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Northern Texas Section
Junior Golf Foundation

NORTHERN TEXAS PGA JUNIOR TOUR

2011 RULES & REGULATIONS

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PGA OF AMERICA

With over 28,600 members and apprentices and more than 400 staff throughout the country, the PGA of America is the largest working sports organization in the world. Formed in 1916, the purpose of the PGA is to promote the enjoyment of and involvement in the game of golf, and to contribute to its growth by providing services to the golf professional and the golf industry. The PGA accomplishes this by enhancing the skills of its member golf professionals and providing quality golf opportunities and experiences for amateurs, junior golfers, golf facilities, golf manufacturers, and the general public. In doing so, the PGA will elevate the standards of the game, stimulate interest, and promote the overall vitality of the game of golf.

NORTHERN TEXAS PGA SECTION

The Northern Texas PGA is one of the 41 sections that comprise the PGA of America and has a professional membership of 750. In addition to managing the day-to-day affairs of the Section, the headquarters operates the Northern Texas PGA Junior Golf Foundation, a 501(c) 3 tax-exempt organization. The Junior Golf Foundation provides the PGA golf professional an opportunity to impact the game in a most important and lasting fashion. Active involvement with junior golf is, indeed, an opportunity to promote and teach this game of a lifetime to the youth of our communities. The PGA has the responsibility to impart the traditions and history of golf to the future caretakers of the game. The PGA of America, the Northern Texas PGA, and its member golf professionals are recognized as the leaders in the world of golf today.

NORTHERN TEXAS PGA JUNIOR GOLF FOUNDATION

The Northern Texas PGA Junior Golf Foundation is committed to its mission of introducing the game of golf to children of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds, providing instruction and playing opportunities to boys and girls of various skill levels, administering a scholarship program, and serving as a clearinghouse for junior golf related activities. Although the NTPGA fosters competition, the NTPGA is designed to encourage fellowship, good sportsmanship, continued skill development, honesty, integrity and golf etiquette.

The Northern Texas PGA Junior Golf Foundation is governed by the Northern Texas PGA Board of Directors and Junior Golf Committee.



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NORTHERN TEXAS PGA JUNIOR TOUR

The Northern Texas PGA (NTPGA) Junior Tour has a membership of over 2,700 junior golfers ages 7–18 and conducts over 240 tournaments annually. Tournaments offered vary in their degree of competitiveness as we provide programs for junior golfers of all skill levels. We ask that you read the following Rules and Regulations to gain a better understanding of our Junior Tour. Thank you for your cooperation and support and we look forward to seeing you at an event in 2011.

ELIGIBILITY

The NTPGA Junior Tour is open to junior golfers ages 7–18 who are not currently attending college. Players are eligible to play in an event until their 19th birthday. A player's age division is based on their age as of the day of the tournament.

Benefits of membership include:

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| ◆ Access to non-invitational Junior Tour events | ◆ Complimentary USGA junior membership |
| ◆ 2011 Junior Tour member hat | ◆ Free admittance to one (1) 2011-2012 Dallas Stars home game (restrictions apply) |
| ◆ Free admittance into the Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial (restrictions apply) | ◆ Awards to top tournament finishers |
| ◆ Free admittance into the HP Byron Nelson Championship | ◆ Receive "Through The Green", the official newsletter of the Junior Tour |
| ◆ Free admittance into the WNB Golf Classic | |

TOURNAMENT SERIES BREAKDOWN

The NTPGA Junior Tour is comprised of the following four (4) tournament series:

- ◆ Ewing Automotive All American Tour (February – December, 2011)
- ◆ Camp Olympia Spring Break Series (March 14-18, 2011)
- ◆ Ewing Automotive Junior Tour (June – August, 2011)
- ◆ NTPGA Cowboys Series (Sundays, August 28 – November 6, 2011)

TOUR AREAS AND LEVELS

The NTPGA Junior Tour is separated into three areas: East, Metro and West. Members may play in a variety of areas and tour levels throughout the year.

EAST TEXAS

(includes Athens, Canton, Longview, Palestine, Texarkana, Tyler, etc.)

◆ Medalist Tour

The East Texas Medalist Tour is for members ages 7–18 with beginning level and average tournament experience, offers 9-hole (ages 7–10) and 18-hole (ages 11–18) individual stroke play competitions.

WEST TEXAS

(includes Abilene, Amarillo, Brownwood, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, San Angelo, etc.)

◆ Medalist Tour

The West Texas Medalist Tour is for members ages 7–18 with beginning level and average tournament experience, offers 9-hole (ages 7–10) and 18-hole (ages 11–18) individual stroke play competitions.

METRO AREA

(includes Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex, Sherman, Temple, Waco, Wichita Falls, etc.)

◆ Prep Tour

The Metro Prep Tour is for members ages 7–18 with beginning level golf experience, offers 9-hole individual stroke play competitions.

◆ Medalist Tour & Masters Tour

The Medalist Tour is for members ages 11–18 with average tournament experience, offers 18-hole individual stroke play competitions.

◆ All American Tour

The Ewing Automotive All American Tour is for members with a moderate to high level of tournament experience and ability. This tour offers two day, 36-hole individual stroke play competitions for players ages 11-18, as well as 18-hole stroke play competitions for players ages 7-10.

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR SELECTING A TOUR LEVEL

Members will have the right to place themselves in any tour level at the beginning of the season. However, the NTPGA reserves the right to place members in certain tour levels based on their performance.

It is suggested that members (both boys and girls) use the following guidelines when selecting tour levels:

<u>Average Score (9 holes) / (18 holes)</u>	<u>Tour Level</u>
Higher than (50) / (100)	Prep Tour
Lower than (50) / (100)	Medalist and Masters Tours
Lower than (45) / (90)	All American Tour

If during the play of any Metro Medalist or Masters Tour event, a player shoots higher than 120 in two (2) events during the series (i.e. Ewing Automotive Junior Tour), that player may be re-assigned to the Metro Prep Tour for the rest of that series. If during the play of any All American Tour event a player's 36-hole score is higher than 210, two (2) times throughout the year, that player may be re-assigned to the Medalist and Masters Tour.

ENTRY PROCEDURES

Entries for all non-invitational tournaments conducted by the NTPGA Junior Tour will be accepted via on-line, mail, or fax when tournament registration for that event or tournament series opens. There is no limit to the number of events a member can enter.

NOTE: The NTPGA 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. Please note that walk-up players will not be accepted at any NTPGA Junior Tour Tournament.

- ◆ Members will be placed in an age group according to their age as of the date of the tournament (unless they have declared “up” to a higher age division). NOTE: Should a player qualify for the Area or Tour Championship in one age division, however as of the Area or Tour Championship they are in an older age division, they will be required to compete in the older age division.
- ◆ Members must register online or use the official tournament entry form located on the NTPGA website to register for events (entries submitted via phone or email will not be accepted).
- ◆ Confirmation emails will be sent out to each member submitting an entry form confirming the tournaments they were accepted into or otherwise.

REFUND AND CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations must be submitted online or through the NTPGA office utilizing the automated cancellation line. Cancellations can be made online by accessing your account on the main page of the NTPGA website. The cancellation line can be accessed 24 hours a day by calling the NTPGA 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. three (3) days prior to the scheduled event. Example: If an event is on June 10, you must withdraw by 11:59 p.m. on June 7. 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 NTPGA 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 under Forms and Documents under the Membership heading of NTPGA website. NOTE: For Prep and Medalist Tour events, all refunds are subject to a \$5.00 processing fee. For Masters, All American Tour and Championship events, all refunds are subject to a \$10.00 processing fee.

TRANSFER POLICY

All transfer requests must be submitted prior to the registration deadline of both the tournament a player is transferring out of and the tournament a player is transferring into. All transfers out of a tournament can only be transferred into a tournament of the same tour level (i.e. Prep to Prep, Medalist to Medalist, Masters to Masters, All American to All American). Transfer requests that do not meet the above stated guidelines will be treated as a cancellation and adhere to the cancellation policy.

TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION PROCEDURE

The NTPGA reserves the right to cancel tournaments in the event of inclement weather or other incidents. The NTPGA recommends checking the status of a tournament by viewing the NTPGA 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 NTPGA 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 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the tournament.

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.

BREAKING TIES

In all Prep, Medalist and Masters Tour events, ties for first, second and third place in all age 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.

At All American Tour and Championship 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 NTPGA when canceling out of a tournament. When canceling on the day of the tournament, members must notify the NTPGA 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 NTPGA 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 (i.e. Ewing Automotive Junior Tour) 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 12-13 during All American Tour events and Girls 13-14 in Masters Tour events. In order to declare up, members must complete the Age Division Declaration Form which is available on the NTPGA website under Forms and Documents under the Membership heading. All requests to declare up must be approved by the NTPGA based on a player's scoring average and overall tournament experience.

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. All American Tour participants will be issued a local rules sheet at each event, as well as a NTPGA Junior Tour hard card. The following are NTPGA Junior Tour Rules of Play (unless otherwise stated).

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 caddies assist in keeping their score. All scores need to be recorded on a NTPGA official score card.
- ◆ 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.

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- ◆ 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 their 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.

MEDALIST TOUR & MASTERS 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.
 - ◆ 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.
 - ◆ Spectators may keep a player's score for their own records, however, the only official score is that which is on the player's official NTPGA score card.
 - ◆ 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.
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ALL AMERICAN 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.
- ◆ Participants in the 11-18 age divisions must walk and carry their own equipment. Participants in the 7-10 age divisions 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 7-10 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.
- ◆ Spectators may keep a player's score for their own records, however, the only official score is that which is on the player's official NTPGA score card.
- ◆ 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 local rules sheet and the NTPGA Junior Tour hard 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. For each event, the NTPGA 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 West Area Championship, 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 Tour encourages spectators to attend tournaments. However, the NTPGA 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. When a player is in doubt to a rules situation and no official is available, he/she may complete the hole by playing a "second ball" under Rule 3-3 (Doubt as to Procedure) and report the facts to the NTPGA Staff before returning his/her score card.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Alcohol, swearing or abusive language will not be tolerated from spectators.

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 NTPGA Junior Tour 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 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.
- ◆ Carts will be available to spectators on a first-come, first served basis.

CADDIE POLICY

When caddies are permitted, each player may have one caddie to carry their equipment and give advice. However, the NTPGA 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 NTPGA 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 member.

GOLF GALAXY POINTS CHALLENGE

Points will be awarded to the top ten (10) finishers (and ties) in all East Texas Medalist divisions, all West Texas Medalist divisions, all Metro Medalist and Masters divisions, all All American Tour divisions, and Metro Prep 7-10 divisions only. Each tournament series (All American Tour, Spring Break Series, Summer Series, and Fall Series) of the NTPGA Junior Tour will have its own Points Challenge. NOTE: Any points earned within an age division will stay in that age division for the entire tournament series, and any points earned within a Chapter will stay in that Chapter for the entire tournament series.

The following is the breakdown of the point distribution for each age division at each NTPGA Junior Tour event:

1 st place – 100	4 th place – 55	7 th place – 25	10 th place – 5
2 nd place – 80	5 th place – 45	8 th place – 15	
3 rd place – 65	6 th place – 35	9 th place – 10	

NOTE: Points will be distributed equally amongst all ties within the top 10 (excluding 1st, 2nd and 3rd place at All American Tour events).

NOTE: Points distributed at the Area Championships will be increased for each place by 50%.

A player's standing in the Golf Galaxy Points Challenge will be determined by the total points accumulated from the tournaments in which they participate. Example: A player has earned 210 points in the Golf Galaxy Summer Points Challenge by playing in four tournaments and recording a 1st place finish (100 points), 3rd place finish (65 points), 5th place finish (45 points) and 11th place finish (0 points).

Points earned during each tournament series will be used to establish invitee lists and exemptions for Championship events, as well as determine the Points Challenge winner for each tournament series.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The NTPGA Junior Tour takes great pride in the quality and conduct of its players, host facilities, and sponsors. The NTPGA Junior Tour requires all members to adhere to a set of guidelines known as the Code of Conduct. The purpose is to help all participants grow and mature by understanding and accepting the consequences of their actions, both on and off the golf course.

1. Violations of the Code of Conduct include, but are not limited to: abusive language, club throwing, cheating, disrespect of volunteers, officials and host staff, abuse of the golf course, use of smoking or chewing tobacco products, drugs or alcohol, not adhering to the dress code, leaving the course during a competitive round without permission of a Foundation official, or any other conduct deemed unbecoming of a Foundation member.
2. Proper attire is required at all times at NTPGA Junior Tour events. Failure to comply may result in disqualification. Each host facility may have additional rules and dress code requirements that must be adhered to by all members and spectators. Proper attire includes collared shirts or mock turtlenecks (host golf course permitting), slacks, shorts, golf or tennis shoes, caps and visors. Should a golf course have a stricter dress code, its policy will take precedence. It is also suggested that participants wear sunscreen. 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 NTPGA Junior Tour strongly suggests participants present themselves in a positive manner while representing the NTPGA by wearing hats with the brim forward and tucking in all shirts.

The NTPGA Junior Tour may assess any or all of the following penalties based on the severity of the Code of Conduct violation:

- a) Issue a verbal or written letter of warning to the player and his/her parent/guardian.
- b) Enforce a two-stroke penalty.
- c) Disqualify the player from the tournament where the violation occurs.
- d) Suspend the player for a portion of the series or the remainder of the series and/or year.
- e) Suspend the player's membership indefinitely.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

By entering and competing in a NTPGA Junior Tour sanctioned tournament, you assume all risk and danger incidental to the game of golf and release NTPGA sanctioned tournaments and competitions and their host sites, sponsors, host organizations, NTPGA, participating players, and all agents thereof from any and all liabilities resulting from such cases.

You grant permission to the NTPGA to utilize your image or likeness incidental to any live or recorded television or other transmission or reproduction in whole or in part of any NTPGA event you attend. You agree not to transmit or facilitate transmission of any account, description, picture, or reproduction of any NTPGA event, including, without limitation, scoring related data, without the specific advance written permission of the NTPGA.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

In the event of a suspension, the player may submit a written account of the Code of Conduct violation to the NTPGA Junior Tour Grievance Committee within seven (7) days of the suspension / disqualification. The Grievance Committee will review all submitted materials, including a tournament staff account of the violation. The NTPGA Executive Director and Junior Golf Committee Chairman will review grievances. All grievances must go through the appropriate channels to be considered.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR JUNIOR GOLFERS WITH DISABILITIES OR CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS

The NTPGA will, at its sole discretion and upon receipt of applicable medical documentation, make reasonable accommodations for junior golfers with disabilities or chronic health conditions. Subject to applicable rules established by the host site, reasonable accommodations may include the use of a pull cart or motorized golf cart for the transportation of golf clubs and competitors during junior tour events. All related inquires and communications shall be directed to the Executive Director.

MISCELLANEOUS

- ◆ It is the responsibility of the participant to know the host facility rules and regulations. The Foundation abides by all host facility rules and regulations and requires that all participants and spectators do the same.
- ◆ It is the responsibility of the participant (grades 9–12) to know the University Interscholastic League (UIL) regulations and abide by them.
- ◆ The NTPGA will charge a \$35.00 fee for any returned and/or non-sufficient fund checks. Playing privileges may be suspended until all fees are sufficiently paid.



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EAST TEXAS MEDALIST TOUR

The East Texas Medalist Tour is for members ages 7–18 with beginning level and average tournament experience and offers 9-hole (ages 7–10) and 18-hole (ages 11–18) individual stroke play competitions. A player’s age division is based on their age as of the day of the tournament.

AGE DIVISIONS & APPROXIMATE YARDAGES

◆ Boys 7-8	9 holes	Orange Cones	1,900 yards
◆ Boys 9-10	9 holes		2,500 yards
◆ Boys 11–12	18 holes		5,100 – 5,500 yards
◆ Boys 13–14	18 holes		5,500 – 5,900 yards
◆ Boys 15–16	18 holes		6,100 – 6,500 yards
◆ Boys 17–18	18 holes		6,100 – 6,500 yards
◆ Girls 7-8	9 holes	Orange Cones	1,900 yards
◆ Girls 9-10	9 holes	Orange Cones	1,900 yards
◆ Girls 11–12	18 holes		4,800 – 5,200 yards
◆ Girls 13–14	18 holes		5,100 – 5,500 yards
◆ Girls 15–16	18 holes		5,300 – 5,700 yards
◆ Girls 17-18	18 holes		5,300 – 5,700 yards

*Please note that tees and yardages are subject to change depending on each host facility.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES

Summer Series (18-hole events)	\$20.00
Summer Series (36-hole events)	\$40.00
Cowboys Series	\$30.00



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WEST TEXAS MEDALIST TOUR

The West Texas Medalist Tour is for members ages 7–18 with beginning level and average tournament experience and offers 9-hole (ages 7–10) and 18-hole (ages 11–18) individual stroke play competitions. A player’s age division is based on their age as of the day of the tournament.

AGE DIVISIONS & APPROXIMATE YARDAGES

◆ Boys 7-8	9 holes	Orange Cones	1,900 yards
◆ Boys 9-10	9 holes		2,500 yards
◆ Boys 11–12	18 holes		5,100 – 5,500 yards
◆ Boys 13–14	18 holes		5,500 – 5,900 yards
◆ Boys 15–16	18 holes		6,100 – 6,500 yards
◆ Boys 17–18	18 holes		6,100 – 6,500 yards
◆ Girls 7-8	9 holes	Orange Cones	1,900 yards
◆ Girls 9-10	9 holes	Orange Cones	1,900 yards
◆ Girls 11–12	18 holes		4,800 – 5,200 yards
◆ Girls 13–14	18 holes		5,100 – 5,500 yards
◆ Girls 15–16	18 holes		5,300 – 5,700 yards
◆ Girls 17-18	18 holes		5,300 – 5,700 yards

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TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES

Spring Break Series	\$30.00
Summer Series	\$20.00
Cowboys Series	\$30.00



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METRO PREP TOUR

The Metro Prep Tour is for members ages 7–18 with beginning level experience and offers 9-hole individual stroke play competitions. A player’s age division is based on their age as of the day of the tournament

AGE DIVISIONS & APPROXIMATE YARDAGES

◆ Boys 7-8	9 holes	Green Cones	1,700 yards
◆ Boys 9-10	9 holes	Yellow Cones	2,100 yards
◆ Boys 11–12	9 holes	Orange Cones	2,500 yards
◆ Boys 13–14	9 holes	Orange Cones	2,500 yards
◆ Boys 15–16	9 holes		2,900 yards
◆ Boys 17–18	9 holes		2,900 yards
◆ Girls 7-8	9 holes	Green Cones	1,700 yards
◆ Girls 9-10	9 holes	Green Cones	1,700 yards
◆ Girls 11–12	9 holes	Yellow Cones	2,100 yards
◆ Girls 13–14	9 holes	Yellow Cones	2,100 yards
◆ Girls 15–16	9 holes	Orange Cones	2,500 yards
◆ Girls 17-18	9 holes	Orange Cones	2,500 yards

*Please note that tees and yardages are subject to change depending on each host facility.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES

Spring Break Series	\$30.00
Summer Tour	\$20.00
Cowboys Series	\$30.00

PREP TOUR CONE YARDAGE GUIDELINES

ORANGE CONES

Divisions: Boys 11-12, Boys 13-14, Girls 15-16, Girls 17-18

Approximate Total Yardage = 2,500 yards

Par 3 Range = 90-130 Par 4 Range = 250-325 Par 5 Range = 350-425

Standard Setup Example (Par 36)

Par 3 - 110
Par 3 - 130
Par 5 - 375
Par 5 - 425
Par 4 - 250
Par 4 - 275
Par 4 - 295
Par 4 - 310
Par 4 - 325

YELLOW CONES

Divisions: Boys 9-10, Girls 11-12, Girls 13-14

Approximate Total Yardage = 2,100 yards

Par 3 Range = 70-110 Par 4 Range = 225-300 Par 5 Range = 325-400

Standard Setup Example (Par 36)

Par 3 - 85
Par 3 - 100
Par 5 - 350
Par 5 - 400
Par 4 - 225
Par 4 - 245
Par 4 - 250
Par 4 - 275
Par 4 - 300

GREEN CONES

Division: Boys 7-8, Girls 7-8, Girls 9-10

Approximate Yardage = 1,700 yards

Par 3 Range = 50-90 Par 4 Range = 150-225 Par 5 Range = 250-325

Standard Setup Example (Par 36)

Par 3 - 60
Par 3 - 80
Par 5 - 250
Par 5 - 300
Par 4 - 155
Par 4 - 165
Par 4 - 175
Par 4 - 200
Par 4 - 225



METRO MEDALIST & MASTERS TOURS

The Metro Medalist and Masters Tour is for members ages 11–18 with average tournament experience and offers 18-hole individual stroke play competitions. A player’s age division is based on their age as of the day of the tournament.

AGE DIVISIONS & APPROXIMATE YARDAGES

- ◆ Boys 11-12 18 holes 5,100 – 5,500 yards
- ◆ Boys 13-14 18 holes 5,500 – 5,900 yards
- ◆ Boys 15-16 18 holes 6,100 – 6,500 yards
- ◆ Boys 17-18 18 holes 6,100 – 6,500 yards
- ◆ Girls 11-12 18 holes 4,800 – 5,200 yards
- ◆ Girls 13-14 18 holes 5,100 – 5,500 yards
- ◆ Girls 15-16 18 holes 5,300 – 5,700 yards
- ◆ Girls 17-18 18 holes 5,300 – 5,700 yards

*Please note that tees and yardages are subject to change depending on each host facility.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES

Medalist Tour Spring Break Series	\$40.00
Medalist Tour Summer Series	\$30.00
Medalist Tour Cowboys Series	\$40.00
Masters Tour	\$60.00



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EWING AUTOMOTIVE ALL AMERICAN TOUR

The Ewing Automotive All American Tour is for members ages 7–18 who have demonstrated a moderate to high level of tournament ability and are seeking a higher level of tournament competition. The All American Tour offers two-day 18-hole stroke play competitions for players ages 7-10, as well as 36-hole stroke play competitions for players ages 11-18. A player’s age division is based on their age as of the day of the tournament.

AGE DIVISIONS & APPROXIMATE YARDAGES

◆ Boys 7-8	9 holes	Yellow Cones	2,100 yards
◆ Boys 9-10	9 holes	Orange Cones	2,500 yards
◆ Boys 11–12	18 holes		5,100 – 5,500 yards
◆ Boys 13–14	18 holes		5,700 – 6,100 yards
◆ Boys 15–16	18 holes		6,400 – 6,800 yards
◆ Boys 17–18	18 holes		6,400 – 6,800 yards
◆ Girls 7-8	9 holes	Green Cones	1,700 yards
◆ Girls 9-10	9 holes	Yellow Cones	2,100 yards
◆ Girls 11–12	18 holes		5,100 – 5,500 yards
◆ Girls 13–14	18 holes		5,100 – 5,500 yards
◆ Girls 15–16	18 holes		5,400 – 5,800 yards
◆ Girls 17-18	18 holes		5,400 – 5,800 yards

*Please note that tees and yardages are subject to change depending on each host facility.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES

(18-hole events)	\$100.00
(36-hole events)	\$150.00

2011 RULES & REGULATIONS ADDITIONS / CHANGES SUMMARY

Age Divisions:

- ◆ The NTPGA Junior Tour will now use the following age divisions at every tournament:
 - Boys 7-8; Boys 9-10; Boys 11-12; Boys 13-14; Boys 15-16; Boys 17-18
 - Girls 7-8; Girls 9-10; Girls 11-12; Girls 13-14; Girls 15-16; Girls 17-18

Tour Levels & Eligibility:

- ◆ The Metro Prep Tour is for members ages 7-18, offers 9-hole individual stroke-play competition.
- ◆ The Metro Medalist and Masters Tours are for members ages 11-18, offers 18-hole individual stroke-play competition.
- ◆ The East Texas Medalist Tour is for members ages 7-18, offers 9-hole (ages 7-10) and 18-hole (ages 11-18) individual stroke play competition.
- ◆ The West Texas Medalist Tour is for members ages 7-18, offers 9-hole (ages 7-10) and 18-hole (ages 11-18) individual stroke play competition.
- ◆ The All American Tour is for members ages 7-18, offers 18-hole (ages 7-10) and 36-hole (ages 11-18) individual stroke play competition over the course of two days.

Walk-Up Policy:

- ◆ The NTPGA Junior Tour will **NOT** allow walk-up players at any tournament in 2011.

Cancellation Policy:

- ◆ Players may cancel from a tournament and receive a refund (less the cancellation fee) up until 11:59 p.m. three (3) days prior to the scheduled event. Previously, in order to receive a refund, players had to cancel five (5) days prior to the scheduled event.

Transfer Policy:

- ◆ All transfers must be submitted prior to the registration deadline of both the tournament a player is transferring out of and the tournament a player is transferring into.
- ◆ All transfers out of a tournament can only be transferred into a tournament of the same level (i.e. Prep to Prep, Medalist to Medalist, Masters to Masters, All American to All American).
- ◆ Transfer requests that do not meet the above stated guidelines will be treated as a cancellation and adhere to the cancellation policy.

Breaking Ties:

- ◆ Ties for first place at Masters Tour events will now utilize a score card playoff. Players previously competed in a hole by hole sudden death playoff.

Golf Galaxy Points Challenge:

- ◆ The “Player of the Year” format will be eliminated and replaced with a “Points Challenge” for each tournament series (All American Tour Points Challenge, Spring Break Series Points Challenge, Summer Series Points Challenge, and Fall Series Points Challenge).
- ◆ The 6/12 divisor for calculating points will be eliminated. A player’s standing in a Points Challenge will now be determined by the total points accumulated from the tournaments in

which they participate. Example: A player has earned 210 points in the Summer Points Challenge by playing in four tournaments and recording a 1st place finish (100 points), 3rd place finish (65 points), 5th place finish (45 points) and 11th place finish (0 points).

- ◆ Points earned during each tournament series will be used to establish invitee lists and exemptions for Championship events, as well as determine the Points Challenge winner for each tournament series.
- ◆ Points will be distributed equally amongst all ties within the top 10 (excluding 1st, 2nd and 3rd place at All American Tour events).
- ◆ The final event to earn points for the Summer Points Challenge will be at the player's respective Area Championship. There will be no points awarded at the Tour Championship.

2011 Ewing Automotive Area Championship Qualifying Guidelines:

- ◆ A win or a tie for first place during the summer will no longer qualify a player for their respective Area Championship.
- ◆ Points earned during the Summer Series Points Challenge from June 2 – July 29, 2011 will serve as the sole criteria for exemptions into Area Championships.
- ◆ Please refer to the 2011 Championship Qualifying Chart for a complete guide to all 2011 qualifying procedures.

2011 Ewing Automotive Tour Championship Qualifying Guidelines:

- ◆ First place finishes, or ties for first place, during the summer will no longer qualify a player for the Ewing Automotive Tour Championship.
- ◆ The Area Championships and points earned during a Points Challenge will serve as exemptions into the Tour Championship.
- ◆ Please refer to the 2011 Championship Qualifying Chart for a complete guide to all 2011 qualifying procedures.

2011 AREA & TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING CHART

