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# JGA Official Handbook

## Handbook Information

### *Our Rules & Regulations*

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The Junior Golf Association of Broward County, Inc. (referred to as the “JGA”) is a Non-Profit Corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida and is an organization exempt from Federal tax under section 501(c)(3). It was founded in 1968 for the purpose of providing an educational and suitable environment for young golfers of both sexes between the ages of 6 through 18.

The mission of Junior Golf Association of Broward County has continued since 1968 to create a positive and fun-filled golf environment during the summer, where ALL kids can come to develop their love for the game of golf no matter their skill level.

Our objectives are:

- **To provide a positive environment** for children to learn the game of golf.
- **To instill values** of honesty, integrity, teamwork and friendship amongst players.
- **To build a JGA community** with the valuable support of our parents and junior volunteers.
- **To create a performance-based competition** that allows every golfer to play within their means and advance through the competitive divisions based on their skill level.
- **To recognize academic and community accomplishments** of our junior golfers by providing awards and scholarships for those that qualify.



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- **To give back to our community** by supporting charities that help our local community grow and help those in need.
  - **To make tournament golf assessable** to any child interested in playing.

Through the JGA program, boys and girls learn the rules and etiquette of golf, compete with other junior golfers having similar abilities, learn to exercise good sportsmanship, make lasting friendships, and grow with the community. The JGA is especially proud of the many juniors who have attended college on golf scholarships and those who have gone on to play at the collegiate and professional level.

Over the years, many dedicated individuals have contributed to the success of this program. Without these dedicated volunteers the program could not thrive or continue. Thirteen (13) people are elected to serve on the Board of Directors and manage the organization. From those members, a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are elected annually as the officers of the organization.

With the help of volunteers each week, the JGA conducts weekly one-day, stroke-play tournaments and a three-day, stroke-play Championship. Each tournament day is played on one of many different golf courses. Tournaments are held at public courses, resorts, and private clubs throughout Broward and Palm Beach County each Monday during June, July and August. Depending on a players golfing ability, they participate in one of twelve (12) divisions and play rounds of 3, 5, 9 or 18 holes. Trophies are presented to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each flight (*see "Moving Up in Division" for player advancement*).

## **Membership Procedure**

Each season the Junior Golf Association offers seven, one-day tournaments and a three-day Junior Championship at the Fort Lauderdale Country Club.



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A yearly membership fee of \$75.00 and the completion of the Rules Quiz is required to play in JGA tournaments. Members may register to play in as many one-day tournaments as they choose. Individual one-day tournament registration fees are \$15 for each tournament.

At the end of the season, the JGA holds a three-day Junior Championship. Players must play in at least two (2) one-day tournaments to be eligible for the JGA Championships. The JGA Championship registration fee is \$45 total and includes all three (3) days of the tournament.

There is also the opportunity for players to be selected to represent the Junior Golf Association as a team member at the Florida State Golf Association (FSGA) event. This year's event will take place August 6 & 7, 2022 at Indian Springs Country Club in Delray Beach.

To complete the registration process, [click here to register](#) to become a member of Junior Golf Association for the 2022 season. Once your registration application is approved, you will receive an email providing you:

1. a player's ID
2. a link to set up your password
3. a link to complete the required-on line Rules Quiz

Remember, your registration to a tournament will not be accepted until you have passed the Rules Quiz. You will be placed on a waiting list until this requirement is complete.

## **Tournament Registration Procedure**

Once you have completed your [membership registration](#) and have passed the Rules Quiz, [visit the tournament schedule](#). This will take you to the tournament schedule powered by Bluegolf. Click on the "Register" link for the tournament(s) you want to play. Complete the registration and payment information; submit your entry.



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*NOTE: you must register for each individual tournament. For the Championship tournament, you may register for one or two days if you are unable to play in all three rounds.*

## **Tournament Fees**

There is a \$15, NON-REFUNDABLE registration fee for each of the one-day tournaments and a \$45 fee for all three (3) days of the JGA Championship (or \$15 per day when selecting only one or two days).

JGA Members must play in at least TWO (2) of the one-day weekly tournaments to be eligible to play in the JGA Championship.

TOURNAMENT ENTRIES FOR EACH TOURNAMENT CLOSE AT 9:00 PM ON THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT.

**Late Entry Fee:** Late entry to any tournament is based on space availability basis. A \$30.00 late entry fee will be assessed to any entry after the registration deadline of a tournament. To submit a late entry request, complete our [contact us form](#) and select "tournament late entry". Please identify the following within your message:

1. Players Division
2. Tournament date that you wish to register

## **Withdrawing From a Tournament Procedure**

If a player needs to withdraw from an event, please complete the [contact us form](#) and select "tournament withdraw". Please identify the following within your message:

1. Division
2. Tournament date that you wish to withdraw

**Cancellation Policy** – Tournament registration fees will not be refunded for cancellations made after 9pm the Saturday before an event. Failure to cancel



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will result in the player not being allowed to play in the following weeks tournament.

Emergency cancellations will be considered on a case-by-case basis when submitted in writing and accompanied with justifying documentation.

**No Show Policy:** Players who have registered for a tournament and do not show up at the tournament without having given prior notification via the contact us form will be considered “No Show.” If you are listed on the tee sheet as a no-show you are subject to suspension for the following event.

## Golf Equipment

Junior golfers are responsible for their golf equipment. Never leave your clubs unattended. If you have to go into the clubhouse, have a friend watch your clubs until you return. If you think someone is not part of the JGA, tell a member of the JGA Board. Be extra careful around the scoreboard and during rain delays where there are a lot of people in one area. Be aware of your surroundings.

## Lost and Found

If you find a club or other equipment on or around the course, please turn it in at the scoring table. A list of found equipment will be posted at the scoring table.

## Medals / Awards

All medals should be claimed the day of the tournament. We hope you will stay until your division has completed play and the medals are presented to each winner. If you are unable to stay, make arrangements with a friend to accept the medal on your behalf.

## Offenses that Constitute Suspension or Removal from the JGA Program



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Include but are not limited to:

- Gambling
- Unauthorized riding in a golf cart
- Hitting golf balls in any areas not designated for play
- Cheating of any kind
- Damaging golf course property
- Throwing or damaging golf equipment
- Use of abusive, threatening or profane language
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages, use of illegal drugs and any type of tobacco products is prohibited. This includes electronic or “e-cigarettes” of any kind.

## **Respect for Facilities and Golf Courses**

Golfers and spectators are expected to treat the golf course and facilities with respect. Players are expected to rake bunkers, repair ball marks, replace divots, dispose of and pick-up trash, etc. Any abuse of the facilities or course will result in the immediate disqualification and removal from the course and could be grounds for suspension from the JGA program. JGA would not be successful without the generous support of our local courses. All players and spectators are encouraged to send letters to the course thanking them for their support.

## **Dress Code**

Junior golfers and spectators are required to wear proper attire at all JGA tournaments.

Shirts with collars or golf-designed mock turtle-neck shirts, provided they are allowed by the host course, are required to be worn by everyone at the tournament site and the shirttail must be tucked into the pant, short, or skirt.



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Exception: Ladies may wear a top that does not have a collar providing it is part of a coordinated golf outfit.

Garments that are not permissible:

- Short Shorts and Running Shorts
- Bicycle Shorts and Exercise Shorts
- Jeans and Denim Products
- See-through clothing without proper undergarments
- Tube Tops, Tank Tops, and Crop Tops
- Clothing with words, phrases, symbols, pictures, which are obscene, profane, drug or alcohol-related
- Playing members must wear proper golf footwear. Flat sole sneakers are permitted. Golf shoes must have non-metal spikes.
- Hats must be worn with the bill facing forward

## **Food**

Players will be advised when registering for a tournament if a host club requests that no outside coolers be brought to the course and that all food and beverages must to be purchased from the host club.

Any Member, Parent, or Spectator who does not abide by these rules will be asked to leave the golf course property immediately.

Continued violations will result in dismissal from the JGA program and subject to the review of the Board of Directors. No refunds will be given for anyone dismissed from the program.

## **Incremental Weather Procedure**

The JGA uses a lightning detection service to monitor dangerous weather conditions in the area of our tournaments. There are times when lightning is in the area but may not be visible to the eye.



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If a lightning strike is within 10-mile radius of the tournament location the JGA Directors will sound one long blast of the air horn and play must be suspended immediately. Please note courses may have different perimeters to sound the course horn to suspend play. Please be sure to abide by the JGA weather procedure.

When the air horn to sounded play is suspended. All players are required to **immediately** mark the position of their ball if possible (*it is suggested a golf tee be used*) and seek the nearest shelter from the threatening conditions. Players using a pull cart must agree that in the event of a course evacuation they could be asked to remove their bag from the cart and that the cart will be left on the course. The cart may be retrieved by the player once it is safe to do so.

Parents/guardians that have rented golf carts are requested to assist in transporting players to the designated covered areas. JGA Directors will survey the course to ensure all players have been transported to designated covered areas.

Once play has been suspended, ALL PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS ARE TO REMAIN INSIDE THE SHELTERED AREAS. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES ARE PLAYERS TO USE ANY OF THE PRACTICE FACILITIES (DRIVING RANGE OR PUTTING GREEN).

Violation of this rule will result in immediate disqualification. A member of the JGA Board will provide updates on the half-hour and hour from the scoring table until play can be resumed or the event is canceled.

A JGA Director will email/text periodic updates to players/parents via Bluegolf (approximately every 30 minutes).

The all-clear comes when there have been no lightning strikes in the 10-mile radius for 30 minutes. When it is determined the conditions no longer exist and play is to resume, an air horn will sound two (2) short blasts. Players are





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to proceed to the previously marked ball position, replace their ball, and continue play.

## General Information

It is recommended that all players and spectators, who have not been vaccinated, practice social distancing and wear facial coverings when social distancing is not possible.

Players must withdraw if:

- They are experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms
- They have taken a Covid-19 test, but not yet received the results

In order to mitigate COVID-19 players should take their temperature before heading to the course if possible. If they have a temperature of 100.4 or higher they should stay home. Also, if players have a cough, trouble breathing or it is known they have been exposed to COVID-19 within the past 14 days they should stay home.