
RULES OF PLAY

USGA Rules of Golf shall govern all play, including local rules on the Notice to Competitors, which is distributed at every event on the back of the tournament score card. The following are Foundation Rules of Play (unless otherwise stated).

EWING AUTOMOTIVE BUICK PREP TOUR

- ◆ Play is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and its Decisions.
- ◆ Play the ball as it lies.
- ◆ The new USGA condition of competition requiring a player's clubs conform to the groove and punch mark specifications as detailed in the 2010-2011 Rules of Golf is NOT in effect.
- ◆ Players may have one caddie to carry their bag and equipment and give advice, but all players must walk the golf course. Participants and their equipment cannot be transported in motorized carts, except when going to their first hole or when returning from the last hole played.
- ◆ The NTPGA permits pull carts, however they will be allowed only at the discretion of the host facility. It is the players' responsibility to obtain course policy.
- ◆ Participants may have spectators and parents assist in keeping their score. All scores need to be recorded on Foundation score cards.
- ◆ Participants must exchange score cards with fellow competitors in the group.
- ◆ Any player who has taken nine (9) strokes on any hole and has not holed out must pick up his/her ball and proceed to the next tee. The score must be recorded as a nine (9) and does not exclude the participant from award consideration.
- ◆ Parents and spectators may interact with the participants, search for golf balls and help keep score while maintaining a sufficient pace of play.
- ◆ Upon completion of the round, players must immediately proceed to the scoring area to return their score card. Participants are responsible for the correct hole-by-hole score and two signatures on the score card.
- ◆ Participants are responsible for knowing the Rules of Play and Notice to Competitors listed on the back of the score card.
- ◆ Pace of Play: Participants and spectators must keep up with the group in front of them at all times.
- ◆ Players must NOT use any artificial device or unusual equipment for the purpose of gauging or measuring distance or conditions that might affect his play.
- ◆ Players must NOT wear headphones during play.
- ◆ Allow NTPGA staff and officials to administer rulings. Spectators will be brought into a situation ONLY if the staff member or official asks for assistance.
- ◆ When on the course, spectators and players must turn off cell phones or turn ringers to the silent or vibrate mode. Respect host facility's policy if cell phones are not allowed.

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- ◆ Play is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and its Decisions.
- ◆ Play the ball as it lies.
- ◆ The new USGA condition of competition requiring a player's clubs conform to the groove and punch mark specifications as detailed in the 2010-2011 Rules of Golf is NOT in effect.
- ◆ Participants must walk and carry their own equipment. Caddies are NOT permitted.
- ◆ Participants and their equipment cannot be transported in a motorized cart, except when going to their first hole or when returning from the last hole played.
- ◆ The NTPGA permits pull carts, however they will be allowed only at the discretion of the host facility. It is the players' responsibility to obtain course policy.
- ◆ Participants must exchange score cards with fellow competitors in the group.
- ◆ Any player who has taken nine (9) strokes on any hole and has not holed out must pick up his/her ball and proceed to the next tee. The score must be recorded as a nine (9) and does not exclude the participant from award consideration.
- ◆ Parents may interact with participants. However, "Advice" (any counsel or suggestion which could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of a club or the method of making a stroke) is not permitted. Any breach of Rule 8-1 (Advice) may result in a penalty and/or disqualification.
- ◆ Upon completion of the round, players must immediately proceed to the scoring area to return their score card. Participants are responsible for the correct hole-by-hole score and two signatures on the score card.
- ◆ Participants are responsible for knowing the Rules of Play and Notice to Competitors listed on the back of the score card.
- ◆ Pace of Play: Participants must keep up with the group in front of them. Any group falling out of position (defined as a hole open) may be warned and timed. Subsequent violations may result in penalties and/or disqualification.
- ◆ The player must NOT use any artificial device or unusual equipment for the purpose of gauging or measuring distance or conditions that might affect his play.
- ◆ Players must NOT wear headphones during play.
- ◆ Allow NTPGA staff and officials to administer rulings. Spectators will be brought into a situation ONLY if the staff member or official asks for assistance.
- ◆ When on the course, spectators and players must turn off cell phones or turn ringers to the silent or vibrate mode. Respect host facility's policy if cell phones are not allowed.

EWING AUTOMOTIVE ALL AMERICAN TOUR

- ◆ Play is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and its Decisions.
- ◆ Play the ball as it lies.

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- ◆ The new USGA condition of competition requiring a player's clubs conform to the groove and punch mark specifications as detailed in the 2010-2011 Rules of Golf is NOT in effect.
 - ◆ Participants ages 12-18 must walk and carry their own equipment. Participants ages 7-11 may have one caddie to carry their bag and give advice. Participants and their equipment cannot be transported in a motorized cart, except when authorized by the Rules Committee.
 - ◆ The NTPGA permits pull carts, however they will be allowed only at the discretion of the host facility. It is the players' responsibility to obtain course policy.
 - ◆ Participants must exchange score cards with fellow competitors in the group.
 - ◆ Any player in the 7-11 age divisions who has taken nine (9) strokes on any hole and has not holed out must pick up his/her ball and proceed to the next tee. The score must be recorded as a nine (9) and does not exclude the participant from award consideration.
 - ◆ Parents may interact with participants. However, "Advice" (any counsel or suggestion which could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of a club or the method of making a stroke) is not permitted. Any breach of Rule 8-1 (Advice) may result in a penalty and/or disqualification.
 - ◆ Upon completion of the round, players must immediately proceed to the scoring area to return their score card. Participants are responsible for the correct hole-by-hole score and two signatures on the score card.
 - ◆ Participants are responsible for knowing the Rules of Play and Notice to Competitors listed on the back of the score card.
 - ◆ Pace of Play: Participants must keep up with the group in front of them. Any group falling out of position (defined as a hole open) may be warned and timed. Subsequent violations may result in penalties and/or disqualification.
 - ◆ The player must NOT use any artificial device or unusual equipment for the purpose of gauging or measuring distance or conditions that might affect his play.
 - ◆ Players must NOT wear headphones during play.
 - ◆ Allow NTPGA staff and officials to administer rulings. Spectators will be brought into a situation ONLY if the staff member or official asks for assistance.
 - ◆ When on the course, spectators and players must turn off cell phones or turn ringers to the silent or vibrate mode. Respect host facility's policy if cell phones are not allowed.

ARRANGEMENT OF STARTING TIMES & GROUPINGS

Starting times and pairings for all Prep, Medalist, Masters and All American Tour events will be done on a blind draw, based on age group and gender, or as otherwise determined by the NTPGA Junior Golf Foundation. For each event the Northern Texas PGA will pair the top 1/3 of the division based on their NTPGA scoring average over the last twelve (12) months. For the second round of the Tour Championship and All American Tour events, players will be re-paired based on their scores from round one.

For all events, requests for starting times or specific groupings will not be accommodated. Players shall start at the time and the order arranged unless otherwise informed by the Rules Committee. Prompt attendance is required of all players at their starting point of each round. Time of starting penalties shall be consistent with Rule 6–3 and the Note to Rule 6–3 in the USGA Rules of Golf. Each contestant is responsible for obtaining his/her starting time.

SPECTATOR GUIDELINES

The NTPGA Junior Golf Foundation encourages spectators to attend tournaments. However, the Foundation requires all spectators to conduct themselves appropriately at all times.

- ◆ Spectators should stay one shot ahead of the group they are following. This allows spectators to follow errant shots and help identify where golf balls come to rest.
- ◆ Spectators are allowed to aid in the search for lost golf balls.
- ◆ Spectators should not give rulings, please seek an NTPGA rules official if the need arises.
- ◆ Spectators should stay on cart paths. In the absence of cart paths, spectators should stay in the rough. Please stay off fairways, tees and greens.
- ◆ Spectators are allowed to carry medicine, drinks, food umbrellas, etc. for players.

The USGA Rules of Golf states, “Advice is any counsel or suggestion which could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of club or method of making a stroke.” The breach of Rule 8-1 (Advice) is a penalty of two strokes. With this statement in mind, please keep conversations with the player to words of encouragement only.

The Northern Texas PGA Junior Golf Foundation reserves the right to suspend and/or ban any spectator from one or more events. Failure to comply with the stated spectator guidelines may result in the immediate removal from the host facility and/or suspension of playing privileges for the Foundation member.

SPECTATOR GOLF CARTS

Spectator golf carts will be available at the discretion of the host facility; it is the players’ responsibility to obtain the course policy. If spectator golf carts are permissible:

- ◆ Players may not ride or have their golf clubs transported in golf carts except when being transported to their starting hole, back to the clubhouse from their finishing hole, during a suspension of play or when authorized by the Rules Committee.
- ◆ Spectator carts must remain on the cart path at all times.
- ◆ Only two riders are allowed in a golf cart at one time.

CADDIE POLICY

When caddies are permitted, each player may have one caddie to carry their equipment and give advice. However, the Foundation requires all caddies to conduct themselves appropriately at all times.

- ◆ Caddies may not ride or have golf clubs transported in golf carts except when being transported to their starting hole, back to the clubhouse from their finishing hole, during a suspension of play or when authorized by the Rules Committee.
- ◆ Proper dress attire is required of all caddies. Each host facility may have additional rules and dress code requirements that must be adhered to by all caddies. Proper attire includes collared shirts or mock turtlenecks (host golf course permitting), slacks, shorts, tennis shoes, caps and visors. Should a golf course have a stricter dress code, its policy will take precedence. The dress code prohibits denim, short shorts, cut-offs, swimsuits, sandals, clothing containing offensive slogans, language or pictures, clothing describing or advertising alcohol, tobacco, or other drug references.
- ◆ The use of smoking or chewing tobacco products and alcohol by caddies is not permitted.

The Northern Texas PGA Junior Golf Foundation reserves the right to suspend and/or ban any caddie from one or more events. Failure to comply with the stated caddie guidelines may result in the immediate removal from the host facility and/or suspension of playing privileges for the Foundation member.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

Entries for all non-invitational tournaments conducted by the Northern Texas PGA Junior Golf Foundation during the summer may be mailed no earlier than Monday, May 3rd. On-line entries will be accepted starting at 12:01 a.m. Monday, May 3rd. There is no limit to the number of events members can enter. Any entry (entries) postmarked before May 3rd will not be accepted and will be returned.

NOTE: The Northern Texas PGA will stop accepting entries for an event once the tournament is full or five (5) days prior to the event, regardless of whether or not the event is full. Should a tournament have openings within the five (5) day window, members are encouraged to walk-up to the tournament the day of the event. Walk-up entries will be subject to a \$15.00 processing fee.

- ◆ Members will be placed in the age group according to their age as of the date of the tournament (unless they have declared “up” to a higher age level). NOTE: Should you qualify for the Area or Tour Championship in one age group, however as of the Area or Tour Championship you are in an older age group you will be required to compete in the older age group.
- ◆ Members must register online or use the official tournament entry form located on the Foundation’s website to register for events.
- ◆ Entries submitted via phone or email will not be accepted.
- ◆ Correct payment must accompany entry forms in order to be processed. Incorrect payment will result in the entry form being delayed.
- ◆ Confirmation emails will be sent out to each member submitting an entry form confirming the tournaments they were accepted into or otherwise.

TOUR REFUND POLICY AND WITHDRAWALS

All cancellations and withdrawals must be submitted online or through the Foundation office utilizing the automated cancellation line. Cancellations can be made online by accessing your account on the main page of the Foundation's website. The cancellation line can be accessed 24 hours a day by calling the Foundation office at (214) 420-7421 and asking for the cancellation line. If calling after hours or on the weekend, simply listen to the voicemail for instructions to be transferred to the cancellation line. Refunds will be granted until 11:59 p.m. five (5) days prior to the scheduled event. Example: If an event is on June 10, you must withdraw by 11:59 p.m. on June 5. No refunds will be granted for cancellations and withdrawals after this time. In case of medical or family emergencies, written requests for refunds must be submitted to the Foundation office no more than seven (7) days after the completion of the event. Each request will be considered separately on its own merit. Refund Request Forms are available on the main page of the Foundation's website under the Forms and Documents heading. NOTE: For Prep and Medalist events, all refunds are subject to a \$5.00 processing fee. For Masters and All American events, all refunds are subject to a \$10.00 processing fee.

TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION PROCEDURE

The Foundation reserves the right to cancel tournaments in the event of inclement weather or other incidents. The NTPGA recommends checking the status of the tournament by viewing the Foundation's website or calling the NTPGA or host facility the morning of the event. If a tournament is cancelled, members scheduled to participate in the event will be refunded the full entry fee to their account. If the tournament is cancelled during play, the Foundation reserves the right to retain the full entry fee.

ON-SITE CHECK-IN POLICY

If a tournament is using a shotgun start, all participants must check-in or be in line to check-in 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the tournament.

EXAMPLE: If a tournament is scheduled to begin with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun, a participant must be checked-in (or in line to check-in) by 7:30 a.m. Otherwise, the Foundation reserves the right to cancel the participant's registration and use it for a walk-up participant. If you arrive after the registration window has closed, you will be added to the bottom of the walk up list and put into the tournament on a space available basis. You are not guaranteed entry into the tournament if you miss the registration window. If you do not get into the tournament you will be given a refund less the cancellation fee.

If a tournament is using a tee time start, all participants must be checked-in and at their designated starting hole at their assigned starting time.

NOTE: Prompt attendance is required of all players and time of starting penalties shall be consistent with Rule 6–3 and the Note to Rule 6–3 in the USGA Rules of Golf. Each contestant is responsible for obtaining his/her starting time.

WALK-UP POLICY

Walk-up lists will be used to place members into events that they were not otherwise entered for. The list will begin the morning of the event when the NTPGA staff or official in charge arrives approximately an hour and a half before the scheduled start of the event. No other list should be signed or circulated until the NTPGA staff or official in charge starts the official walk-up list the day of the event. Any such list will be disregarded.

Members on the walk-up list will replace no-shows on a first-come, first-served basis within the applicable age group. Members, if placed in the tournament, must pay the appropriate entry fee on site or have an account credit with the NTPGA that will cover tournament fees; without sufficient funds players will be denied entry. The NTPGA does not guarantee that signing the walk-up list will ensure a spot in the tournament. Anyone walking up to an event will be subject to an additional \$15.00 processing fee.

BREAKING TIES

In all Prep and Medalist Tour events, ties for first, second and third place in all age divisions will be broken by a score card playoff. In all Masters Tour events, ties for second and third place in all divisions will be broken by a score card playoff. The NTPGA official policy for breaking ties via a score card playoff is the same as defined by the USGA in Appendix I. The method of matching score cards to determine the winner will begin by using the last nine (9) holes of the tournament. If the players have the same score for the last nine (9), we will use the last six (6) holes, last three (3) holes and finally the 18th hole. If this method is used in a competition with a multiple tee start, it is recommended that the “last nine holes, last six holes, etc.” is considered to be holes 10–18, 13–18, etc. If after proceeding with this method the winner has yet to be determined, we will continue on by comparing score cards from the 17th hole and continuing backwards by comparing the 16th hole, 15th hole, etc. until a winner has been determined. In Masters Tour events all ties, for first place only, will be decided by a sudden-death play-off. At All American Tour events all ties for first, second and third place in all age divisions will be broken using a sudden-death play-off.

NO SHOWS & NO CARDS

It is the responsibility of the participant to notify the Foundation office when canceling out of a tournament. When canceling on the day of the tournament, members must notify the Foundation by canceling online or using the cancellation line. Any member who does not will be considered a “No Show.”

All participants must return their score card to the scoring area immediately following play. Any participant who fails to return their score card after the round will be considered a “No Card” and will be deemed to have taken the nine (9) stroke limit on

each hole. Participants withdrawing during play of an event MUST return their score card to the scoring area and notify a Foundation official before leaving the facility; otherwise, they will be considered as a “No Card” participant.

DECLARING UP

Members may declare up to an older age division, which may allow them to play in an event not otherwise open to them. If a member declares up, he/she must play in the older age division for the entire series (Ewing Automotive Junior Tour, Spring Break Series, Cowboys Series, All American) and must play by the applicable rules and regulations of that tournament. NOTE: A player may not compete in two different age divisions when competing in different tournament series. Example: A player cannot compete in the Girls 12-14 during All American Tour events and Girls 15-18 in Masters Tour events. In order to declare up, members must complete the Foundation’s Age Division Declaration Form which is available on the main page of the Foundation’s website under the Forms and Documents heading.