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# ***SCPGA Junior Tour Handbook***



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# Welcome!

The SCPGA Junior Tour provides junior golfers in Southern California the opportunity to play golf at a wide variety of PGA facilities. The events are of varying degrees of competitiveness, we offer programs for the beginner to the most elite junior. Through our events we teach sportsmanship, etiquette, and the Rules of Golf.

We ask that you read through the following rules and regulations to better gain an understanding of our program. This booklet was created to promote and maintain the integrity of the SCPGA Junior Tour. If you have questions at any time, please contact us – that is what we are here for. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support, we can't wait to see you out on the golf course!

## **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

1. The USGA Rules of Golf will govern play at all times. The Conditions of Competition and Local Rules on the SCPGA Junior Tour Hard Card are also in effect.
2. All members are required to take and pass a Rules Exam before entering any SCPGA Junior Tour event. There are Rules Exams for the JDL, Junior Tour and Toyota Tour Cup that are required prior to participation at that level.
3. Players and parents should always conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen while at a tournament site. Remember, we are the guests of the host facilities, and the SCPGA needs the courses more than the courses need the SCPGA Junior Tour.
4. Slow play will not be tolerated. Always be ready to play when it is your turn and be sure that your group maintains its position with the group in front of yours. (please refer to the Tour Hard Card and Pace of Play policy in this Handbook on page 10) Groups that fall behind will be subject to penalty under the Rules of Golf.
5. All players must check in at registration at least 30 minutes prior to their starting time. Failure to arrive at the tee ready to play at your designated starting time may result in a penalty or disqualification under the Rules of Golf (Rule 6-3).
6. Do not leave your clubs unattended. The SCPGA and the host facilities are NOT responsible for any lost or stolen items.
7. Caddies are not permitted.

8. Junior Tour Members are forbidden to ride in golf carts in all Junior Tour events, unless being shuttled by an official SCPGA Staff member. Players (all age divisions) may use pull carts if they are permitted at the host course. Motorized carts of any kind are prohibited.
9. Distance measuring devices will be allowed in competitions. The use of cell phones, iPods, blackberry's, etc. during competition is forbidden and will result in a general penalty and /or disqualification. Spectators are asked to NOT use cell phones during competition, and to keep ringers in the "off" or "vibrate" mode.
10. Golf etiquette is an essential part of the game. Members and parents are expected to behave in accordance with the Rules of Golf. Players must be careful not to damage greens when putting down golf bags, the flagstick, or with shoes or clubs. Players are responsible for replacing divots, repairing ball marks and raking bunkers. Not adhering to this guideline could result in a serious breach of etiquette (Rule 33-7) and result in disqualification.
11. 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, but are not limited to, throwing clubs, use of vulgar or obscene language, smoking, drinking, 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 Advisory 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 Advisory Committee's decision. Notification of any suspension or expulsion will be forwarded to the AJGA & USGA.

## Membership

Membership is open to juniors between the ages of 5 and 18 (18 year olds are eligible through the end of the Summer Series –August 31, or until they begin attending college, whichever comes first). All members must complete the Membership Application including the Rules Exam each year. All members must provide the SCPGA with a verification of age (copy of birth certificate or passport). Membership is based on the calendar year (expires December 31). Membership is subject to suspension or cancellation by the SCPGA Foundation and the Junior Golf Advisory Committee for violation of any SCPGA Junior Tour Rules and Regulations. Membership dues entitle member access to SCPGA sanctioned events, year-round SCGA Handicap services, and official SCPGA Junior Tour merchandise.

**Membership is structured into four tiers to accommodate juniors of every skill level:**



### **SQUARE ONE:**

Square One offers juniors an opportunity to learn how to play golf in a fun, safe and positive environment. The Entry Level clinics introduce juniors to full-swing, chipping, and putting basics with PGA Professionals. In the Intermediate Level clinic juniors will be introduced to the rules and etiquette in a clinic and play nine-holes on the golf course. There will be a ratio of 8:1 for the instruction and on-course learning. Beginners to the game must participate in at least three Square One Clinics prior to moving up to the Junior Developmental League.

**Ages: 5-18**

**Membership Fee: \$45**

### **JDL (JUNIOR DEVELOPMENTAL LEAGUE):**

The Junior Developmental League offers juniors a place to play in a semi-competitive environment. Weekly nine-hole events are held on par-3, executive and regulation courses. The SCPGA Junior Tour staff has slightly altered the requirements needed for an active JDL member to move up to the Junior Tour effective this year, 2012. The new process is shown below.

1. Player must be at least 9 years of age.

2. **Boys:** Shoot 3 or more rounds of 8 over par or better in an SCPGA JDL event, in a single calendar year. **Girls:** Shoot 3 or more rounds of 10 over par or better in an SCPGA JDL event, in a single calendar year.
3. Fill out an application to move up from JDL to the Junior Tour. This document can be found at [www.scpgajrtour.com](http://www.scpgajrtour.com) on the Junior Tour Documents page under the Resources tab. Once you have printed and filled out the form, please email it to Nick Becker at [NBecker@pgahq.com](mailto:NBecker@pgahq.com) or fax it to (951) 769-6733. Applications will be considered by the SCPGA Junior Tour staff and only approved if the applicant is proficient enough in the rules of golf, etiquette, scoring, etc. to compete on the Junior Tour.
4. Upon approval, you will receive a confirmation email from the SCPGA Junior Tour. Then applicants must take the Junior Tour Rules Quiz on the Junior Tour website under the Membership tab.
5. Finally, applicants must pay the membership price difference between JDL and the Junior Tour. This can be done by calling the SCPGA office at (951) 845-4653.
6. Start registering for SCPGA Junior Tour events!

7&8 year olds must remain in the JDL until their ninth birthday.

**Ages: 7-18**

**Membership Fee: \$90**

### **JUNIOR TOUR:**

The Junior Tour is the flagship level of our program. It is designed to serve juniors of a wide range of playing ability - from juniors that have advanced through the JDL to those looking to earn an invite into the Toyota Tour Cup Series. Players will strive to improve their game while gaining competitive experience. Playing opportunities are available throughout Southern California at a variety of courses. Juniors compete within their age divisions, and earn points for the Player of the Year standings. Members have the opportunity to establish an official Handicap Index through the SCGA as a benefit of membership.

**Spring Series:** January 1 – May 31, 2012

**Age Divisions:** Determined by the players age as of the last day of the Series (May 31, 2012).

**Points:** Points will be awarded for top ten finishes in recognized events

**Series Championship:** Players finishing in the Top three (plus ties) in any recognized event during the Series are eligible. (Typically played the last weekend in May)

**Summer Series:** June 1 – August 31, 2012

**Age Divisions:** Determined by the players age as of the last day of the Series (August 31, 2012).

**Points:** Points will be awarded for top ten finishes in recognized events.

**Series Championship:** Players finishing in First Place in any recognized event during the series are eligible to compete in that respective Series Championship. (Typically played the last weekend in August)

**Fall Series:** September 1 – December 31, 2012

**Age Divisions:** Determined by the players age as of the last day of the Series (December 31, 2012).

Points: Points will be awarded for top ten finishes in recognized events.

Series Championship: Players finishing in the Top three (ties included) in any recognized event during the Series are eligible. (Typically played the second weekend in December)

**Ages: 9-18**

**Membership Fee: \$135**

### **TOYOTA TOUR CUP:**

The Toyota Tour Cup Series is a series of two-day events at some of Southern California's premiere facilities. Membership is **Invitation Only**. Juniors are invited based on the previous year's Junior Tour point standings (refer to "Series Breakdown"), Toyota Tour Cup Qualifying Schools and final Toyota Tour Cup point standings from the previous year. In addition, the top players from the following junior golf organizations are invited: Arizona, Hawaii, New Mexico, Nevada, Northern California, Santa Barbara, San Diego, Ventura County, Washington, and Canada. All Toyota Tour Cup events are nationally ranked by Junior Golf Scoreboard, as well as recognized as AJGA Performance Based Entry Events. Five 2012 Toyota Tour Cup Events will be ranked by Golfweek, including the Toyota Tour Cup Championship. All Toyota Tour Cup events are 36-54 hole events, with a Boys (12-18) and Girls (12-18) division. Boys compete from the Championship tees (6600-7000+ yards), and girls compete from the middle tees (5700-6100+).

Three ways to gain entry to the Toyota Tour Cup:

1. **Toyota Tour Cup Qualifying School** 36-hole qualifying event for a year-long exemption to the Toyota Tour Cup. Approximately 10% field will earn an exemption. No age divisions. Qualifying Schools are held each Spring and Fall.
  2. **Local Qualifiers** Each Toyota Tour Cup tournament will have a local Qualifier. Approximately six (6) boys and three (3) girls will earn exemptions to a specific Toyota Tour Cup tournament. A player may then be invited for a full-year membership with a top-ten finish in the Toyota Tour Cup played. ***\*Points WILL BE awarded for qualifiers***
  3. **Junior Tour Series Points** Toyota Tour Cup Invitations will be extended to the following:  
Spring Series (January 1<sup>st</sup> -May 31<sup>st</sup>)  
Boys 12-13: top 3; Boys 14-15: top 5; Boys 16-18: top 5  
Girls 12-14: top 3; Girls 15-18: top 5  
Summer Series (June 1<sup>st</sup> -August 31<sup>st</sup>)  
Boys 12-13: top 5; Boys 14-15: top 10; Boys 16-18: top 10  
Girls 12-14: top 5; Girls 15-18: top 10  
Fall Series (September 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>)  
Boys 12-13: top 3; Boys 14-15: top 5; Boys 16-18: top 5  
Girls 12-14: top 3; Girls 15-18: top 5
- \*Each year a player must earn a top-ten finish in a Toyota Tour Cup event to be invited back for membership the following year.
- \*\*Exemptions will run for a 12-month period, i.e. if a player qualifies May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 their exemption will end May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**Ages: 12-18**

**Membership Fee: \$225**

## **PLAYING UP**

Players are required to play in the proper age division for the current series. Players may, at their discretion, petition the SCPGA Foundation permission to “**play up**” into an older age division. The request form can be found on [scpgajrtour.com](http://scpgajrtour.com) under the Resources & Information>Junior Tour Docs. If the request is granted, the junior will be required to participate in the older age division for the remainder of the year. The request to play-up must be made in writing to the Junior Tour staff, and granted before a junior may compete in an older age division. The decision to move a player up is at the sole discretion of the SCPGA Junior Tour Staff, and will be determined based on skill level and maturity level.

## **POINTS:**

Points are awarded to the top ten finishers (and ties) in any SCPGA sanctioned or recognized event. Each Series (Spring, Summer, and Fall) will have its own Point Rankings.

Spring Series: January 1 – May 31, 2012

Summer Series: June 1 – August 31, 2012

Fall Series: September 1 – December 31, 2012

The following is the breakdown of the point system for a 10-15 player field in a single day event (one round):

**1<sup>ST</sup>-50   2<sup>ND</sup> – 40   3<sup>RD</sup> – 30   4<sup>TH</sup> – 20   5<sup>TH</sup> – 10   6<sup>TH</sup>-10<sup>TH</sup> – 5 (each)**

If there are fewer than 10 players that start the round, the points will be distributed as a percentage based on the number of participants (players) in an event. Each participant will account for 10% of the above points (eg. 4 players = 40%, 8 players = 80%, etc). \*\*\* Number of participants is based on the number of participants that actually finish the event.

The following table is for events with more than 15 players in an age division:

16-20 Players: Add 10 points to each of the 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> points and 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> receive 10 each.

21-25 Players: Add 20 points to each of the 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> points and 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> receive 15 each.

26+ Players: Add 30 points to each of the 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> points and 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> receive 20 each.

For multiple round events, the above points are simply multiplied by the number of rounds. You can find a complete breakdown on the Points link at [scpgajrtour.com](http://scpgajrtour.com). When two or more players

tie, they will split the points. For example, based on 11 players in an age group, if two players tied for second, they would each receive 35 points (40+30/2). A player can receive no less than 1 point, decimals are rounded up. For example, based on 11 players in an age group, if five players tie for tenth place they would each receive one point.

**25 points are awarded for the Overall low score in an event (two or more age divisions must play the same set of tees in order to be eligible). Eligible divisions: Girls 12-14 and Girls 15-18, and Boys 14-15 and Boys 16-18.**

Toyota Tour Cup Points: Points for all Toyota Tour Cup Events are based off of 300 points for the Champions. The Toyota Tour Cup Championship is based off of 450 points.

## **Tournaments**

### **ENTRY PROCEDURE**

1. Enter online through your Player's Club account via [www.scpgajrtour.com](http://www.scpgajrtour.com). Event registration is open one month prior to the event. Payment by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express) is required at the time of registration.
2. Entry into each event is on a first come, first served basis, beginning on the first day entries are open unless otherwise noted on the Tournament Page Notes.
3. If the event is full, you will be placed on a waiting list in order of time registered. Once an available spot opens in your age division, you will be contacted by the SCPGA. Your credit card will NOT be charged if you do not get into an event.

### **CANCELLATION PROCEDURE**

1. To cancel from an event, sign into your Player's Club account and hit the Cancel button next to the event you wish to cancel out of.
2. The cancellation policy is as follows:
  - I. JDL & Junior Tour - \$10 if canceling 7 days or more prior to an event, Full charge any time after 7 days prior.
  - II. Toyota Tour Cup: \$25 if canceling 7 days or more prior to an event, Full charge any time after 7 days prior.
  - III. Cancellations within one week with a verifiable doctors note will be granted a refund on ½ the entry fee.

### **STARTING TIMES**

Tee times will be emailed to all participants and posted on the Tournament Info page 7-10 days prior to the tournament. Official confirmation of your entry will be sent via email. For events run by the Host course, contact the facility as directed on the entry form.

### **POST-ENTRY PROCEDURE ON DAY OF EVENT**

The previous waiting list for an event is null and void on the day of the event. Players may attempt to enter an event on the day of, based on a first-come, first-served basis. Players must have the tournament entry fee in order to play (check or credit card acceptable), or have pre-registered on-line. There are no guarantees for post-entries.

### **NO SHOWS**

If a player has entered a tournament and cannot play, it is his or her responsibility to cancel out of the event at least 24 hours before the tournament. Cancellations can be done on-line, or by calling the SCPGA office. For events run by the golf course, please contact the golf course. On the day of the event, please contact the golf course if you are unable to play.

**1<sup>st</sup> offense:** A letter will be sent to the player reiterating this rule, and acting as a warning.

**2<sup>nd</sup> offense:** Player suspended for the next two events run by the SCPGA.

**3<sup>rd</sup> offense:** Player suspended for remainder of the season.

### **WITHDRAWS**

Withdraws will be granted to anyone who notifies the SCPGA Junior Tour staff that they are unable to compete PRIOR to their starting time. In the case the player has begun play; the player will need a legitimate excuse (health, emergency, etc.) to be granted a Withdraw.

### **DRESS CODE**

***All players and spectators*** must observe the following dress code:

**Boys and Men:** golf shirts with a collar (tucked-in at all times), slacks or Bermuda shorts, NO jeans or t-shirts. Hats must be worn with the bill facing forward, and removed when inside a clubhouse.

**Girls and Women:** golf shirt, (if sleeveless, must have a collar), slacks, or Bermuda length shorts (no more than 4 inches above the knee). NO jeans, t-shirts, tank tops or bare mid-riffs.

Any player or spectator not adhering to these guidelines will be asked to leave or correct the violation before participating.

### **PACE OF PLAY**

According to Rule 6-7 in the Rules of Golf, "The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish." Note 2 states, "The Committee may establish pace of play guidelines which include maximum periods of time to complete a stipulated round, a hole or a stroke."

#### **Allotted time**

For a threesome, the base time for a round is 4:12

Par 3: 12 minutes      Par 4: 14 minutes      Par 5: 16 minutes

For a foursome, the base time for a round is 4:30

Par 3: 13 minutes    Par 4: 15 minutes    Par 5: 17 minutes

The Allotted Time does not take into account ball searches or rulings. Additional time may be added to take into account difficulty of course or long walks.

### **Out of position**

Failure to complete the hole being played in less than the Allotted Time after the group immediately ahead put the flagstick in on that hole. For example, on a Par 4 a group has 14:00:00 to complete the hole once the group in front of them has replaced the flagstick. Times are measured flagstick to flagstick.

### **Bad times**

When a group has fallen out of position a group is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds. The timing of a player's stroke will begin when he has had reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. Timing begins after the player has had reasonable time to select his club. On the putting green, time spent examining the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time for the next stroke.

### **Penalty for breach**

1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Verbal warning to group, will be told individual times will be taken.

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Verbal warning to group or individual for bad times.

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: One stroke to group or individual for bad times.

4<sup>th</sup> Offense: Two strokes to group or individual for bad times.

5<sup>th</sup> Offense: Disqualification to group or individual for bad times.

\*Players will be notified of breaches following the completion of a hole as to not interrupt play.

## **SUGGESTIONS FOR FASTER PLAY**

There are three reasons for slow play; walking slowly, not being prepared to hit when it is a player's turn and time spent on the green.

### **WALKING SLOWLY**

Once you are able to walk safely and without interrupting another player, walk with a sense of purpose. Competitive golf is not a leisurely stroll in the park. Time spent walking to your ball means less time to prepare for playing the shot.

### **BEING PREPARED TO HIT**

Unless a player is in the direct line of play of a fellow competitor, other players may be preparing (measuring yardages, taking practice swings, etc..) simultaneously. Also, use time spent walking to prepare for your next shot. When it is your turn to play, **BE READY.**

### **ON THE GREEN**

Be reading the green and lining up putts as soon as you reach the green. When it is your turn, step right up and putt. Finish out putting whenever possible. Do not mark putts inside of three feet unless it interferes with a fellow competitor's line of putt. The first player may leave the green when they have finished putting and begin walking to the next hole. The other players should leave the green quickly so the group behind can play.

## **OTHER PACE OF PLAY TIPS**

These will make our tournaments more enjoyable for everyone and could keep you from getting penalty strokes for slow play.

- Get your yardage before it is your turn to play.
- Recognize when a fellow competitor will need the flag tended or your ball marked.
- Do not walk in packs. Each player should walk directly to his/her ball without delay.
- Be aware of who is away. If that player is not ready to play, play **READY GOLF**.
- Keep pace with the group ahead. If you don't know where they are, your group needs to pick up their pace.
- If your ball may be lost outside of a water hazard or out of bounds, play a provisional ball (Rule 27-2).
- If you are unsure how to proceed under a rule, play a second ball under Rule 3-3 and continue play. You must report the facts to a member of the SCPGA staff regardless of score.
- When arriving at the green, position your bag so it is on the way to the next tee to avoid holding up the group behind.

*The SCPGA Junior Tour reserves the right to adjust the Pace of Play policy at any time.*

## **USE OF DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES**

### *1. Distance Measuring Devices:*

*A Competitor may use a device that measures or gauges distance. The device cannot be used to measure conditions that might affect a player's play such as gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.*

The USGA and R & A issued the following, abridged, information in a Joint Statement:

*"Permitting the use of a measuring device to provide the same information that can be obtained through use of a yardage book or on-course markings is not considered to diminish the skill level required to play the game..."*

*A Clarification of the Rules...*

*2. When the local rule is in effect, distance-measuring devices must be limited to measuring distance only. **The use of a distance-measuring device would constitute a breach of the Rules if:***

***The device has the capability of gauging or measuring other conditions that might affect play (e.g., wind speed, gradient, temperature, etc), or;***

***The device has some other non-conforming feature, including, but not limited to, recommendations that might assist the player in making a stroke or in his play, such as club selection, type of shot to be played (e.g., punch shot, pitch and run, etc.), or green reading (i.e., a recommended line of putt), or other advice-related matters. However, it is permissible to use such a device, during a stipulated round, to access distance information from previous rounds that has been processed prior to the commencement of the current round (e.g., a chart of all club yardages), or;***

***The device has the capability to assist in calculating the effective distance between two points (i.e., distance after considering gradient, wind speed and/or direction, temperature or other environmental factors).***

***There would be a breach of the Rules even if all of the above features can be switched off or disengaged, and in fact are switched off or disengaged...***

***Electronic devices such as cell phones and iPods MAY NOT be used!***

Penalty for Breach: Disqualification (14-3)

### **SPECTATOR POLICY**

Spectating is a privilege on the SCPGA Junior Tour, not a right. If the host club does not permit spectators, then the SCPGA Junior Tour will abide by their wishes and not allow spectators. **If permitted by the host course**, spectators will be allowed, provided they abide by the guidelines set forth below. All Spectators must display their "2012 SPECTATOR" badge that is sent to them in their player packet (***\*\*\*Only badges printed for 2012 are acceptable at events\*\*\****). If the two badges sent are not sufficient, additional badges may be purchased for \$5 per badge at Junior Tour tournaments. ***\*\*Golf cars will be allowed for Spectators with legal proof of disability, but the procedure in the Subsection titled, "Disabled Spectator Cars" MUST be followed.*** The following are our guidelines for Spectating:

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"***

2. Spectators may give necessary items (food, drink, medicine, etc.) to players. (Rule 6-4/5.3) 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 NOT to get involved in scoring matters, (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.

**Penalty for breach:** Two stroke penalty to the player involved for accepting advice (Rule 8-1), 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.

## **DISABLED SPECTATOR CAR POLICY**

Spectator Cars will be allowed to disabled spectators who have completed the Application process to be an Approved Disabled Spectator on the SCPGA Junior Tour. Spectators that require the use of a golf car must be **pre-approved**. The request form can be found online at [scpgajrtour.com](http://scpgajrtour.com) under the Resources & Information>Junior Tour Docs link. A 5-10 day waiting period (from the date we receive the materials) is required to verify documents and issue the official Spectator Car Badge. There will be a \$10 charge for processing, materials and shipping of the badge. Any lost badges will have a \$5 replacement fee. Violation of any of the policies printed on the Badge will result in the immediate loss of privilege. Spectators are responsible for the course's car fee. The Badge must be present to have access to a car at an event that allows spectators, no exceptions. If an Approved user is unable to physically drive the golf car, please request an additional badge for a driver to use. The following are the rules and guidelines specific to those who receive an Approved Spectator Car Badge:

- The privilege may only be used at courses that allow spectators on the course. It will be at the discretion of the host facility if they will grant you the use of the spectator car. Most courses that allow spectators will allow the use of one of their golf cars, but the cost will be harbored by the spectator for that car. *\*\*\*The SCPGA Junior Tour is not responsible for a course that chooses not to allow any spectator cars on the course. Playing at each facility is a privilege, not a right, and all spectators shall abide by the rules of the facility.*
- Spectator cars shall be operated in a safe manner, in observance of golf etiquette, and without any unnecessary interference with play.
- The Rules printed on the back of the 2012 Spectator Car Approved badge must be followed. These are in addition to the standard Spectating policies of the SCPGA Junior Tour. Failure to abide by these rules will result in an immediate loss of privileges.

## **CHEATING POLICY:**

Cheating will not be tolerated at any SCPGA Junior Tour event. All SCPGA Junior Tour events will be governed by the USGA Rules of Golf. **Any knowledge of cheating should be immediately reported to the SCPGA to ensure fairness to all players.** All reports and accusations will be taken seriously and an investigation will occur with all players involved. It is the responsibility of all players to protect the integrity of the game and all participants. The SCPGA cannot take action unless we are made aware of any wrongdoing. The following guidelines must be followed by all SCPGA Junior Tour Members:

1. Players should confirm their score with their marker at the completion of each hole.
2. Players should keep a record of their own scores (use the bottom strip of the scorecard)
3. Players must promptly return their scorecard to the scoring area immediately following play.
4. Players and markers must check their hole-by-hole scores and sign their scorecard in the presence of the Tournament Committee. Do NOT sign your scorecard prior to returning to the scoring area.

5. Any scorecard that has been altered (including erased scores) will be reviewed by the Tournament Committee.
6. Your own scores should be legible at the bottom of the scorecard you marked for.

**Any violation of these guidelines or evidence of cheating will result in the following:**

**1<sup>st</sup> offense:** Disqualification of the player(s) involved, and suspension. Player(s) must appear in front of the SCPGA Advisory Committee prior to being re-instated. Points accumulated prior to offense will be voided.

**2<sup>nd</sup> offense:** Expulsion from the SCPGA Junior Tour. Players may apply for membership the following year, and if accepted, will be put on probation and evaluated on a monthly basis.

### **PLAYOFF PROCEDURE**

In the event of a tie for first place, a sudden-death playoff will be conducted, if warranted by time, weather, staff availability and golf course availability. In the event a sudden-death playoff is not feasible, or in the case of all other ties (2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3<sup>rd</sup> place), ties will be decided by a scorecard playoff using the USGA recommended method (App. 1, page 111-112).

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

In the case of a weather delay, players are asked to remain at the course until announcements have been made.

In the event that weather forces a tournament to be postponed, the SCPGA Junior Tour will first work to reschedule the event to a future date. If that is not an option, the event will be canceled and points will **NOT** be awarded no matter how many holes have been completed. In the event a tournament is canceled, players may receive a partial refund. The refund amount will be equal to the entry fee less administrative costs and, if applicable, course and lunch fees. If there is no difference between the incurred costs and the entry fee, a refund will not be available.

### **SCPGA TRAVELING TEAMS:**

Each year, the SCPGA selects juniors to represent the association. Juniors are selected based on performance, character, and overall ability to represent the SCPGA in a professional manner. The previous year's Player of the Year, (Ralph Miller Award winners, Lou Bastanchury Award winners, Arnold Palmer & Dinah Shore Award winners, Tour Cup Champions and Howard Smith Award winners), will earn exemptions onto a traveling team (Team selected is at sole discretion of the SCPGA). Those wishing to participate in a Team Event, who are not exempt may fill out the Travel Team Application found online at [scpgajrtour.com](http://scpgajrtour.com) under the Frequently Asked Questions in Junior Tour Docs. Traveling teams are selected for the following events:

**Oak Valley Cup Matches (8 Boys and 8 Girls)**

**Girls North/South Team Matches (6 players) (held in conjunction with the Girl's State Jr. and Team Members must be playing in the Championship)**

**Boys Junior America's Cup (4 players)**

**Girls Junior America's Cup (4 players)**

**Boys North/South Team Matches (10 players) (held in conjunction with the Boys State Jr.)**

**Boys Eddie Hogan Cup Matches (4 players)**

**Girls Mary Cave Cup Matches (4 players)**

## **QUALIFIERS:**

25 points (in addition to any age division points earned) are awarded for the following qualifiers: Junior World, Big "I", and Boys Cal State

STATE/NATIONAL RECOGNIZED EVENTS (These are bonus points only, and are only calculated for the Ralph Miller Medal, and **not** Series Points. Girls 12-14, 15-18 and Boys 14-15 and 16-18 are the only age divisions eligible for this award). Points awarded in the following select events, along with the total points accumulated in the SCPGA Point Rankings will be used to determine the Ralph Miller Medal winner (Boys and Girls):

PGA Junior Championship

California State Boys Amateur Championship

Big "I" (State and National)

Junior World

LA City Championship

AJGA

CIF (Individual boys and girls championships)

California State Open: qualify: 50 points

Tour Events (PGA, LPGA, Nationwide): qualify: 50 points

USGA (Jr, Womens Am, Am): qualify for event: 50 points; qualify for match play: 25; qualifying medalist: 25; match winner: 50 (each match)

## **TEAM EVENTS:**

America's Cup (Boys & Girls) 1<sup>st</sup> = 300 2<sup>nd</sup> = 250 3<sup>rd</sup> = 200

(Individual Medalist would receive an additional 150 points.)

Hogan Cup / Mary Cave Cup 1<sup>st</sup> = 200 2<sup>nd</sup> = 150 3<sup>rd</sup> = 100

(Individual Medalist would receive an additional 100 points)

Cal Cup Team Matches 1<sup>st</sup> = 100 2<sup>nd</sup> = 25

## **EVENTS REQUIRING SPECIAL QUALIFIERS**

The following State and/or National Events require a qualifying process in order to enter. The SCPGA provides the following qualifiers for these events: Qualifier dates and sites may be found on the website: [www.scpgairtour.com](http://www.scpgairtour.com).

## **JUNIOR WORLD**

### **July 9th-13th, 2012 -San Diego, CA**

Qualifying is for juniors ages 7-17 in the following age divisions:

**Boys:** 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-17;      **Girls:** 7-8, 9-10, 11-12,13-14,15-17.

*Please note these age divisions are different from the SCPGA Age Divisions. Players ages 7-8 in JDL will be allowed to participate in the Junior World Qualifier.*

The number of qualifying spots available at each site is determined by Junior World. Typically, 1-2 boys and 1-2 girls are taken from each site. SCPGA Junior Tour Members may only participate in **one** SCPGA Junior World Qualifier. All California residents must qualify to enter Junior World (7-8 Age Division may apply to enter through Junior World).

**Contact info for JUNIOR WORLD (619) 280-8112 [www.juniorworldgolf.com](http://www.juniorworldgolf.com)**

### **37<sup>th</sup> JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP**

**July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 3rd, 2012-TBD.** Qualifying is for juniors 13-18. The Sectional Qualifier will be held at The Morongo Golf Club at Tukwet Canyon (East Valley Golf Club). One boy and one girl from the Section Championship will advance to the National Championship in Indiana.

### **BIG "I"**

There is a State and National Big "I" Tournament, sponsored by the Independent Insurance Agents of America. Local qualifiers are held for the State Championship and may be found on the main schedule. The State Tournament is held in **Santa Cruz, CA** typically in July. The National Championship is held in August. For more information, visit: [www.iaajc.com](http://www.iaajc.com)

### **CALIFORNIA STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**

#### **BOYS:**

**TBD – Northern California**

Open to Boys ages 13-17; must qualify for Championship through local qualifier. Refer to schedule for qualifying sites and dates.

#### **GIRLS:**

**TBD**

Open to girls 9-12, and 13-17 with a handicap index of 13.0 or below. There is NOT a qualifying event for this tournament. Official application will be available on [www.scpgajrtour.com](http://www.scpgajrtour.com)

### **USGA BOYS / GIRLS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**

Entries for the USGA Boys and Girls Championships are available upon request from the SCGA (818) 980-3630- or the USGA (908) 234-2300, or by visiting [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org)

## **BANQUET OF CHAMPIONS and SPECIAL AWARDS**

In January, the SCPGA will host an *Annual Banquet of Champions* to recognize all award winners from the previous year. The SCPGA will host invited juniors. Parents and guests are invited to attend at their own expense as space allows.

**Juniors invited will include the following:**

**TOYOTA TOUR CUP SERIES**

The SCPGA Toyota Tour Cup will be awarded to the Boy and Girl earning the most points in Tour Cup events. Both names will be placed on the perpetual Cup. Replica Cups will be presented to the winners at the *Banquet of Champions*. The low scoring average (minimum of 4 events must be played to be eligible) for Boys and Girls will be awarded the *Howard Smith Scoring Average Award*.  
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*Player of the Year* honors will be awarded to the Boy and Girl earning the most points in the following series', Boys must be in the 14-15 or 16-18 age divisions, and Girls must be in the 15-18 age division.

*Players of the Year* will be awarded the *Lou Bastanchury (Boys) and Amy Alcott (Girls) Awards*.

*The top overall point winners (Boy and Girl) in all SCPGA recognized events (includes all SCPGA events and State/National events) will receive the Ralph Miller Award*. Boys must be in the 14-15 or 16-18 age division and Girls must be in the 15 -18 age division to be eligible. *The Curtis Cup* will be awarded to the Boy and Girl top vote recipient from the *All-Southern California Junior Team*. The All-Southern California Team will be determined by a selection committee and may include players who are *not members* of the SCPGA. In addition, the following point winners in each age division from each Series will receive an award:

Spring Series: top three point winners in each age division

Summer Series: top five point winners in each age division

Fall Series: top three point winners in each age division

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