Tour Points List as of a to be determined date.

Players who have entered college may compete in this event.

Entry Fee: \$150.00