



GPS Junior Tour  
Tournament Rules, Policies, & Procedures

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## **GPS Junior Tour Overview**

Welcome to the GPS Junior Tour – The Future of Junior Golf Begins Here!

The GPS Junior Tour is dedicated to shaping the next generation of elite golfers, providing a structured and inspiring pathway for young athletes to develop their skills, test their abilities, and thrive in a competitive yet supportive environment.

In its inaugural season, the GPS Junior Tour launches with a six-event series, laying the groundwork for what will become one of the most dynamic and prestigious junior golf tours in the country. This is just the beginning – as we establish our foundation, we are committed to expanding, evolving, and elevating the junior golf experience in the seasons to come.

Designed to challenge and nurture players at every stage, the GPS Junior Tour offers multiple age groups and divisions, ensuring that every junior golfer finds the right competitive level to match their skill and aspirations. Whether they are seeking to gain tournament experience, refine their game, or prepare for higher levels of competition, our platform is built to inspire, support, and empower young athletes on their journey to success. Join us as we pave the way for the future of junior golf – where talent is cultivated, sportsmanship is celebrated, and champions are made.

## **GPS Junior Tour Eligibility**

Membership Requirement: Membership Not Required.

### **Age Requirement:**

The GPS Junior Tour is designed for young golfers who are ready to compete, grow, and excel in a structured and inspiring environment. Our tour welcomes boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18, including high school seniors who have not yet participated in full-time collegiate academic or athletic programs.

To ensure clarity and fairness, our age eligibility is based solely on the year of birth rather than the exact date or month. For example, if a golfer was born in 2007, they are considered 18 years old in the 2025 season and are therefore eligible to compete. This approach simplifies the qualification process and ensures that all players within the same birth year compete on a level playing field.

## **GPS Junior Tour Divisions**

The GPS Junior Tour 2025 features a total of eight competitive categories across two divisions, ensuring that players compete within an appropriate skill and age level.

### **Junior Varsity Division (4 Categories)**

- Boys: 12-14 & 15-18
- Girls: 12-14 & 15-18

### **Varsity Division (4 Categories)**

- Boys: 12-14 & 15-18
- Girls: 12-14 & 15-18

By structuring divisions this way, we provide a competitive yet developmental experience for junior golfers, allowing them to progress, improve, and challenge themselves at every stage. Whether just starting their competitive journey or refining their game at an elite level, the GPS Junior Tour is the perfect platform to foster growth and excellence in junior golf.

### Junior Varsity Division

The Junior Varsity Division is designed for junior golfers who are developing their competitive edge and gaining valuable tournament experience. This division offers a professionally organized, two-day event format, with 18 holes per day, providing a structured yet approachable environment for players looking to transition into high-level competition.

The primary goal of the Junior Varsity Division is to offer a competitive atmosphere without the intensity and pressure of the Varsity Division, allowing players to hone their skills while building confidence.

#### Age Categories:

- Boys & Girls (12-14 years old)
- Boys & Girls (15-18 years old)

#### Cut-Off & Development Opportunities:

To maintain a competitive standard, a cut-off will be implemented after the first 18 holes:

- Boys scoring 19-over par or higher will not advance to the final round.
- Girls scoring 21-over par or higher will not advance to the final round.

However, cut-off players will have access to special coaching sessions during the final round, offering a valuable learning experience to help them improve for future events. Details on scheduling and participation will be announced at each tournament, with reservations potentially required.

#### Promotion to Varsity Division:

All players in the Junior Varsity Division have the opportunity to earn promotion to the Varsity Division. Promotion is based on maintaining a minimum score average as outlined in the GPS Junior Golf Tour Player's Handbook.

This structure ensures that players have a clear pathway to progress in their competitive golf journey while receiving the support and experience necessary to succeed at higher levels.

36 Hole Boys: 12-14, 15-18

36 Hole Girls: 12-14, 15-18

Caddies: Only golf course-assigned caddies are permitted. Personal caddies are not allowed.

Stroke Limits: No stroke limits; players must finish every hole.

#### Junior Varsity Division Yardages:

- Boys 12-14: 6,000 - 6,900 yards
- Boys 15-18: 6,300 - 7,200 yards
- Girls 12-14: 5,000 - 6,200 yards
- Girls 15-18: 5,500 - 6,400 yards

#### Tournament Awards: Junior Varsity Division

- 2-Day Event: Trophies awarded to top three finishers.
- Player of the Year points: earned by the top ten finishers.
- Rankings: All 2-Day Events results are submitted to National Junior Golf Scoreboard.
- College Recruiting Support: The GPS Junior Tour will provide tour data and player statistics to any College recruiting platform upon requested.

- Season-End Awards: To be eligible, players must compete in at least 3 of the 6 events during the 2025 season.

### Varsity Division

The Varsity Division is designed for highly competitive junior golfers, particularly those aspiring to play at the collegiate and professional level. This division provides valuable tournament experience to help players build a strong golf resume. The Varsity Division features the highest level of competition on the GPS Junior Tour.

### Age Divisions:

- Boys & Girls (12-14 years old)
- Boys & Girls (15-18 years old)

### Competition Format & Cut-Off Policy:

After the first 36 holes, players will be cut based on their cumulative aggregate score:

- Boys: 21-over par or higher will not advance to the final round.
- Girls: 25-over par or higher will not advance to the final round.

Players who do not make the cut will not compete in the final round but will instead have access to special coaching sessions. The schedule and participation details in the coaching sessions will be announced at each tournament, and reservations may be required.

### Stroke Average Requirement:

- Boys: Maintain a stroke average of 82.00 and below.
- Girls: Maintain a stroke average of 84.00 and below.

Additionally, all Varsity Division players must maintain their performance standards. If a player cannot sustain the minimum stroke average as per the GPS Junior Golf Tour regulations, they may be re-ranked into the Junior Varsity Division during the designated re-ranking periods outlined in the Player's Handbook.

54 Hole Boys: 12-14, 15-18

54 Hole Girls: 12-14, 15-18

Varsity Boys Eligibility: Maintain a stroke average of 82.00 and below.

Varsity Girls Eligibility: Maintain a stroke average of 84.00 and below.

Caddies: Only golf course-assigned caddies are permitted. Personal caddies are not allowed.

Stroke Limits: No stroke limits; players must finish every hole

### Varsity Division Yardages:

- Boys 12-14: 6,000 - 6,900 yards
- Boys 15-18: 6,300 - 7,200 yards
- Girls 12-14: 5,000 - 6,200 yards
- Girls 15-18: 5,500 - 6,400 yards

### Tournament Awards: Varsity Division

- 3-Day Event: Trophies awarded to the top three finishers.
- Player of the Year points: earned by the top ten finishers.

- Rankings: All 3-Day Events results are submitted to WAGR and National Junior Golf Scoreboard.
- College Recruiting Support: The GPS Junior Tour will provide tour data and player statistics to any College recruiting platform upon requested.
- Elite Camp Invitation: Top performers will be invited to the GPS Junior Golf Camp, an exclusive training experience.
- Season-End Awards: To be eligible, players must compete in at least 3 of the 6 events during the 2025 season.

## **GPS Junior Tour Policies & Procedures**

### **Tournament Registration**

- All tournament registrations must be completed through the GPS Junior Tour website or Line OA.
- Juniors may compete in as many events as they wish, but they may only register for tournaments within their eligible division.
- No late registrations will be accepted under any circumstances.

### **Registration Deadlines:**

- Junior Varsity Division Events: Registration closes Friday at midnight the week before the event.
- Varsity Division Events: Registration closes Friday at midnight the week before the event.

### **Registration Process:**

- Tournament registration is first-come, first-served.
- Upon registering, players are placed on a pending list until payment is manually reviewed and accepted.
- Players can check their registration status (confirmed or waiting list) on the GPS Junior Tour website.
- Entry fees remain pending until registration is officially approved.

### **Waiting List Policy**

At times, tournaments may reach full capacity. When this happens, additional registrants will be placed on a waiting list, organized on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Players on the waiting list will receive website notifications regarding their status.
- Late-notice invitations may occur if spots open due to last-minute withdrawals or cancellations, typically within a week of the event or 1-2 days prior due to unforeseen circumstances such as illness, injury, or family emergencies.

### **Waiting List Procedures:**

- All waiting list decisions are at the discretion of the GPS Junior Tour Manager.
- More than 3 days before the tournament, please limit phone calls regarding your position on the list. Availability updates can be checked via the website.
- If you wish to remove your name from the waiting list, please notify the GPS Junior Tour Manager via Line OA: @gpsjuniortour.

### **Playing Up a Division or Switching Divisions During the Season**

When a player joins the GPS Junior Tour for the first time, they may choose the division they believe best suits their competitive level. However, we recommend the following performance benchmarks for the Varsity Division:

- Boys should maintain a stroke average of 82.00 or better.
- Girls should maintain a stroke average of 84.00 or better.
- Junior Varsity Division has no stroke average requirement.
- To ensure fair competition and proper player placement, a re-ranking process will take place twice during the season:
  - After the second tournament, players who do not meet the Varsity Division stroke average will be moved down to Junior Varsity for the next two events.
  - Junior Varsity players who consistently score above the Varsity benchmark will be moved up to Varsity for the next two events.
  - A second re-ranking will occur at the end of the fourth tournament, following the same criteria.
- Regardless of any mid-season division changes, season-ending awards will be determined by the division a player is competing in at the conclusion of the season.

### **Walk-On Policy**

The GPS Junior Tour does not allow walk-ons for any event. All juniors must register prior to each event to ensure proper tournament organization.

### **Grouping and Starting Times**

- Grouping and starting times will be released after registration closes (the week prior to the event).
- Start times vary by event and are listed on the Tournament Information Page.
- Start times are determined by the host golf course and may be subject to last-minute changes.
- Groupings are assigned randomly by division using tournament software. The GPS Junior Tour does not accept requests for specific groupings or start times.

*We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in maintaining the integrity and efficiency of each event.*

### **Withdrawal Policy & Tournament Refunds**

To ensure efficient tournament administration, players must follow the proper withdrawal procedures. All withdrawals must be communicated through one of the following methods:

1. Official Contact Number: TBA.
2. Email: GPS.Tournamentinfo@gmail.com

When withdrawing, please include:

- Player's full name
- Date and location of the event
- Refund request or event transfer preference (if applicable)

### **Withdrawal & Refund Policies**

Withdrawing BEFORE the withdrawal deadline:

Players who withdraw before the stated deadline will receive a full refund.

Withdrawal deadlines:

- Junior Varsity Division Events: Tuesday at midday the week prior to the event.
- Varsity Division Events: Tuesday at midday the week prior to the event.



### Withdrawing AFTER the withdrawal deadline:

- No refunds will be issued for withdrawals after the deadline, unless due to a proven family or medical emergency.
- Emergency withdrawals must be supported with official written documentation to be eligible for a refund.

### Withdrawing the DAY BEFORE or DAY OF an Event:

- No refunds will be given for withdrawals on the day before or day of the event.
- To avoid a No-Show penalty, players must notify the GPS Junior Tour via Line OA before the event begins if they cannot attend.

### Special Considerations:

- Exceptional circumstances will be reviewed at the discretion of the GPS Junior Tour Manager.

### No-Show Policy

If a player fails to withdraw properly according to the withdrawal policy and does not participate in an event, it will be considered a No-Show. Additionally, if a player fails to show up for Round 2 of a multi-day event without prior discussion with the Tournament Director, they will be marked as NS (No-Show).

### Penalties for No-Show Violations:

- First Offense: Player receives a warning.
- Second Offense: Player forfeits all season-ending awards, including Player of the Year and any special season-long awards.
- Third Offense: Player is ineligible to compete for the remainder of the season. No refunds will be issued.
- These policies ensure commitment, fairness, and respect for the tournament process.

### No-Card Policy

If a player starts a round but fails to turn in a scorecard with valid scores for the day, they will be marked as NC (No Card). Additionally, any player who leaves the course without notifying GPS Junior Tour staff will also receive an NC designation.

### Penalties for No-Card Violations:

- First Offense: Player receives a warning.
- Second Offense: Player forfeits all season-ending awards, including Player of the Year and any special season-long awards.
- Third Offense: Player is ineligible to compete for the remainder of the season. No refunds will be issued.

### DQ vs. WD vs. NS vs. NC vs. RTD

What do these mean on a player's scorecard?

Category name	Designation	Explanation
No show before competition begins	NS (DNS)	Those players who do not come to the tournament at all
No show	NS	Completed one or more rounds of a multi-round tournament– fails to report for tee time and previously has not notified anyone
Disqualified	DQ	Reserved for actual R&A and USGA rules infraction that occurs without a deliberate or managed intention.

Withdrawal	WD	Reserved for a deliberate voluntary action or decision of a player not to continue play after having started a competition, notified an official, and turned in an official score for the stipulated round(s).
No card (worst action by player)	NC	After having begun competition – a deliberate decision not to sign or turn in a card, walks off the course, does not report to scoring after their last hole, etc.
Retired	RTD	Used to indicate that a player has begun a round and pulled out before finishing.

*\*\* All final decisions are at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.*

### **Weather Policies**

The GPS Junior Tour reserves the right to make all decisions regarding suspending play or canceling events due to severe weather conditions. Player safety and fairness of competition are the top priorities in all weather-related decisions.

In the event of severe weather, the tournament will proceed as scheduled whenever possible, with every reasonable effort made to complete play while maintaining safety and competitive integrity.

All weather-related cancellations or delays will be communicated via text updates. Our goal is to announce any cancellations no later than one hour before the first scheduled tee time whenever possible.

### **Weather Procedures**

High-Temperature Conditions:

- Tournament cancellations due to extreme heat will be considered when the projected forecast reaches 45°C (113°F) or higher.
- Additional factors such as course conditions, ground temperature, sun exposure, rain, and wind will be evaluated before making a final decision.
- Delays and cancellations will be communicated as quickly as possible via text updates.
- Players are responsible for bringing appropriate gear and apparel to manage heat conditions throughout the round.
- Layered clothing is recommended, as temperatures may fluctuate during play.

### **Severe Weather Conditions:**

- If the course remains playable, play will continue in rain.
- GPS Junior Tour staff continuously monitors weather conditions to ensure player safety in the event of severe weather.
- Due to variations in course layouts and available shelters, procedures for severe weather delays and evacuations will vary by facility. Players should review local rules or consult GPS Junior Tour staff for site-specific safety protocols.
- If a severe weather delay occurs, players and spectators will be notified immediately via an air horn blast and text updates. If no official notification has been issued, play should continue as normal.

- Temporary water on the course is classified as an abnormal course condition under R&A and USGA Rules of Golf. Players are entitled to free relief from abnormal course conditions except in penalty areas.

### **High Temperatures & Heat Index Guidelines**

- GPS Junior Tour events may be canceled if temperatures or heat indexes reach dangerous levels.
- While GPS Junior Tour staff will provide water stations throughout the course, it is the player's responsibility to arrive prepared for warm weather conditions.

### **Guidelines & Tips for Staying Safe in Hot Weather**

#### **1. Stay Hydrated**

- Players should drink plenty of water (or sports drinks) before, during, and after their round.
- Water and sports drinks will be available on the course and for purchase at golf facilities, but players should bring their own bottle to refill throughout the day.
- Freeze water bottles overnight or use an insulated bottle to keep drinks cool.
- Parents/spectators may provide water but must follow the Spectator Code of Conduct, ensuring no interaction with players during competition. Water may be left on the next tee or beside the player's bag.

#### **2. Start Hydrating Early**

- Begin drinking extra water or sports drinks the night before to prevent dehydration.

#### **3. Protect Yourself from the Sun**

- Apply sunscreen before the round and reapply every 1-2 hours.
- Wear SPF-protective clothing, a hat, sunglasses, and consider using a sun umbrella.
- Seek shade when possible, but without slowing the pace of play.

#### **4. Wear Cool, Breathable Golf Apparel**

- Opt. for loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-colored clothing to stay cool.

#### **5. Maintain Proper Nutrition**

- Warm temperatures can reduce appetite, but players must continue eating and fueling their bodies to maintain energy and focus.

### **Policy for Event Cancellations**

In the event of a full tournament cancellation, participants will receive a full refund of their event registration fees or have the option to transfer their fees to another open event at no additional cost.

The GPS Junior Tour Manager will notify all participants via email with details regarding the refund process.

The email will include the exact date when refunds will be processed.

No action is required from players to receive a refund for a canceled event.

If a player prefers to transfer their registration to another event instead of receiving a refund, they must notify the GPS Junior Tour Manager (GPS.Tournamentinfo@gmail.com or Line OA) before the stated refund deadline. The event must be open for registration and not yet filled.

## GPS Junior Tour Publicity & Social Media Policy

By participating in the GPS Junior Tour, players and their parents/guardians grant permission for the player's image and voice to be recorded, filmed, photographed, or broadcasted during tournament events.

The GPS Junior Tour retains the right to produce, reproduce, publish, and distribute any media recordings—including video, photography, and electronic transmissions—that depict the player's participation in GPS Junior Tour events.

This permission includes the use of media for advertising, promotion, publicity, and event coverage, both for current and future GPS Junior Tour programs.

Players and their parents/guardians waive all private rights to the use of their media in any broadcasts, promotional content, or affiliated marketing efforts, with no time limitation (in perpetuity).

A parent/guardian signature or agreement is required during the registration process to confirm acknowledgment and acceptance of these terms.

## Conduct of Players and Spectators

### Conduct of Players

**ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY:** Any inappropriate behavior by a junior golfer, witnessed by GPS Junior Tour staff, a fellow competitor, or an employee of the host facility, may result in immediate disqualification from the current event and removal from their next event without a refund.

Inappropriate behavior includes, but is not limited to:

- Use of improper language.
- Dressing in non-golf attire.
- Throwing clubs or damaging the course.
- Failure to repair ball marks or replace divots.
- Cheating or knowingly violating the Rules of Golf.
- Affecting another player's performance or disrupting play.
- Displaying poor sportsmanship.
- Use of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs.

### Parental Physical Abuse Policy:

- Physical abuse of any junior golfer by a parent or guardian is strictly prohibited.
- Any instance of physical abuse will result in immediate removal from the event and may lead to further disciplinary action, including permanent suspension from the GPS Junior Tour.

### Conduct of Spectators

Spectators are welcomed and encouraged at all GPS Junior Tour events; however, they must adhere to the following rules:

#### **1. Advice (Rule 10.2a):**

- Spectators may not give advice to players. Advice is defined as any counsel or suggestion that could influence a player's decision-making, club selection, or shot execution.
- Penalty: 2 strokes will be added to the player's score for any violation.
- This includes any conversation in the player's native language that could be interpreted as advice.
- Players are responsible for the actions of their relatives and spectators regarding this rule.

- Examples of advice:
    - "Take an unplayable lie."
    - "Use a 5-wood."
    - "Go for the green."
  - Public information such as yardage and hole location is NOT considered advice.
  - Encouraging words are allowed as long as they do not provide strategic input.
2. **Cell Phones:** Turn off all cell phones or switch them to silent or vibrate mode while on the course.
  3. **Spectator Positioning:**
    - Spectators must remain on the cart paths at all times and stay at least 50 yards away from players (except in specific situations outlined below).
  4. **Following Play:**
    - Spectators should stay one shot ahead of the group they are following to help locate errant shots.
    - Spectators may assist in searching for lost golf balls but must return to the cart path once the ball is found.
  5. **Rulings & Rules Officials:**
    - Spectators must not give rulings. If a ruling is needed, seek a marshal or rules official.
  6. **Carrying Items for Players:**
    - Spectators may carry a player's medicine, drinks, food, or umbrellas.
    - Spectators may NOT carry a player's golf clubs or equipment, except in designated parent-caddie divisions (9-Hole 9 & Under & 10-11 divisions ONLY).
  7. **Violations & Penalties:**
    - A Rules Official may assess a penalty to a player based on the severity of a spectator violation.
    - Serious breaches may result in the spectator being removed from the event.
  8. **Personal Safety & Weather Conditions:**
    - Spectators should exercise caution at all times.
    - In the event of inclement weather, play will be suspended, and players will be evacuated first, followed by spectators.
  9. **Player Transportation:**
    - Spectators must never transport players during the event unless authorized by the tournament committee.
    - Unauthorized transportation can result in the player's disqualification.

*The GPS Junior Tour reserves the right to remove any spectator from the facility at any time, without warning, for violating these rules.*

### **Integrity & Fair Play Policy**

The GPS Junior Tour upholds a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for cheating and dishonesty. All players are expected to demonstrate honesty, integrity, and respect for the rules of the game at all times.

- Any player who witnesses a fellow competitor cheating or committing a rules infraction must immediately notify their playing group and inform the player who committed the infraction. The violation must then be reported to GPS Junior Tour staff immediately.
- If a GPS Junior Tour staff member witnesses cheating or a serious rules violation, they will immediately disqualify the player.

- Spectator involvement in cheating will result in the automatic removal of the player from the program with no refund.

#### Penalties for Cheating

Depending on the severity of the infraction, one or more of the following penalties may be enforced:

1. Immediate disqualification from the event, with parental notification of the incident.
2. Removal from the next event without a refund.
3. Permanent removal from the GPS Junior Tour Program, with no refund.

#### Dress Code

All players and spectators must adhere to proper golf attire etiquette at all GPS Junior Tour tournaments, events, and functions.

##### Players

- Golf-appropriate footwear is required – metal spikes are not permitted.
- T-shirts, tank tops, halter tops, midriff-exposing shirts, gym shorts, and denim are not allowed.
- Collared shirts must be worn (except for girls' golf-specific tops designed without collars as part of a coordinated outfit).
- Hats must be worn with the bill facing forward.
- Shirts must remain tucked in unless designed to be worn untucked as part of modern golf attire.
- Players not in compliance with the dress code will not be allowed to participate until they meet the attire requirements.

##### Spectators

- Spectators at private clubs must adhere to the same dress code standards as players.
- Any spectator not in proper attire may be asked to leave the facility.

## GPS Junior Tour Tournament Rules

The R&A and USGA Rules of Golf govern all GPS Junior Tour events.

A GPS Junior Tour Starting Official will provide specific announcements and local rulings on the first tee at each event. Players are required to give their full attention to these announcements. A Notice to Competitors (NTC) sheet will also be provided on the first tee, outlining important tournament rules and local rulings.

The following rules serve as reminders or are specific to the GPS Junior Tour and will be enforced at all events.

- **Distance Measuring Devices**
- Only rangefinders are permitted for measuring distance, and the slope function must be turned off.
- No other electronic devices (including mobile apps and GPS watches) may be used for distance measurement.
- A player who uses a device with slope functionality enabled is in breach of Rule 4.3a(1) and will be disqualified.
- Players may share yardage measurements with fellow competitors, as distance is considered public information and not advice.

### Conforming Driver Heads, Clubs, and Golf Balls

- Driver Heads: Players must use a driver listed on the USGA Conforming Driver Head List.
- Golf Balls: Players must use a ball listed on the USGA Conforming Golf Ball List.
- One Ball Rule: Players must use the same brand and model of golf ball throughout the round.

### Pace of Play Policy

The GPS Junior Tour enforces pace-of-play guidelines in accordance with the R&A and USGA Rules of Golf. Players are expected to play efficiently and avoid unnecessary delays.

A group is considered out of position if:

- They fall behind their allotted time for completed holes.
- They are more than 14 minutes and 59 seconds behind the group ahead.
- A player takes longer than 40 seconds to play a stroke once arriving at their ball.

### Pace of Play Enforcement:

1. The group will be warned and informed of their slow pace.
2. If they remain out of position for three more holes, a Pace of Play warning sign will be placed on the next tee.
3. If they fail to recover pace, each player in the group will receive a one-stroke penalty.
4. A further violation will result in a two-stroke penalty per player.
5. Continued infractions may lead to disqualification (DQ).

*The GPS Junior Tour actively monitors pace of play to ensure an enjoyable experience for all participants.*

### Pace of Play Tips

- Play ready golf—hit when you are ready, not just when you are away.
- Walk directly to your ball rather than as a group.
- Use travel time to assess your next shot and be prepared when you arrive at your ball.
- Hit a provisional ball if there's a chance your original ball may be lost or out of bounds.

- Start reading putts when you arrive at the green rather than waiting for your turn.
- Leave the green quickly after putting out to allow the next group to play.

#### Three-Minute Search Period (Rule 18)

Players are allowed three minutes to search for a lost ball from the moment they arrive in the search area.

- If the ball is not found within three minutes, it is considered lost.
- Spectators are encouraged to walk ahead safely and help locate errant shots.
- Players should help each other spot balls to maintain pace of play.

#### Rule 6-3d – Playing Two Balls

In stroke play, if a player is unsure of a rule or correct procedure, they may complete the hole using two balls without penalty.

- The player must announce their intention to play two balls and specify which one they intend to count if the rules allow.
- The player must report the situation to a GPS Junior Tour official before submitting their scorecard.
- Failure to report the ruling will result in disqualification (DQ).

#### Transporting Players

Players are not allowed to accept transportation during a tournament round, except when explicitly authorized by the Tournament Committee.

- Penalty for unauthorized transportation: Two-stroke penalty.

#### Starting Times & Groups (Rule 5.3a)

- Players must start at their assigned tee time.
- If a player arrives within five minutes after their starting time, they receive a two-stroke penalty.
- If a player arrives more than five minutes late, they are disqualified (DQ).
- Reasons such as traffic, construction, going to the wrong golf course, or oversleeping are not valid excuses.

#### Grouping Policy:

- Players must remain with their assigned group unless authorized to switch by GPS Junior Tour staff.
- Penalty for switching groups without permission: Disqualification (DQ).

#### Suspension of Play for a Dangerous Situation (Rule 5.7a)

- A prolonged horn blast signals suspension due to a dangerous situation (e.g., lightning, tornado, severe weather).
- If between holes, players must not resume play until the Committee announces resumption.
- If in the middle of a hole, players must mark their balls and stop play immediately.
- Spectators may transport players to safety in these situations.
- All practice areas remain closed during suspensions until declared open by the Committee.
- Penalty for playing during a suspension: Disqualification (DQ).

#### Scoring Area (Rule 3.3)

- Players must report immediately to the scoring area after completing their round.
- Players must review their hole-by-hole scores, report rulings, and sign their scorecards before leaving.
- Once a player leaves the scoring area, no changes can be made.



- A player is deemed to have left the scoring area when they either:
  - Step outside the designated area with both feet, or
  - Leave their chair at the scoring table.

#### *Penalties Resulting in Disqualification (DQ) for Scoring Errors:*

- Signing for a lower score than actually shot.
- Failing to have two signatures on the scorecard.
- Not reporting a rules infraction to the committee.

#### Best Practices for Avoiding Scorecard Issues:

- Use mobile scoring whenever possible.
- Write legibly - if a number is unclear and the player has left the scoring area, the Committee will make the final interpretation.
- If corrections are needed, write clearly and have your marker initial next to the change.
- Remain seated until a GPS Junior Tour staff member verbally confirms your final score.
- All players in a group should stay in the scoring area until everyone has attested their scores.

#### Spectator Restrictions in Scoring Area:

Parents and spectators are NEVER allowed in the scoring area unless explicitly authorized by GPS Junior Tour staff.

- Violating this rule will result in the individual being banned from all GPS Junior Tour events.

#### Mobile Scoring

The GPS Junior Tour Mobile Scoring System will be used for all tournaments.

- Each player in the group will be responsible for entering hole-by-hole scores into the mobile scoring system throughout the round.
- Players will still receive a physical scorecard to record both their own and their fellow competitors' scores.
- Scores entered into the mobile scoring app are not final until players confirm and finalize their scores in the designated Scoring Area at the end of the round.

#### Awards & Ties

At the conclusion of each event, medals will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers in each age group.

- Tiebreaker Procedures
  - For 2-Day & 3-Day Events:

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Place & Overall Winner Ties:

- A playoff will be conducted for players tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place within their respective division.
- If players remain tied after the 1<sup>st</sup> playoff hole, they will proceed to the next hole, continuing in this manner until a winner is determined.
- The order of playoff holes will be determined by the host facility and GPS Junior Tour staff.

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ties:

- Scorecard matching will be used to determine the winner based on the lowest 18-hole score in Round 2.
- If still tied, the tiebreaker will proceed as follows:
  - Best Round 2 score for holes 10-18
  - Best Round 2 score for holes 13-18

- Best Round 2 score for holes 16-18
- Best Round 2 score on hole 18
- Hole-by-hole comparison going backward from hole 18

### GPS Junior Tour Player of the Year Competition

The top ten finishers in each division at every tournament will earn Player of the Year points. The Player of the Year title will be determined based on the total points from a player's top three finishes.

- At the end of the season, the boy and girl with the highest total points in each division will be named Player of the Year.
- In case of a tie, the next best finish outside of the top three counted finishes will serve as the tiebreaker.
- The Player of the Year winners will be recognized at the GPS Junior Tour Award Banquet at the end of the season.

### Player of the Year Points System

FINISH	Junior Varsity Division Event	Varsity Division Event
1	37.5	50
2	30	40
3	22.5	30
4	18	24
5	12	16
6	9	12
7	7.5	10
8	6	8
9	4.5	6
10	3	4

### GPS Junior Tour Points Challenge

Players earn points at every GPS Junior Tour tournament they compete in, which count toward the GPS Junior Tour Points Challenge.

- The Points Challenge is separate from the Player of the Year standings and is conducted across all GPS Junior Tour events.
- If a player moves up to an older division, their previous division points carry over with them.
- If a player earned a qualification or exemption in their previous division, that qualification will still be honored in the new division.

### Points Breakdown per Division

Place	Varsity Division Point	Junior Varsity Division
1st place	500	375
2nd place	400	300
3rd place	350	262.5
4th place	300	225
5th place	250	187.5
6th place	200	150
7th place	180	135
8th place	160	120
9th place	140	105
10th place	120	90

Place	Varsity Division Point	Junior Varsity Division Point
11th place	110	82.5
12th place	100	75
13th place	90	67.5
14th place	80	60
15th place	70	52.5
16th -20th place	60	45
21st – 30th place	50	37.5
31st – 40th place	40	30
41st – 50th place	30	22.5
51st place up	20	15

### Tiebreaker Note

- A hole-by-hole playoff will be used only for determining first place in events.
- For all other ties, points will be equally distributed among tied players.