

# 2017



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## Kentucky

## *Junior Tour*

**25 Seasons of Junior Tournament Golf**

# **Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Program**

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*A Handbook to Help Navigate the 2017 Season of Junior Golf in Kentucky*

Dear Junior Golfer & Parent/Guardian,

The Kentucky PGA Junior Tour will celebrate 25 seasons of providing playing opportunities for junior golfers. As we start a new season, I look forward to the opportunity to create a rewarding experience for parents and juniors on the tour this year. In 2017, we will continue to focus on a tournament schedule that visits different areas in the state while providing a playing experience for all levels of play!

On behalf of the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour, I present to you the 2017 Junior Golf Program. This handbook is designed to help you understand everything you need to know about the Kentucky PGA Junior Golf Tour and the 2017 season. Enclosed in this booklet are policies and procedures, the 2017 Tournament Schedule and information on how to sign up for tournaments online.

The tour has focused on creating high quality tournaments for junior golfers throughout the state. Many of the top golfers in the country started their career by competing on our tour. These golfers have progressed to play competitive golf at colleges and universities. A few have even moved on to playing on the professional ranks as a career, while others have converted their passion for the game of golf to careers in the business of golf. The common thread that connects all those golfers is learning about the rules and etiquette of the game while fine tuning their abilities during tournament play.

In 2017, we will continue many of the programs started the past two seasons. While the tour will continue to concentrate on enhancing the tournament experience for parents and juniors, we are excited to bring some new and expanded programs to tour participants this season. Tour members can expect the following improvements to our tournament program:

- Incentive programs for handicap score posting (**NEW in 2017**)
- Age Division modifications pairing more appropriate yardages by age and gender (**NEW in 2017**)
- Tour Championship added to conclude the Fall 9-Hole Series (**NEW in 2017**)
- Continued dedication to growing High School Golf Team Donation Program
- Caddies continue in 9-Hole Divisions with a Caddie Bib Purchase Program available

For the 2017 Season, the membership fee is \$80.00 for juniors of all ages competing across different divisions. Players may earn a credit by referring a new member to the tour. Tour membership allows entry at member pricing for the spring, summer, and fall series of events. When you visit [kygolf.org](http://kygolf.org) and begin the registration process, please read through the description for our 18-Hole, 9-Hole and 6-Hole Division Memberships to make sure that you select the proper division for your age and preferences when signing up. Most 18-Hole Divisions will play a yardage reflective of high school tournament yardage, but there will also be younger 18-Hole Divisions using Middle School State Championship yardages. All members will receive a handicap, and incentive programs will be available to encourage score posting and establishing a handicap index.

Junior golfers may sign up for membership and tournaments throughout the year; however, we have a seven (7) day deadline for individual tournaments. As the demand grows for our events, early registration is encouraged as many events have maximum participation levels that could be met.

If you have further questions do not hesitate to contact me at any time via e-mail at [credle@kygolf.org](mailto:credle@kygolf.org).

Respectfully,

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## 2017 Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Spring Series

Date	Course	City	Date	Course	City
<b><u>Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Spring Match Play:</u></b>			April 15	Juniper Hill GC	Frankfort
March 25-26	Old Bridge GC	Danville	April 22	Nevel Meade GC	Prospect
<b><u>Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Spring Stableford Points Series:</u></b>			April 29	Barren River State Park GC	Lucas
April 1	Marriott's Griffin Gate GC	Lexington	May 13	Paxton Park GC	Paducah
<b><u>Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Spring Combo Stableford Points Regional:</u></b>			<b><u>Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Spring Classic:</u></b>		
*April 8	Weissinger Hills GC	Shelbyville	May 20-21	Wild Turkey Trace GC	Lawrenceburg
*April 9	Quail Chase GC (South/East)	Louisville	May 27	Old Bridge GC	Danville

## 2017 Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Summer Series

Date	Course	City	Date	Course	City
May 30	Lake Forest CC	Louisville	June 21	**Paintsville CC	Paintsville
May 30	Eagle Trace GC	Morehead	June 22	**Stone Crest GC	Prestonsburg
May 31	Cherry Blossom G&CC	Georgetown	June 22	*Hopkinsville G&CC	Hopkinsville
June 1	*The Pines at Lindsey Wilson	Columbia	June 23	Shawnee GC (AM Shotgun)	Louisville
June 2	*Lakewood CC	Russell Springs	June 29	Paxton Park GC	Paducah
June 3	Calvert City CC (PM Start)	Calvert City	June 30	Moss Hill GC	Versailles
June 5	Bellefonte CC	Ashland	July 5	Weissinger Hills GC	Shelbyville
June 6	Polo Fields CC	Louisville	July 5	*Boone's Trace National GC (The Bull)	Richmond
June 9	Elizabethtown CC	Elizabethtown	July 6	*Gibson Bay GC	Richmond
June 12	University Club at Arlington	Richmond	July 7	Hidden Cove GC	Grayson
June 13	A.J. Jolly GC	Alexandria	July 10	Rolling Hills CC	Paducah
June 13	Campbellsville CC	Campbellsville	July 10	Danville CC	Danville
June 14	*Greenbrier G&CC	Lexington	July 11	Eagle's Nest CC	Somerset
June 15	*Winchester CC	Winchester	July 12	Triple Crown CC	Union
June 16	Ben Hawes State Park GC	Owensboro	July 12	*Glasgow CC	Glasgow
June 19	Bowling Green CC	Bowling Green	July 13	*Indian Hills CC	Bowling Green
June 20	Bardstown CC (Maywood)	Bardstown	July 14	Eagle Trace GC	Morehead
June 21	*Lake Barkley Boots Randolph GC	Cadiz	July 18	Summit Hills CC	Crestview Hills

### **2-Day Regional Sites (JGS Ranked Events)**

June 10-11	KY Dam Village State Park GC	Gilbertsville
June 10-11	Wasioto Winds GC	Pineville

### **KY PGA Junior Tour Championship (Invite Only):**

<b>All 18-Hole, 9-Hole, and 6-Hole Divisions</b>		
July 20-21	Keene Trace Golf Club	Nicholasville
	Keene Run Course	

Events marked with an \* or \*\* represent Combo Series JGS ranked events if playing on both days. Series includes June 1-2, June 14-15, June 21-22 (two different Combo Regionals), July 5-6, and July 12-13.

## 2017 Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Fall Series

Date	Course	City	Date	Course	City
July 24	Owl Creek CC	Anchorage	August 12	Crescent Hill GC	Louisville
July 28	Moss Hill GC	Versailles	August 19	Glasgow CC	Glasgow
July 29	GC of Kenton County (Pioneer)	Independence	August 26	Quail Chase GC (South)	Louisville
August 2	Cherokee GC	Louisville	September 10	Bardstown CC (Maywood)	Bardstown
August 3	Weissinger Hills GC	Shelbyville	<b><u>Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Fall Series Tour Championship:</u></b>		
August 5	Thoroughbred GC	Nichoalsville	September 17	Battlefield GC	Richmond
August 8	Cherry Blossom GC	Georgetown	<b><u>Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Fall Classic:</u></b>		
August 9	Boone Links (Ridgeview)	Florence	Oct 14-15	University Club of Kentucky (Wildcat)	Lexington

## 2017 Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Special Events

Date	Course	City	Date	Course	City
<b><u>KY Junior PGA Championship Qualifier:</u></b>			<b><u>Kentucky Junior Amateur Championships:</u></b>		
<b>All 18-Hole Divisions</b>			<b>All Girls &amp; 9-Hole Boys</b>		
June 7-8	University Club of Kentucky (Big Blue)	Lexington	June 27-28	My Old Kentucky Home State Park GC	Bardstown
<b>All 9-Hole Divisions (2-Day Championship, but not a Qualifier)</b>			<b>Boys 13-18</b>		
June 7-8	University Club of Kentucky (Wildcat-Back 9)	Lexington	June 27-28	Bardstown CC (Maywood)	Bardstown
<b><u>KY PGA Junior Tour Adult-Child:</u></b>			<b><u>KY PGA Junior Tour Pro-Am:</u></b>		
June 24	Bardstown CC (Maywood)	Bardstown	July 17	Campbellsville CC	Campbellsville

Find the "Next Top Golfer" in 2017 with the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour...  
Membership Registration starts on December 1... Event Registration starts on February 1!

# Using the Handbook

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This handbook provides information for every junior golf tournament conducted by Golf House Kentucky. In the following pages you will find important information regarding the policies and guidelines of our junior golf program. This packet is set up to be an easy resource for your use in obtaining information and registering for our many junior golf events.

**Enclosed in this handbook you will find information regarding:**

- Kentucky PGA Junior Tour (including 9-Hole and 6-Hole Divisions)
- Kentucky Junior PGA Championship Qualifier
- Boys and Girls Kentucky Junior Amateur Championship

The best way to register is by visiting our website, *kygolf.org*, as this has proved to be an easy and effective way to register for events. Specific directions on how to become a member and apply for a tournament are located later in the handbook. The website will be updated each week to provide you with the latest information available, including tournament pairings and results as well as the Tour Player of the Year point standings.

## Eligible Participants

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Juniors that are born after June 1, 1998 residing in the Commonwealth of Kentucky are eligible to participate on the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour. Membership is also open to any junior that maintains an active Handicap Index at a Kentucky Golf Association Member facility. Memberships are available for out of state residents who do not maintain an active Handicap Index at a KGA Member facility for a slightly higher fee.

All Spring and Summer Series events will have 6-Hole, 9-Hole, and 18-Hole Divisions. The two-day regionals will not have 6-Hole divisions, but there will be a 10 & Under Division for boys (9-Holes) and a 12 & Under Division for girls (9-Hole). The Fall Series single-day events will have 6-Hole and 9-Hole Divisions with recognition to the Fall Series Players of the Year and an end of season Tour Championship (**NEW in 2017**).

## Age Divisions for Competition

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Participants will select their Division based on their age as of June 1, 2017 during the Tour Membership registration process. Juniors may choose to “play up” into the next Age Division if they wish to compete against older juniors from a longer yardage. Once the Age Division is selected, the junior will remain in that Division through the Fall Classic while earning Junior Player of the Year Points only in the selected Division through the Tour Championship. Players that have not started college may still participate in the oldest age group.

**Boys Divisions:** Boys 17-18; Boys 15-16; Boys 14 & Under; Boys 13-18 (9-Hole); Boys 11-12 (9-Hole); Boys 10 & Under (9-Hole); Boys 8 & Under (6-Hole, Series events only)

**Girls Divisions:** Girls 16-18; Girls 13-15; Girls 14 & Under (**NEW in 2017**); Girls 13-18 (9-Hole); Girls 12 & Under (9-Hole); Girls 9 & Under (6-Hole, Series events only)

The Boys 13-18 (9-Hole) and Girls 13-18 (9-Hole) Divisions are designed toward developing players in those age groups who are not yet ready to compete in 18-Hole events. Points are not awarded for Player of the Year, and these Divisions do not participate in the Summer Series Tour Championship. Players may move to 18-Hole Divisions after experience is gained. The NEW Girls 14 & Under Division play from Middle School State Championship yardages while the other Girls 18-Hole Divisions play from High School Invitational yardages.

# History

The Kentucky Golf Association was organized at a meeting at Louisville Country Club in 1911, in which officials from eight golf clubs from across Kentucky came together with the purpose of identifying a method in which to determine a champion amateur golfer for the year. From these origins came the Kentucky Golf Association, which is recognized as Kentucky's governing body for amateur golf.



Officially incorporated in 1946, the Kentucky Golf Association has grown from the original eight clubs to include approximately 200 member facilities across Kentucky, and determining an amateur golf champion for Kentucky remains a primary focus. Among the services provided by the Kentucky Golf Association to its member facilities are a uniform USGA Handicap<sup>®</sup> computation service; USGA Course Rating<sup>®</sup> services, Rules of Golf administration, amateur status administration, and the conduct of state championships, including the Kentucky State Amateur Championship, which traces its origins to the Kentucky Golf Association's founding year of 1911. The association is governed by a board of directors, consisting of representatives from member facilities from ten designated sections across Kentucky.

The Kentucky Section PGA is one of the PGA of America's 41 sections, and the boundaries for the Kentucky Section coincide with the official boundaries for the State of Kentucky. The Kentucky Section PGA traces its origins to the 1925, and was officially incorporated in 1970. Today, the Kentucky Section consists of over 300 PGA Members and Apprentices from across Kentucky. These PGA



Professionals perform a variety of roles (golf professionals, teachers, coaches, golf course superintendents, golf course owners/operators, administrators, sales professionals, executive management, etc.) in the industry, and each are dedicated to promoting, teaching, and growing the game.

In 1978, these two organizations came together to form Golf House Kentucky, a joint management effort in which both organizations agreed to share staff and resources. This type of cooperation between amateur and professional golf organizations was almost unheard of, and today, only two states, Kentucky included, have this type of structure in place. The Golf House Kentucky has spawned a number of initiatives since its creation in 1978, including the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame in 1984. In 1993, the two organizations worked to form a statewide junior golf tour, known today as the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour. Since its inception, this effort has reached thousands of young people from across Kentucky. This season represents the 25<sup>th</sup> Season the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour has provided tournament golf throughout the state.

In 2002, the Kentucky Golf Association and Kentucky Section PGA came together in another joint effort to form the Kentucky Golf Foundation, with a primary purpose of constructing Golf House Kentucky, which would serve as the home for Kentucky's family of golf organizations and the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. Completed in late 2006, Golf House Kentucky serves these purposes in a beautiful setting near Persimmon Ridge Golf Club.

For more information on Kentucky's family of golf organizations, visit [kygolf.org](http://kygolf.org).

## **2016 Junior Players of the Year by Age Division:**

***Boys 17-18 Division:*** Corbin Kirksey

***Boys 15-16 Division:*** Blake Evans

***Boys 13-14 Division:*** Andrew Marrs

***Boys 11-12 Division:*** Logan Liles

***Boys 10 & Under Division:*** Levi Keith

***Boys 8 & Under Division:*** Ryker Huther

***Girls 16-18 Division:*** Keista Elder

***Girls 13-15 Division:*** Ava Dillow

***Girls 12 & Under Division:*** Jenna Estravillo

***Girls 9 & Under Division:*** Abigail Caine

# 2017 Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Program

## Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Membership Fee

**Membership Fee:** 18-Hole, 9-Hole and 6-Hole - \$80.00

**Out of State Membership Fee:** 18-Hole, 9-Hole and 6-Hole - \$90.00

The Tour Membership runs through the calendar year consisting of stroke play events with a stroke play Tour Championship at the end of the summer season. All Divisions of the Tour Championship will be held at Keene Trace Golf Club (Keene Run Course) on July 20-21.

**AGES:** These events are for junior golfers born after June 1, 1998 that have not yet started college. Divisions are formed based on the age of the junior golfer as of June 1, 2017.

**# OF HOLES:** All golfers will play eighteen holes per round *except*:

- Boys and Girls 13-18 (9-Hole) Divisions will play nine holes
- Boys and Girls 12 & Under will play nine holes
- Girls 9 & Under and Boys 8 & Under will play six holes

**MAX EVENTS:** Players may play in as many events as they want but count a maximum of **10** finishes in Tour Player of the Year Points System. (**10** events for those in the 6-Hole Division also)

**COSTS:** The following costs represent member pricing and do not include the membership fee. Non-Members may register for individual events by paying an additional fee of \$40 per event.

### **Spring & Summer Series Single-Day Events:**

\$65.00 – 18-Hole Divisions

\$45.00 – 9-Hole & 6-Hole Divisions

### **Fall Series Single-Day Events:**

\$45.00 – 9-Hole & 6-Hole Division Member Price

\$65.00 – 9-Hole & 6-Hole Division Non-Member Price

### **Tour Championship (Members Only by Invitation):**

\$95.00 – 18-Hole Divisions

\$75.00 – 9-Hole & 6-Hole Divisions

\$55.00 – Fall Series Tour Championship: Open to any Member (**NEW in 2017**)

### **Two-Day Regional Events & Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Fall Classic:**

\$95.00 – 18-Hole Divisions

\$75.00 – 9-Hole Divisions

### **Junior PGA Championship Qualifier & Kentucky Junior Amateur:**

\$95.00 – 18-Hole Divisions

\$75.00 – 9-Hole Divisions

*Non-Members must call Golf House Kentucky to register for each event*



## **KY STATE AMATEUR BENEFIT**

Members of the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour may participate in the Kentucky State Amateur without paying the KGA Membership fee (\$40 value). Kentucky PGA Junior Tour members must call Golf House Kentucky at (502) 243-8295 to complete registration.

## **NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION**

Non-Members may participate in any event other than the Tour Championship by paying an additional \$40 per event under the "Member Fore A Day" program. Non-Members must contact Golf House Kentucky at (502) 243-8295 to complete registration for the Kentucky Junior Amateur or the Junior PGA Championship Qualifier. Otherwise, Non-Members may enter events directly from the Tournament Information page. Any additional fees for Non-Members may not be retroactively applied to Tour Membership fees.

# *Junior Championships and Qualifiers*

**ELIGIBILITY:** The Championships listed below are open only to junior golfers who reside in the Commonwealth of Kentucky unless otherwise noted. More information about the 2017 Junior PGA Championship Qualifier will be available on [kygolf.org](http://kygolf.org) as it becomes available. Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Members do receive member pricing on select registration fees.

## **2017 KENTUCKY JUNIOR AMATEUR**

*The Kentucky Junior Amateur will be held on June 27-28, 2017*

- Boys 13-18 (18-Hole Divisions) as of June 27, 2017 will play at Bardstown Country Club at Maywood
- Boys 12 & Under and Boys 13-18 (9-Hole Divisions) as of June 27, 2017 will play at My Old Kentucky Home State Park Golf Course
- Entry is open to any male who is 18 & under as of June 27, 2017 (the first day of the championship)
- Divisions are set by age and do not necessarily correspond to Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Divisions.
- Entry is open to any junior with an active Handicap Index at a KGA Member facility, Kentucky residents and Tour Members
- \$95 (18-Hole) / \$75 (9-Hole) entry fee for Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Members (Non-Members add \$40 to entry fee)

*2016 Champions: Levi Keith (10 & under), Drew Wallace (11-12), Robbie Bender (13-14),  
Drew Doyle (15-16), and Mason Lenhart (17-18)*

*Overall Champion: Mason Lenhart*

## **2017 KENTUCKY GIRLS JUNIOR AMATEUR**

*The Kentucky Girls Junior Amateur will be held June 27-28, 2017 at My Old Kentucky Home State Park Golf Course*

- Entry is open to any female who is 18 & under as of June 21, 2016 (the first day of the championship)
- Divisions are set by age and do not necessarily correspond to Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Divisions.
- Entry is open to any junior with an active Handicap Index at a KGA Member facility, Kentucky residents and Tour Members
- \$95 (18-Hole) / \$75 (9-Hole) entry fee for Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Members (Non-Members add \$40 to entry fee)

*2016 Champions: Macie Brown (12 & under), Rylea Marcum (13-15), and Mary Joiner (16-18)*

*Overall Champion: Mary Joiner*

## **KENTUCKY JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER**

*The Junior PGA Championship Qualifier will be held the week of June 7-8, 2017 at University Club of Kentucky (Big Blue)*

- The National Junior PGA Championship has expanded to 144 players in the Boys and Girls Championship (**NEW in 2017**)
- The Girls and Boys Junior PGA Championship will be held at The Country Club of St. Albans near St. Louis, MO
- The Boys and Girls Overall Champion will advance to the Junior PGA Championship
- An additional wildcard Boys and Girls spot will be awarded based on criteria released by the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour (see page 20 for more information on "Golden Ticket")
- The Girls Championship will take place July 18-21, 2017, & the Boys Championship will take place July 31-August 3, 2017
- For eligibility requirements and additional information, visit [PGAJuniorSeries.com](http://PGAJuniorSeries.com)
- Divisions are set by age and do not necessarily correspond to Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Divisions.
- Only participants playing 36 holes from the Championship Tees will be eligible to Qualify for the Junior PGA Championship
- \$95 (18-Hole) / \$75 (9-Hole) entry fee for Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Members (Non-Members add \$40 to entry fee)

*2016 Qualifiers: Sarah Fite and Allen Hamilton*

## **U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR QUALIFIER**

*The U.S. Junior Amateur Qualifier will likely be held Monday, June 19, 2017 at Owensboro Country Club*

- For more information regarding this tournament, visit [usga.org](http://usga.org)

## **U.S. GIRLS JUNIOR AMATEUR QUALIFIER**

*The U.S. Girls Junior Amateur Qualifier will likely be held Monday, June 26, 2017 at Idle Hour Country Club*

- For more information regarding this tournament, visit [usga.org](http://usga.org)



# *Kentucky Junior Player of the Year Points System*

The following events are either conducted by Golf House Kentucky or are recognized as major statewide events. Points are for overall finish only, not by age division finish. The following breakdown will be used to award a Kentucky Junior Boys and Girls Player of the Year.

**2016 Kentucky Boys Player of the Year: Cullan Brown**

**2016 Kentucky Girls Player of the Year: Sarah Fite**

## **KENTUCKY PGA JUNIOR TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP (Overall) (#) Invitation Only**

Boys: 50 - 42 - 35 - 30 - 26 - 23 - 20 - 17 - 14 - 12 - 10 - 8 - 6 - 4 - 2

Girls: 50 - 42 - 35 - 30 - 26 - 23 - 20 - 17 - 14 - 12

## **JUNIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER**

Boys: 50 - 42 - 35 - 30 - 26 - 23 - 20 - 17 - 14 - 12 - 10 - 8 - 6 - 4 - 2

Girls: 50 - 42 - 35 - 30 - 26 - 23 - 20 - 17 - 14 - 12

Additionally, bonus points will be given for the following:

- + 20 for making the cut
- + 30 for finishing in the top 25
- + 40 for finishing in the top 10
- + 80 for finishing as Champion

## **KENTUCKY JUNIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP (Overall)**

Boys: 50 - 42 - 35 - 30 - 26 - 23 - 20 - 17 - 14 - 12 - 10 - 8 - 6 - 4 - 2

Girls: 50 - 42 - 35 - 30 - 26 - 23 - 20 - 17 - 14 - 12

## **KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION GOLF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Boys: 40 - 32 - 25 - 20 - 17 - 14 - 12 - 10 - 8 - 6 - 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1

Girls: 40 - 32 - 25 - 20 - 17 - 14 - 12 - 10 - 8 - 6

## **USGA JUNIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING**

Boys and Girls: 40 for Qualifying from a Kentucky site

20 for Qualifying from a site outside Kentucky

- + 10 for advancing to Match Play
- + 5 for advancing to 2nd Round
- + 10 for advancing to Quarterfinals
- + 20 for advancing to Semifinals
- + 30 for finishing as Runner-Up
- + 40 for finishing as Champion

## **KENTUCKY STATE AMATEUR AND KENTUCKY OPEN (Finish compared to other Juniors)**

Boys: 25 - 20 - 18 - 16 - 14 - 12 - 10 - 8 - 7 - 6

5 points to all qualifiers who do not make the 36 hole cut

## **WOMEN'S KENTUCKY OPEN (Finish compared to other Juniors)**

Girls: 25 - 20 - 18 - 16 - 14 - 12 - 10 - 8 - 7 - 6

## **KENTUCKY WOMEN'S STATE AMATEUR**

Girls: 20 (Championship Flight Only)

Each additional match won earns 10 points

## **KENTUCKY PGA JUNIOR TOUR 2-DAY REGIONALS, COMBO REGIONALS & FALL CLASSIC (Overall)**

Boys and Girls: 20 - 15 - 10 - 8 - 6

## **AJGA EVENTS IN KENTUCKY (Finish compared to other KY Residents)**

Boys: 20 - 17 - 15 - 13 - 11 - 9 - 7 - 5 - 4 - 3

Girls: 20 - 17 - 15 - 13 - 11

## **TRUSTED CHOICE BIG "I" JUNIOR CLASSIC**

Boys and Girls: 20 - 15 - 10 - 8 - 6

**NOTE:** Information on the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Player of the Year Points System is listed on page 19.

# *2017 Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Policies and Programs*

*(Pages 11 – 22)*



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*Junior Tour*

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***New in 2017** information can be found throughout the Handbook, and a special highlight section available on Page 20-22.*

***Make sure to thoroughly read over all policies as some have changed from previous years.***

# Registration

**HOW TO ENTER:** Entries for tournaments will **NOT** be accepted before **Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**. Web registration will be available beginning at 9:00 a.m. EST.

*For the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour, Divisions are based on the age of the junior as of June 1, 2017 and they will compete in that Division for the duration of the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour season.*

## **HOW TO REGISTER ONLINE:**

- Go to *kygolf.org* and select the “Junior Golf” tab in the blue menu bar.
- Click on the “2017 Membership & Registration” link.
- If you are a returning member, register under the “Renew Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Membership” Section.
- If you are a new member, register under the “NEW Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Membership” Section.

## **HOW TO SIGN UP FOR TOURNAMENTS:**

- Once your membership has been approved you will receive an email with a username and password.
- Click on the “2017 Membership & Registration” link.
- Use your credentials to login to your account and begin signing up for tournaments under the “Tour Member Event Registration” link.
- You may sign up for multiple events at once or return as often as you like to sign up for additional events.

## **NOTES ABOUT REGISTRATION:**

- Entries for Tournaments/Championships will be confirmed by email only. *Please provide a correct email address during the Tour Membership registration process.*
- Membership entries for the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour will be confirmed by **an acceptance email via BlueGolf**. Membership packets will be distributed at events, or they are available to pick up at Golf House Kentucky.
- If you wish to make changes, you may contact Golf House Kentucky or simply log in to your BlueGolf account and make the changes online. Changes made online will be reviewed by our staff before being processed.
- A service fee of \$1.50 is added to each tournament registration.
- *Most Non-Member registration may be completed through the Tournament Information page for each event*
- *Kentucky Junior Amateur and Junior PGA Championship Qualifier Non-Member registration may only be completed by calling Golf House Kentucky at (502) 243-8295.*
- An additional fee of \$40 per event will be charged to non-member registrations.

**DEADLINES:** There is no Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Membership deadline. ***All tournament deadlines will be at 11:59 p.m. EST, SEVEN (7) days prior to the event.*** Event deadlines may be extended before pairings are published for some events. If a later registration deadline is in place, the revised date will be noted on the event listing.

**LATE ADDITIONS:** Between the time when the tournament pairings have been published and the event date, additional spots in a particular starting time may be filled on a case-by-case basis. Pace of play expectations and division assignments will be considered with any such request. If a player has not signed up for the tournament prior to the deadline and notices an open spot in his/her division, they may contact Golf House Kentucky and we will make every effort to ensure the player has a chance to compete.

**WAITING LIST:** If a tournament reaches its maximum capacity before the tournament deadline, a waiting list will be established. If a spot becomes available, the first player off the waiting list will be added to the event. However, if starting times have already been established, the spots will be filled on a division basis. For example, if a player in the Boys 15-16 Division withdraws from the event, ***the first player in that same division on the waiting list will be added to the event. If there are no more registrations in that division on the waiting list, the open spot will not be filled.***

**REFUNDS:** Refunds will only be granted to participants whose requests are received via a phone call, voicemail, e-mail, or online at least **FORTY-EIGHT (48)** hours prior to the scheduled start time of the event. If you have registered for the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour, the membership fee is non-refundable. ***Refunds for the Kentucky Junior Amateur and the Junior PGA Championship Qualifier will not be given after the deadline date.***

- All refunds are subject to at least a \$5.00 cancellation fee.

**WITHDRAWALS / CHANGES:** Participants MUST notify Golf House Kentucky at least **FORTY-EIGHT (48)** hours prior to the start time of the tournament if they wish to withdraw or make a change to a tournament that is not full. A player failing to properly withdraw from a tournament and/or not showing up will forfeit the entry fee and will be considered a “no show” and may be suspended from the next tournament. Any subsequent violation of this policy will result in suspension from Golf House Kentucky events.

- **An additional fee could be charged if you wish to move from one tournament to a different tournament based on the timing of the request or the cost of the different tournament.**

In the event of an extreme circumstance for which the participant cannot compete in the tournament within **FORTY-EIGHT (48)** hours prior to the start of the tournament, contact Golf House Kentucky immediately. Each situation will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

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## *Weather*

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In anticipation of inclement weather, the Golf House Kentucky staff reserves the right to reduce the number of holes in a stipulated round.

If an event is a total rainout, an attempt will be made to:

1. Reschedule the event
2. Place all players in another event
3. Give refunds to registered participants

The Junior MUST check the schedule for another event that is not filled, and call to enter that event at no additional charge. Credits will not be given if a 9-Hole event completes 5 holes of play or if an 18-Hole event completes 9 holes of play. Prizes will be awarded if the minimum number of holes has been completed.

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## *On Course Hospitality*

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Participants need to remember they are playing golf when the heat index is often very high. They need to be sure to have enough liquid in their bag to last for at least nine holes. Refreshment coolers on the course are constantly checked and refilled, with every effort made to have refreshments on hand. *To ensure players have enough fluids, refreshments on the course are intended for participants only.*

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## *Care for the Course*

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All players are expected to maintain the condition of the golf course by repairing ball marks, raking bunkers, replacing divots, picking up and properly disposing of trash, etc. ***Any abuse to the course or other club facilities will result in disqualification and suspension for one event.*** All players and parents are encouraged to thank the host club, staff, and volunteers for their generous support of junior golf program. Thank you notes to the host facilities are encouraged and greatly appreciated.

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## *Rules of Play*

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The 2016 Rules of Golf shall govern all play. Supplemental rules will be provided at each site in the form of a “Notice to Competitors” given to all participants prior to starting play.

# *Spectators*

Spectators are encouraged to attend all events. However, they must be courteous to all competitors and abide by all rules set in place by Golf House Kentucky and the host facility. It is the player's responsibility to keep spectators away. Please come to the course and enjoy watching the juniors compete as an individual. Spectator carts and fees are at the discretion of the host facility. Rules for spectators are as follows:

1. Spectator carts will be allowed, when available, from the host facility. All carts are to remain on the provided paths – no exceptions. In the event there are no paths provided, carts should be at least 5 feet from the fairway cut of the hole being played. Spectators will respect the entire field of participants and stop all cart movement while a player is preparing to, or in the process of making a stroke.

**\*\* In certain circumstances spectator carts may be extremely limited or not available at all at some host facilities. Personal motorized golf cars are only allowed at the discretion of the Host Professional Staff. Spectators should not arrive to an event with a personal cart without advance permission from the Host Professional Staff.**

## **VIOLATIONS OF THIS POLICY:**

- (i) First offense – Warning
  - (ii) Second offense – **Forfeit of the use of the cart for the remainder of the round, without refund.**
2. Only designated officials from the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour will give rulings to the participants at the request of the individual. The staff will assist in any way possible when they are asked to do so by the players. Players are encouraged to ask *“What are my options?”* when asking for assistance from an official.
  3. Only participants in the event will be allowed to walk in the fairways. Spectators should remain off all teeing ground and putting greens. Spectators must remain at least 30 yards from the players at all times.  
***Exception: If the player requests food, drink, or anything for personal safety, then a spectator may approach a participant to deliver what was requested. The spectator should then leave the area immediately and allow the player to continue his/her play.***

## **VIOLATIONS OF THIS POLICY:**

- (i) First offense – Warning
  - (ii) Second offense – Spectator will be asked to go into the clubhouse for the remainder of the round.
4. Spectators are required to turn their cellular device to silent or off for the entire round. When making calls please be courteous to our golfers.
  5. Spectators are welcome to spot shots by moving ahead of the grouping to view incoming shots from a safe distance. Assisting with the search for a ball is allowed and encouraged.

**Spectators are reminded that they should not inject themselves into the competition.** That includes making rulings, reporting penalties, asking for scores, or giving advice of any kind. The competitors are expected to go to the scoring area immediately upon the completion of their round without consulting with spectators beforehand. While spectators may share their thoughts with Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Officials and staff, the players are responsible for signing and reviewing their scorecard in the scoring area. Our staff is dedicated to conducting events under the Rules of Golf, and educating players is part of that process.

# *Golf House Kentucky Pace of Play Guidelines*

Rule 6-7 states in part, players must play without delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines the Committee may establish and thereafter prescribes penalties for slow play.

## **TIME PAR**

**A time par is set for each course** – See official scorecard for each individual hole-by-hole time par.

## **GROUP OUT OF POSITION**

**First Group:** The first group is out of position if at any time during the round the group is behind the prescribed schedule as detailed on the Notice to Players and/or official scorecard.

**Following Groups:** A following group is **out of position** if it is

- A. taking more than the allotted time to play; **and**
- B. preceding group has cleared the next hole to be played.

**Resumption of Play:** A group out of position when play is discontinued is out of position when play is resumed.

## **NOTIFICATION/TIMING**

When a group becomes out of position **and** more than 10 minutes behind the preceding group, all players in the group may be notified by a designated tournament official they are out of position and subject to timing.

**Teeing Ground/Through the Green**, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when he has had reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play, and he can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage counts as time taken for the stroke.

**On the putting green**, timing of a player's stroke will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean, and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt, and remove loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line of putt from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke. An extra 10 seconds for a total of 50 seconds will be allowed for the **first player** to play a stroke from the teeing ground, a second shot on a par-4 or par-5, a third stroke on a par-5, a stroke around the putting green or a stroke on the putting green.

A player who exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke will be informed by the Rules Rover as soon as practicable.

## **PACE OF PLAY PENALTIES**

The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a group being timed who takes more than the allotted time to play a stroke after timing of the player's stroke begins:

- 1<sup>st</sup> bad timing | **Warning**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> bad timing | **1 stroke penalty**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> bad timing | **Additional 1 stroke penalty**
- 4<sup>th</sup> bad timing | **Disqualification**

**Note:** If a group being timed regains its proper position, any previous "bad timings" will be carried over for the remainder of that round in the event that group requires additional monitoring.

Any appeal of a pace of play penalty must be referred to the designated Tournament Director of this event immediately upon completion of the round and their decision is final.

## **RULINGS OR OTHER INCIDENTS**

If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs which causes the group in question to lose its position, that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time. Time spent waiting for a ruling and searching for a ball is included in the total round time expectation.

# *Caddies*

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**All players must walk and carry their own clubs or use a pull cart.**

**CADDIES ARE ALLOWED FOR 9-HOLE AND 6-HOLE DIVISIONS IN ALL EVENTS.**

**EXCEPTION:** *Juniors who have demonstrated the ability to play the game competitively and in a timely fashion, but who have been diagnosed with a cognitive disability that prevents them from making proper decisions as to safety, scoring, etc., may qualify to have a caddie appointed to assist them with their play. Each request for a caddie will be viewed on a case by case basis and the amount of the caddie's participation will be limited to the specific needs of that player. It is not the intent of the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour to grant a wide range of caddie activity; rather it is our intent to severely limit the acts that a caddie can perform to only those things necessary for the disabled child to participate.*

**CADDIES (other than Parents or Guardians) ARE PERMITTED AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:**

- U.S. Junior Amateur Qualifying
- U.S. Girls Junior Amateur Qualifying
- Kentucky Junior Amateur Championship

**NOTE:** Parents and Guardians are always allowed for ALL 6-Hole & 9-Hole Divisions.

Juniors with caddies will be expected to maintain Pace of Play requirements, and caddies must walk. Players must notify the starter on the first tee when they are using a caddie. Caddies will be required to wear a visible badge or caddie bib signifying their role. Badges will be available on the starting tee with the relationship verified as appropriate for player's Division. Personalized caddie bibs will be available for purchase during the season.

**PUSH / PULL CARTS:** Manual push/pull carts are acceptable (as permitted by the host facility).

**Caddies are reminded they are there to assist the player by teaching them how to make decisions and keep score on the course.** The time needed to take each shot includes any consultation with the caddie. It is important for caddies to assist the player without taking complete control of every action. The players will be responsible for correcting any scoring discrepancies in the scoring area as they sign the scorecards. Caddies are not allowed in the scoring area other than to return their Caddie badges. The experience of having a caddie should be viewed as an educational opportunity while promoting the independence needed by each player to play the game. Encouragement of all players in the group is important when teaching good sportsmanship to the competitors.

**Caddies are expected to maintain the same dress code and conduct guidelines as the players.** Caddies that are observed creating potential penalty situations for the players will be educated on correct procedures whenever possible. If a caddie creates a negative behavior situation within a group during a stipulated round, they may be cautioned or removed by a tournament official. In order to maintain as much of a positive experience as possible for all golfers, caddies are expected to serve as a positive role model for the players.

# *Cheating*

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Rules violations will be administered by the on-site tournament officials and as prescribed by the USGA Rules of Golf. Cheating will **not** be tolerated and will result in immediate disqualification from any Kentucky PGA Junior Tour event.

# *Dress Code & Conduct Guidelines*

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Teaching sportsmanship, etiquette, and the Rules of Golf are a primary goal of Golf House Kentucky. To promote these ideals and to maintain the integrity of this program, the following guidelines for dress and conduct will apply. Tournament officials will enforce these guidelines at all junior golf events.

**DRESS CODE:** Proper dress is required at all junior events. Boys collared shirts or mock turtlenecks must be worn and tucked in at all times. Girl's shirts without a collar must have sleeves and fashion shirts worn untucked must NOT rise above the belt line at any time during the golf swing. Girl's shorts MUST be of fingertip length. All hats or visors must be worn with the brim forward. No denim pants/shorts or cut-offs are permitted. Only girls are allowed to have visible piercings and only on the ears.

*If a player breaks any part of the dress code policy, a Kentucky PGA Junior Tour staff member will ask them to change. Players will not be allowed to compete in the tournament if they do not adhere to the dress code policy.*

**CONDUCT GUIDELINES:** Any conduct which may be detrimental to the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour will not be tolerated. Such behavior includes swearing, club throwing, or damage to the golf course or other player's belongings. Any of these actions may result in a warning, stroke penalty, or immediate disqualification.

Possession of alcohol or tobacco products, gambling, or display of vulgar or abusive behavior will result in immediate disqualification. Multiple violations will result in dismissal from the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour.

Caddies are expected to adhere to all of these guidelines.

## *Electronic Devices*

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**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES:** For all Kentucky PGA Junior Tour competitions, a player may obtain distance information by using a device measuring distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses any other function such as to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used, the player is in breach of *Rule 14-3*.

**Penalty for Breach of Condition:** *First Offense - Two Stroke Penalty; Subsequence Offense - Disqualification*

**COMMUNICATION DEVICES:** Voice communication devices may not be turned on or used by a player, his side or caddie during any stipulated round or match.

**The penalty for breach is:** *1st Offense, Warning; 2nd Offense, Disqualification for serious breach of etiquette – Rule 33-7*

**DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE:** In most situations, players are expected to use *Rule 3-3* (Doubt as to Procedure) to play a second ball when they are uncertain how to proceed. The competitor must designate which ball to count if the Rules permit, and the situation must be reported as the scoring area when the scorecard is signed even if the same score occurs with both balls.



# Keeping Score

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Players must report to the scoring area immediately after completing their stipulated round. Scorecards will be checked and signed by the players in the scoring area without the assistance of caddies or spectators.

- *Rule 6-6a* in the Rules of Golf states: “After each hole the marker should check the score with the competitor and record it. On completion of the round the marker shall sign the card and hand it to the competitor.”
- *Rule 6-6d* in the Rules of Golf states: “The competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on his card. If he returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, he shall be disqualified. If he returns a score for any hole higher than actually taken, the score as returned shall stand.”

**DON'T JUST LOOK AT THE FINAL SCORE: BE SURE THAT YOUR HOLE-BY-HOLE SCORES ARE CORRECT!** The Committee will take care of adding the score for you.

## Scoring Limit (9-Hole & 6-Hole Divisions)

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To assist with pace of play, the Tour will implement a scoring limit on each hole for the 9-Hole and 6-Hole divisions in series events. The maximum score a player can take is **four over Par (+4)** on any hole. The maximum score a player in the 9-Hole or 6-Hole divisions can record is 7 on a Par 3, 8 on a Par 4, and 9 on a Par 5. Competitors are not disqualified from winning prizes in their age group when taking a maximum score on any hole.

## Circle 9 Rule (18-Hole Divisions)

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To assist with pace of play, the Tour will implement a “**Circle 9 Rule**” for the 18-Hole divisions in series events. If a player hits 9 shots (including penalty shots) and has not finished the hole, they have the **OPTION** to pick up their ball, have their marker (player keeping their scorecard) write down a 9 with a circle around it as the score for that hole, and continue to the next hole.

**Circle 9 scores will be converted before being used to compute gross scores.** One Circle 9 score will be converted to a 12. Two Circle 9 scores will be converted to 11 on each hole. Three or more Circle 9 scores will be converted to a 10 on each hole.

## Equitable Stroke Control Score Posting

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When posting scores, players must adjust their score if the allowable **Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)** score maximum is expected to be higher than the maximum score in Tour events. Equitable Stroke Control maximum scores are based on course handicaps, and those totals are as follows:

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| ❖ Course Handicap: 9 or Lower   | Maximum posting score of Double Bogey (+2)    |
| ❖ Course Handicap: 10-19        | Maximum posting score of 7 regardless of Par  |
| ❖ Course Handicap: 20-29        | Maximum posting score of 8 regardless of Par  |
| ❖ Course Handicap: 30-39        | Maximum posting score of 9 regardless of Par  |
| ❖ Course Handicap: 40 or Higher | Maximum posting score of 10 regardless of Par |

# *Handicap Service & Posting Scores*

The Kentucky PGA Junior Tour conducts gross score events in each Division. Members of the Junior Tour will receive a GHIN Number. If the member already has a GHIN Number, they will be asked to provide that information during the Tour Membership registration process. Players are expected to post every round played under the Rules of Golf for a proper reflection of their personal Handicap Index. This includes practice rounds, recreational rounds, and tournament rounds with the player trying to do as well as possible on each hole. Equitable Stroke Control must be used when posting scores. A Handicap Index is calculated on the revisions schedule for Kentucky as soon as at least 5 scores have been posted.

## *Scoring Limit (Total Score)*

Although it is meant to be an enjoyable learning experience for everyone involved in our junior golf tournaments, there is a high level of competitiveness. For that reason, and to help maintain a reasonable pace of play, Golf House Kentucky has deemed it necessary to implement a Scoring Limit policy. The policy is not designed to discourage junior golfers; it is meant to provide a competitive atmosphere and experience.

*Any player who scores over the posted limit for his/her age at two different events will be subject to review and dismissal from the remainder of the tour/series schedule. Pace of Play will be strongly considered when reviewing scores over the listed expectation. All remaining fees shall be refunded.*

<b>BOYS AGE DIVISION</b>	<b>18 HOLES</b>	<b>GIRLS AGE DIVISION</b>	<b>18 HOLES</b>
17 – 18 Division	100	16 – 18 Division	100
15 – 16 Division	105	13 – 15 Division	110
14 & Under Division	110	14 & Under Division	110
<b>BOYS AGE DIVISION</b>	<b>9 HOLES</b>	<b>GIRLS AGE DIVISION</b>	<b>9 HOLES</b>
13 – 18 Division	60	13 – 18 Division	60
11 – 12 Division	65	12 & Under Division	65
10 & Under Division	65		
<b>BOYS AGE DIVISION</b>	<b>6 HOLES</b>	<b>GIRLS AGE DIVISION</b>	<b>6 HOLES</b>
* 8 & under Division	No Limit	* 9 & under Division	No Limit

*\* Divisions available at all Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Single-Day Series events.*

Maximum scores in the 9-Hole and 6-Hole divisions reflect the maximum score of +4 on any hole played. Maintaining a pace of play of 2 hours and 15 minutes per 9 hole or less will be strongly considered for any round that exceeds the scoring limits.

# *Playoff Procedure*

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Time, weather, and staff permitting, ties for first place will be decided by a hole-by-hole sudden death playoff. Otherwise, all ties will be decided by a scorecard play-off using the USGA recommended method of matching scorecards. The order in determining scorecard play-offs will proceed as follows:

1. Best score for the last nine holes
2. Best score for the last six holes
3. Best score for the last three holes
4. Hole-by-Hole scores starting on the final hole and working backwards

All Tour members involved in a hole-by-hole sudden death playoff or scorecard playoff for 1<sup>st</sup> Place will receive an invitation to participate in the Tour Championship provided they complete at least three total events.

## *Tour Player of the Year Points System*

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Points will be awarded in each event based on the player's gross score placement within their own Division. Any player involved in a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> Place will receive 1<sup>st</sup> Place points. In the event of a scorecard playoff to determine any other place, points will be split among those players involved in the tie. While there is no limit on the number of events that each participant may enter, Player of the Year Points will be based solely on the 10 best totals including the Tour Championship.

### **Spring and Summer Series Events (Top 10 Places)**

100, 85, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10, 5

### **Regional/Combo Regional Events (Top 10 Places)**

180, 140, 100, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10

### **KY Junior PGA Championship Qualifier and KY Junior Amateur (Boys/Girls Overall) *(New in 2017)***

180, 140, 100, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10

NOTE: Points also awarded for Boys 12 & Under and Girls 12 & Under Divisions

### **Tour Championship (Top 15 Places)**

300, 240, 190, 150, 120, 100, 80, 60, 50, 40, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10

NOTE: Players participating in Combo Regionals may receive points for the individual events as well as Regional level points for the Combo Regional.

## *Fall Series Player of the Year Points System*

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Points will be awarded for the Fall Series under same parameters of the regular season. While there is no limit on the number of events that each participant may enter, Player of the Year Points will be based solely on the 4 best totals including the Tour Championship. *(Revised in 2017)*

### **Fall 9-Hole Series Events (Top 10 Places)**

150, 120, 90, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10

### **Tour Championship (Top 15 Places)**

250, 180, 150, 120, 100, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10

# *Summer Tour Championship*

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The 2017 Summer Tour Championship will be held on Thursday-Friday, July 20-21 at Keene Trace Golf Club (Keene Run Course) in Nicholasville, KY. The Keene Run Course serves as the host facility for the High Performance Golf Academy.

Only Tour members are eligible to compete in the Tour Championship. Invitations are issued to Tour Members based on their performance during the 2017 season. Invitations will be extended to (a) Winners of series and regional event in each Division that play in at least three events on the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour schedule; and (b) Players' standing on the Tour Player of the Year list as of July 14, 2017 with these restrictions:

<b>Boys 17-18 Division</b>	Top 10 on Player of the Year Points List
<b>Boys 15-16 Division</b>	Top 10 on Player of the Year Points List
<b>Boys 14 &amp; Under Division</b>	Top 10 on Player of the Year Points List
<b>Girls 16-18 Division</b>	Top 10 on Player of the Year Points List
<b>Girls 13-15 Division</b>	Top 10 on Player of the Year Points List
<b>Girls 14 &amp; Under Division</b>	Top 6 on Player of the Year Points List
<b>Boys 11-12 Division (9-Hole)</b>	Top 10 on Player of the Year Points List
<b>Boys 10 &amp; Under Division (9-Hole)</b>	Top 10 on Player of the Year Points List
<b>Girls 12 &amp; Under Division (9-Hole)</b>	Top 10 on Player of the Year Points List
<b>Boys 8 &amp; Under Division (6-Hole)</b>	Top 6 on Player of the Year Points List
<b>Girls 9 &amp; Under Division (6-Hole)</b>	Top 6 on Player of the Year Points List

Special invites may be extended beyond these restrictions to fill the field in each division.

## *Fall Series (9-Hole Events)*

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A series of 9-Hole events will be held starting on July 24<sup>th</sup> through the middle of September. Each event will consist of 9-Hole and 6-Hole Divisions for all age groups. Kentucky PGA Junior Tour members will receive a special rate when registering for these events. Non-members may play in the Fall Series events at an additional cost of \$20 per event. The Fall Series events will be conducted under the same rules as the KPGA Middle School State Championship which will be held on September 30, 2017. Lunch will not be provided at each event, but trophies will be awarded for all Fall Series events. For more information about this program, please call Golf House Kentucky.

## *Fall Series Tour Championship*

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**New in 2017:** The Fall Series will conclude with a Tour Championship to be held on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at Battlefield GC in Richmond. The Tour Championship will be open to any Tour Member and any player that participated in one of the 12 Fall Series events regardless of their finish in those events.

## *Junior PGA Championship “Golden Ticket”*

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**New in 2017:** At the Junior PGA Championship Qualifier on June 7-8 at the University Club of Kentucky, the Boys and Girls Overall Champion will advance to the Junior PGA Championship. In the events leading up to the Qualifier, Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Members will have the ability to earn a “Golden Ticket” for 2017. The lowest finisher among all Golden Ticket holders at the Junior PGA Championship Qualifier will receive a spot in the 2017 Junior PGA Championship. Playoffs will be used if necessary to determine who advances from the Junior PGA Championships Qualifier among Golden Ticket holders.

Only Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Members will have the ability to earn Golden Tickets by participating in the Boys 17-18, Boys 15-16, Girls 16-18, or Girls 13-15 Divisions. The Golden Tickets will be awarded to the lowest overall score by gender using the combination of the Boys 17-18 / 15-16 Divisions and the Girls 16-18 / 13-15 Divisions. All players involved in a tie for the final Golden Ticket will earn the chance to compete for a spot in the Junior PGA Championship at the Kentucky Section Qualifier. Participants may earn a Golden Ticket for 2017 in the following events:

- Champion and Runner-Up in Brackets of the KPGA Match Play Championships on March 25-26 at Old Bridge GC
- Overall Champion at any Spring or Summer Series Event between April 1 and June 6
- Finish in the Top 5 Overall in Spring Regional at Wild Turkey Trace on May 20-21
- Finish in the Top 3 Overall in Stableford Spring Combo Regional on April 8-9 at Weissinger Hills GC and Quail Chase GC (South-West)
- Finish in the Top 3 Overall in Summer Combo Regional #1 on June 1-2 at The Pines at Lindsey Wilson GC and Lakewood CC

Players may also earn a Golden Ticket toward the 2018 Junior PGA Championship by finishing in the Top 5 Overall in a 2017 Regional, Top 5 Overall in a 2-Day Championship, or Top 3 in any Summer Combo Regional. 2018 Golden Ticket holders must become a member of the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour in 2018 and still be eligible to compete in the Junior PGA Championship to receive a 2018 Golden Ticket.

## *Adult-Child Tournament*

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**NEW in 2017:** Juniors will have the chance to compete in the Adult-Child Tournament on Saturday, June 24 at Bardstown CC (Maywood). This event combines any player eligible to compete on the KY PGA Junior Tour (HS Class of 2017 who haven’t started college or younger) combined with any adult (considered HS Class of 2016 or older). Entry information on the adult partner is entered during the event registration process. This event is limited to the first 50 registered teams, and all teams will complete 18-hole at this event.

The format of the competition will be Selective Drive Alternate Shot. Tees will be set by gender and age. Play will begin with an afternoon shotgun start with a buffet dinner following play on site. More information about this event may be found on the [Tournament Information page](#) (link for online Handbook posts).

## *Youth On Course Membership*

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**NEW in 2017:** Members of the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour will benefit as members of Youth on Course. Youth on Course members have access to affordable golf from participating courses for \$5 or less. More information about Golf House Kentucky’s relationship with Youth on Course will be shared at a later date with all Tour Members.

## *KPGA Junior Pro-Am*

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**NEW in 2017:** On Monday, July 17, the Tour will conduct the KPGA Junior Pro-Am at Campbellsville Country Club. Juniors will register individually, and will be paired on a team with a KPGA Professional. KPGA Member and Apprentice invites will be sent by the Tour, and the professionals will have an option to request registered participants if their students are registered. Play will begin with a mid-morning shotgun start, and two carts will be provided to each group.

Teams will compete using a Shamble format. Each player will hit a tee shot, and juniors will hit from the selected tee shot. The Professional will play their own ball throughout, but their tee shot may be selected by the team. Players are encouraged to post scores and establish a handicap through the season. Player handicaps from the July 15 revision date will be used. Team competition will use the best two scores on each hole, and there will be a Gross and Net Division. In the Net Division, players receive 80% of their 18-Hole Handicap. Space could be limited for this event, so players are encouraged to register early to participate in this Pro-Am. The Pro-Am will also serve as a fund raiser for the Kentucky Golf Foundation, and corporate sponsorship may be available. For more information, check the [Tournament Information page](#) or contact Golf House Kentucky.

## *J.B. Holmes Cup Matches*

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The Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Player of the Year in the Boys 17-18, 15-16, 14 & Under, and 11-12 Divisions as well as the Girls 16-18, 13-15, 14 & Under, and 12 & Under Division have the opportunity to play on one of two teams competing in the J.B. Holmes Cup Matches late in the Fall. Other Members may also be considered when filling the two teams that compete in this event. To be considered for this event, Members must have competed in an event at Campbellsville Country Club or Old Bridge Golf Club during the season. The Tour offers a total of four events at these facilities, and includes the KPGA Match Play and KPGA Junior Pro-Am events.

Team members are provided double occupancy accommodations with teammates from Friday through Sunday for this event. Team members will be expected to attend all team events and meals including a practice round and service project. This experience is supported by PGA Tour Professional and former KY PGA Junior Tour Member J.B. Holmes, his family, and several corporate partners. The 2017 event is scheduled to take place at Campbellsville Country Club. For more information, please contact Golf House Kentucky.

## *AJGA City of London Junior Championship Entry*

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**NEW in 2017:** The Kentucky PGA Junior Tour has been provided one Boys and one Girls entry into the City of London Junior Championship held at Crooked Creek GC in London, KY on July 24-27. This spot will be awarded to the Overall Boys and Overall Girls Champion at the KYPGA Junior Combo Regional #3 on June 21-22 at Paintsville GC (June 21) and StoneCrest GC (June 22). The winners of this entry will still be responsible for AJGA Membership Fees and the Tournament Entry Fee.

Players will register individually for both single day events to compete in the Combo Regional. Players that register for both events will automatically be added to the Combo Regional by Tour staff at no additional charge.

# *Golf House Kentucky Junior Golf Tournaments Recognized by the AJGA*

**AJGA:** More info released after AJGA sets performance stars for our events.

- Kentucky Junior PGA Championship Qualifier (June 7-8)\*\*
  - *Boys & Girls Overall Champion:* 4 performance stars
  - *Boys & Girls Top 20%:* 2 performance stars
  - *Boys & Girls Top 50%:* 1 performance star



- Kentucky Junior Amateur Championship (June 27-28)
  - *Boys Overall (15-18) Champion:* Fully Exempt
  - *Boys Overall Top 5* 12 performance stars
  - *Boys Overall Top 10* 8 performance stars
  - *Boys Overall Top 15* 4 performance stars

**Boys 13-14 Division players may declare up to 15-16 Divisions to compete for performance stars.**

- Kentucky Girls Junior Amateur Championship (June 27-28)
  - *Girls Overall (13-18) Champion:* Fully Exempt
  - *Girls Overall Top 3* 12 performance stars
  - *Girls Overall Top 5* 8 performance stars
  - *Girls Overall Top 10* 4 performance stars

- Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Championship (July 20-21)
  - *Boys and Girls Overall Champion:* 4 performance stars
  - *Boys Overall Top 5* 1 performance star
  - *Girls Overall Top 3* 1 performance star

**If more than 54 Boys or 34 Girls in field, Top 10% will receive 1 performance star.**

- Golf House Kentucky Junior Player of the Year\*
  - *Boys Player of the Year:* 4 performance stars
  - *Girls Player of the Year:* 4 performance stars

Events that are not listed are not guaranteed PBE status. If other two-day events do meet the minimum requirements for any age division, we will submit it to the AJGA for consideration.

\* Only one boy and one girl will be awarded PBE status as Player of the Year. It is intended to be awarded to the overall Golf House Kentucky Junior Player of the Year from the state.

\*\* Fields need at least 40 boys or 12 girls in the oldest age division in order to receive PBE status. Additionally for events where the champion earns 4 Performance Stars, if there are 40+ boys or 30+ girls, the AJGA will recognize the top 20% of the field with 2 Performance Stars, and Top 50% of field with 1 Performance Star. Divisions for any event to be recognized must meet the minimum yardages below:

Boys Minimum Yardage: 6,200

Girls Minimum Yardage: 5,500

**Note: If older and younger divisions play from the same yardage, the AJGA will combine the divisions and look at the overall results, when awarding PBE status.**

# *Golf House Kentucky Junior Golf Tournaments Recognized by Junior Golf Scoreboard*

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## **Junior Golf Scoreboard:**

- KYPGA Summer Combo Regional at The Pines at Lindsey Wilson GC and Lakewood CC (June 1-2)
- Kentucky Junior PGA Championship Qualifier (June 7-8)
- KYPGA Summer Regional at KY Dam Village (June 10-11)
- KYPGA Summer Regional at Wasioto Winds GC (June 10-11)
- KYPGA Summer Combo Regional at Greenbrier G&CC and Winchester CC (June 14-15)
- KYPGA Summer Combo Regional at Paintsville GC and StoneCrest GC (June 21-22)
- KYPGA Summer Combo Regional at Boots Randolph GC and Hopkinsville G&CC (June 21-22)
- Kentucky Junior Amateur Championship (June 27-28)
- Kentucky Girls Junior Amateur Championship (June 27-28)
- KYPGA Summer Combo Regional at Boone's Trace National GC and Gibson Bay GC (July 5-6)
- KYPGA Summer Combo Regional at Glasgow G&CC and Indian Hills CC (July 12-13)
- KYPGA Junior Tour Championship (July 20-21)
- KYPGA Fall Classic (October 15-16)



## ***“Member Fore A Day” Program***

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Eligible non-members of the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour may participate in any event other than the Tour Championship by paying an additional \$40 program fee. To complete event registration, non-members may register through the Tournament Information page for most events. Non-member registration for the Kentucky Junior Amateur or Junior PGA Championship Qualifier must contact Golf House Kentucky at (502) 243-8295 to complete registration. ***The additional program fee for non-members may not be retroactively applied to Tour Membership fees.*** Players in this program for single day events will receive a portion of the membership gift package at the event.



# ***2017 Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Frequently Asked Questions***

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**1. What is the easiest way to get in touch with Chris and/or other staff during the tournament season?**

*Communication via e-mail is the easiest and preferred way to get in touch with our staff. Chris Redle (credle@kygolf.org); PJ Boatwright Intern, Chris Treadwell (kyintern1@kygolf.org)*

**2. Do I still have to fill out and send in the Medical Authorization Form if I am only playing in one tournament?**

*Yes. All participants, in any junior golf event, MUST accept the Emergency Waiver Form on BlueGolf.*

**3. I am not receiving correspondence, information and confirmation about tournaments I have registered for, what do I need to do.**

*As noted above, most communication is done via e-mail during the tournament season, so please contact Chris or staff via e-mail or call Golf House Kentucky (502) 243-8295 to assure that we have a current and correct e-mail address on file for you.*

**4. How do I schedule a practice round prior to an event?**

*We do our best to provide you with information and junior rates for each of our host courses. Refer to the info page for each event for practice round information. In order to schedule a time, contact the host golf course/facility. Practice round availability, restrictions, and limitations are at the sole discretion of the host golf course/facility.*

**5. Can I use distance measuring/electronic devices (cell/smart phones, laser range finders, SkyCaddies, Bushnells, etc.) in junior golf events?**

*Please refer to the "Electronic Devices" section on page 16. Distance measuring devices that measure distance only and not slope or wind are allowed during competition. Cell phones or watches that allow for direct communication (i.e. texts) are not allowed to be used as a distance measuring device.*

**6. Do I have to pay a membership fee to play in all junior golf events?**

*The Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Membership fee for all junior participants is \$80, which allows you to compete in all tournament offerings throughout the calendar year. Events are open to non-members; however non-members must pay an additional \$40 for each event under the "Member Fore A Day" program. That \$40 fee MAY NOT be applied to the Tour Membership fee. Non-members must contact Golf House Kentucky at (502) 243-8295 to register for the Junior PGA Championship Qualifier or Kentucky Junior Amateur.*

**7. If I am a member of the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour and begin the season as a 14 year old and turn 15 on July 1, 2017. What age division will I play in for the season?**

*Whatever age you will be on June 1, 2017 is the age group that you will play in for the duration of the season. This is the same for the 6-Hole and 9-Hole Division. If you are a boy and will be 9 years old by June 1, 2017, you will not be able to compete in the 6-Hole Division. Players may "play up" into the next Age Division if they wish to compete against older juniors from a longer yardage.*

**Note:** *The June 1, 2017 age date is only in place for the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Events.*

**8. Can I communicate with my son/daughter during the stipulated round of a tournament?**

*Yes, but only to provide them with a beverage and/or food item at their request (exception: emergency situations). Otherwise, please stay at least 30 yards from all competitors, out of fairways, clear of putting greens, keeping spectator carts (if applicable) on designated paths (or ample distance from fairways in absence of paths) at all times.*

**9. If I want to rent a spectator cart, how do I go about doing so? How much does it cost?**

*These fees are at the sole discretion of the host golf course/facility and may vary from site to site. You can inquire about rental in the golf shop/clubhouse at most facilities.*

**10. If I find it necessary to withdraw from a tournament during the stipulated round, how should I go about doing so?**

*Please find a junior tour staff member, rules official, or host site official with radio communication to immediately to inform them of your decision. They will assist you through radio communication with the tournament director to complete the process of exchanging/signing scorecards with fellow competitors prior to your exit from the golf course. You must sign for the scores you have recorded as a marker up until that point and assure that you return your scorecard to the scoring area, or have one of your fellow competitors do so. Also, the card you were keeping must be kept by another member of your pairing/group and if necessary cards must be exchanged so that no competitor is keeping their own score.*

**11. I participated on the tour in 2016. What has changed with the tour for this season?**

*There were several enhancements to the Tour program in 2016, and some other new ones for 2017. Recent enhancements that have continued include Non-members must call Golf House Kentucky during office hours to register for the Junior PGA Championship Qualifier or Kentucky Junior Amateur. Non-Members may register for other events through the Tournament Information pages. Player participation in the 18-Hole Divisions continues to generate revenue for high school golf programs in Kentucky.*

*New programs and information is noted in the handbook with **New in 2017** tags. Incentive programs for score posting are being developed, and players have a Net Division competition option with the new KPGA Junior Pro-Am. The yardages for Age Divisions have been modified slightly to better reflect playing ability, and a new 18-Hole Division has been added for the younger girls with Middle School State Championship yardages. Players must compete in at least 3 events to compete in the Tour Championship, and a new Fall Series Player of the Year award and Fall Series Tour Championship has been added. Player of the Year points will be given for the Junior PGA Championship Qualifier and Kentucky Junior Amateur. The Fall Series Player of the Year points system has been revised to include the Fall Series Tour Championship. Two new event offerings include an Adult-Child Tournament and KPGA Junior Pro-Am. Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Members will benefit from a Youth on Course Membership. A special event invitation form the AJGA City of London Championship will be available through the KYPGA Junior Combo Regional #3. Check out information about each of these new features outlined in this Handbook.*

*In addition to the new programs, the tour will continue to provide players with a handicap. Tour Membership continues to allow discounted entry fees into all events. These are most of the programs that have developed over the past two years on the Kentucky PGA Junior Tour. As we continue to develop ideas that will take our tour to the next level, we welcome the feedback from parents and participants as they experience the Tournament Program this season!*

**If you have any other questions not answered above or in the 2017 Kentucky PGA Junior Tour Handbook please contact Golf House Kentucky.**