



2011 Players Handbook
“Providing Fun &
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Tournaments
For New
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Professional Golfers Association of America
New England Section

The New England PGA is a non-profit association dedicated to promoting the game of golf and improving the vocation of the golf professional in New England. The New England PGA is one of the 41 sections of the PGA of America. The New England PGA has more than 1100 PGA Member and apprentice golf professionals working in Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island, Eastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the Islands. The New England PGA conducts close to 200 golf tournaments annually for professional, amateur, and junior golfers throughout New England. The New England PGA Section Office is located in Boylston, Massachusetts.

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New England PGA Junior Golf Program Sponsorships

If you would like to become a sponsor of the New England PGA Junior Golf Program or would like to sponsor an event in your area, please contact the New England PGA Manager of Junior Golf Operations, Jacy Settles, at **508.869.0000 ext. 204**. **Junior Golf in New England is increasing in popularity each and every day. Now is the time to show your support by becoming involved with our Junior Golf Program.**

2011 Cleveland Golf/Srixon Cleveland Golf/Srixon New England PGA Junior
Tour

The Cleveland Golf/Srixon New England PGA Junior Tour offers a superior junior tour experience. Our goal is to help develop younger golfers as well as provide outstanding competitions on a local level. In addition, this program strives to foster sportsmanship and integrity among its members. The Cleveland Golf/Srixon New England PGA Junior Tour consists of more than seventy events throughout the New England golf season.



2011 New England PGA Junior Golf Membership

Membership Price: \$125

| Tournaments | Entry Fee |
|--------------------------|---|
| Junior Tour | \$35 (18 hole divisions), \$25 (9-hole divisions) |
| Championships/Qualifiers | \$50 |
| Two Day Tournaments | \$125 |

Sibling/Family Membership (APPLICATION ON WEBSITE)

New to the 2011 NEPGA Jr. Tour, the Sibling Membership is for families with multiple juniors. We are offering a \$25 discount to any brother or sister (ages 9-21) of a full paying member of the New England PGA Junior Tour.

Full membership: \$125

Sibling Membership: \$100 (additional brothers or sisters)

Eligibility: Open to any brother or sister (ages 9-21) of a full paying member of the NEPGA Jr Tour.

Registration: Families must **first** register their full paying member of the NEPGA Jr Tour at www.nepga.com, and then submit the completed application (FAX OR MAIL) for **each** additional sibling (see below for the application). Please allow 2-days upon receipt of the application for membership to be processed.

Once the sibling membership is processed, you will be emailed a username and password from the BlueGolf Tournament Software. Keep this information in a safe place as this allows one to log in to sign up for tournaments. **note to remember—the user id and password will be sent in all caps(uppercase) you will need to use all lower case to log in. (APPLICATION ON WEBSITE)

2011 Membership Gifts

All Junior Golfers who purchase the 2011 NEPGA Junior Golf Membership receive:

- 1/2 dozen Golf Balls
- Official Junior Tour Hat
- USGA Rules Book
- Bag Tag

Eligibility

The Cleveland Golf/Srixon New England PGA Junior Tour is open to all junior amateurs who live in the jurisdiction of the New England PGA from the ages of 6-21 (age calculated September 1, 2011- i.e. if your child turns 14 before September 1, 2011 then he/she will play with 14 year olds). To be eligible for the Graduates Division, the player must be in college or have graduated from high school prior to the 2011 season.



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| NEPGA Junior Tour Age Divisions | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Boys | Girls |
| Boys 18-21 (Graduates Division) | Girls 14-18 |
| Boys 16-18 | Girls 13 & under (9 holes) |
| Boys 14-15 | |
| Boys 12-13 | |
| Boys 11 & under (9 holes) | |
| Elite Tour (Two Day Events-not separate membership) | |
| Boys 14-18 | Girls 14-18 |
| | |
| Developmental Tour | |
| Boys & Girls 6-9 | |

Note: Age will be calculated on September 1, 2011.

i.e. if your son turns 14 before September 1, 2011 then he will play in Boys 14-15 year old Division

FORMAT

All 2011 Junior Tour events will be individual stroke-play competitions. With the exception of the Boys 11 & under division, the Girls 13 & under division, and the Developmental Tour who will play 9 holes, all other age divisions will play 18 holes. **Please note that players in both Boys 11 & under division, the Girls 13 & under divisions may qualify to play in the older, 18 hole division. If you are in those age divisions and would like to play in the 18 hole division, please contact the NEPGA Manger of Junior Golf Operations as it is a case by case basis determined on previous tournament results/ability etc.**



2011 Cleveland Golf/Srixon New England PGA Junior Tour Match-Play
Championship



The 2011 Match Play Champion will be determined over a period of two days. 104 individuals will have the opportunity to compete in the 2011 Match Play Championship. Any individual age 18 or under as of September 1, 2011 will be eligible to play. There will be two(2) divisions in the tournament: Boys Jr tour age divisions 14-15, 16-18, and Boys junior tour age divisions 12-13 and 11 and under. There will be 52 spots in each age division (104 total golfers). All participants will play 18 holes of individual stroke play during the morning of the first day. From those scores, the committee will take the low 8 gross scores from each division to go onto match play. All ties will be decided by matching cards, (USGA recommended format). Round one matches will be played during the afternoon of the first day. Semi-Finals and Finals will be played the following morning/afternoon. We strongly encourage you to play in this great event.

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| Junior Tour Match Play Championship Boys Age Divisions |
| Boys 14-15 and 16-18 |
| Boys 12-13 and 11 & Under |
| Junior Tour Match Play Championship Entry Fees: |
| \$40 |

2011 Cleveland Golf/Srixon New England PGA Junior Tour Stroke-Play
Championship (Stow Acres GC August 17, 2011)

Players on the Junior Tour will have the opportunity to qualify for the 2011 NEPGA Junior Tour Stroke-Play Championship, August 17, 2011. Players can accumulate points in their age division at each stop on the Junior Tour plus several other venues. Players can compete in as many events as they like. The top point recipients in each age division will qualify to play in the championship. Below is the number of players that will qualify from each age division:

| Age Division | Qualifying Spots |
|--|--|
| Boys 18-21 | Top 10 point recipients plus ties |
| Boys 16-18 | Top 10 point recipients plus ties |
| Boys 14-15 | Top 10 point recipients plus ties |
| Boys 12 & 13 | Top 6 point recipients plus ties |
| Girls 14-18 | Top 6 point recipients plus ties |
| <u>Boys 11 & under (9 holes)</u> | <u>Top 6 point recipients</u> |
| <u>Girls 13 & under (9 holes)</u> | <u>Top 4 point recipients</u> |

Players who qualify for the Championship will be contacted via email. Players must R.S.V.P Starting times for the championship will be posted online



2011 Cleveland Golf/Srixon New England PGA Junior Tour Point Structure

The point structure below applies to all age divisions, girls and boys. However, to receive points, there must be at least one competitor in the age division. First place ties will be decided by matching cards. The winner will receive the full 15 points.

| Place | Points |
|-------|--------|
| 1 | 15 |
| 2 | 7 |
| 3 | 3 |

2011 NEPGA Junior Tour Match Play Championship

- Match Play Champion for each age division: 50 points
- Qualify for Finals: 20 points
- Qualify for Semi-Finals: 10 points
- Qualify for Match Play Championship: 5 points

2011 Junior PGA Championship

- National Championship; place in overall gender division:
 - 1st 100 points
 - 2nd 75 points
 - 3rd 50 points

Qualify for National Championship: 75 points

Section Championship; place in age division:

- 1st 30 points
- 2nd 20 points
- 3rd 10 points

Note: The points a player accumulates in the Junior PGA Championship will apply to their age division on the Junior Tour.

2011 New England PGA John Boda Memorial Tournament of Jr. Club Champions

- Girls & Boys
- Divisions: 1st 50 points
- 2nd 20 points
- 3rd 10 points



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2011 New England PGA Jr. Tour Championship

Divisions: 1st 30 points
2nd 20 points
3rd 10 points

The Junior Tour Point Standings will be updated and posted online at the conclusion of each tournament. Note: Players may have their points revoked at any time if they are in breach of the NEPGA Junior Golf Program Code of Conduct.

2011 Junior PGA Championship Sycamore Hills Golf Club- Ft. Wayne, Indiana

Considered the premier golf major championship for juniors, the Junior PGA Championship is where the best in the world get their start. The event, which began in 1976, brings together the best young men and women from across the nation to compete for the national title of Junior PGA Champion.

The 2011 Junior PGA Championship (National event) will be held at Sycamore Hills Golf Club, in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. The Championship is open to boys and girls who are 18 and under as of Aug 5, 2011 and have not begun college on or before August 5, 2011. The 2011 Junior PGA New England Section Championship will be held June 29-30 at Black Swan Country Club in Georgetown, MA. From there, one boy and one girl from New England will go on to compete against other junior golfers nationwide for the championship (Sycamore Hills GC –Ft. Wayne, IN). To compete in the Junior PGA New England Section Championship, players must qualify at one of the six qualifying sites set forth by the New England PGA. Please view the schedule for a complete list of qualifying sites.

2011 Junior PGA Championship Qualifying Process

To compete in the 2011 Junior PGA New England Section Championship, players must qualify at one of the six qualifying sites set forth by the New England PGA. Players must be 18 years old or younger as of August 5, 2011 have not begun college on or before August 5, 2011 to be eligible.

Registration for the 2011 Junior PGA New England Section Qualifiers will begin on **March 15, 2011**. The entry fee for all 2011 Junior PGA New England Section Qualifiers is \$50 (for members of the jr tour). The format will be as follows: All 2011 Junior PGA New England Section Qualifier will be 18-hole stroke-play competitions. All 2011 New England Section Qualifiers will be conducted under the 2010/2011 USGA Rules of Golf supplemented by the NEPGA Local Rules and Conditions of competition. Players shall compete in one of two age division at the Section Qualifiers, Boys 18 & under and Girls 18 & under. Both divisions will each play from a designated set of tee markers. To qualify, male players must score within **10 strokes of the course rating and female players within 15 strokes**. For example, if the tee markers designated for the Boys division have a course rating of 72, the target score for 18-holes would be 82. Please note all course ratings will be rounded to the nearest tenth. For



example, a course rating of 71.2 would be rounded to 71. A course rating of 69.8 would be rounded to 70. The designated tee markers, yardage and course rating for each qualifying site will be posted with the starting times for each qualifier. Please note that the New England PGA tournament committee reserves the right to modify the tournaments target score at our discretion.

Flow Chart – Jr PGA Championship

Qualify at one of 6 qualifiers → Junior PGA New England Section Championship --one boy, one girl → 2011 Junior PGA Championship (National-Ft. Wayne, Indiana)

NEPGA Section Championship at Black Swan Country Club, June 29-30, 2011

Players that qualify for the 2011 Junior PGA New England Section Championship will play in one of the following age divisions: Girls 13-15 and 16-18. Boys 13-15 and 16-18. Each gender will play from a designated set of tee markers. Starting times for the Section Championship will be posted online at www.nepga.com. **All Participants are required to RSVP no later than Wednesday June 22th at 5:00 PM. All individuals who fail to RSVP by this time will forfeit their entrance.**

The 2011 Junior PGA New England Section Championship will be a 36-hole stroke-play competition. All play will be conducted under the 2010/2011 USGA Rules of Golf supplemented by the NEPGA Local Rules and Conditions of competition. Please note there is a possibility of a cut at the conclusion of the first 18-hole round. The low-gross Boy and Girl player at the conclusion of the competition will be invited to the 2011 Junior PGA National Championship

2011 John Boda Memorial Tournament of Jr. Club Champions

Andover Country Club, Andover, MA

The John Boda Memorial Tournament of Junior Club Champions being held at **Andover Country Club on August 4, 2011** is open to male and female 2011 junior club champions from New England PGA recognized facilities. If a 2011 champion cannot be determined prior to Friday, July 29, 2011 the 2010 junior club champion may represent the club provided they are 18 years of age or younger as of August 4, 2011. The Championship will be an 18-hole Stroke Play competition consisting of an open boy's and an open girl's division. If you meet the above requirements and would like to participate in this event, please review the official application at the end of this document. This application is also available on www.nepga.com

Online Registration

All registration for the 2011 Junior PGA New England Section Qualifiers and Junior Tour will be done online at www.nepga.com. To register for tournament online, you must be a 2011 Junior Member. To register for a Qualifier as a non-member, you must do so online as well. **Note: Tournament deadlines will be at least 5-7 days prior to the event. The NEPGA reserves the right to change deadlines at anytime.**



Registration/Rejected Credit Cards

While either registering for membership or for tournaments, please ensure that you are using a CREDIT CARD that has not expired. Debit cards will not work. In a case that the card transaction is “rejected,” please log into BlueGolf and try to register again with a different card. If the system continues to reject the card, please call the NEPGA Office – 508-869-0000. Note: please enter the credit card numbers correctly.

Walk-On Policy

The New England PGA Junior Golf Program allows players to walk-on the day of an event. Once the day of an event has arrived, the waitlist is void. Open spaces within an event, on the day of an event will be give out on a first come, first serve basis. Although the likelihood of participating as a walk-on player is high, the New England PGA does not guarantee you will be able to play in any events as a walk-on. If a junior tour member is able to participate as a walk-on, they will be asked to provide all information deemed necessary for registration. The entry fee will be charged to the credit card on file or one to that is given. First time players (non-tour members) may also participate as walk-on players for an additional charge (Non Members Tournament Costs: Jr Tour events - \$50, Two-day events: \$200, Qualifiers: \$65) They will be asked to provide the following information: Name, D.O.B, home address, telephone number, email address and **name on credit card, billing address, credit card number, security code and expiration date**. Unless otherwise specified, our Walk-On Policy applies to the Junior Tour, Elite Tour, Developmental Tour and Junior PGA Championship New England Section Qualifiers. **No cash or personal checks will be accepted**

Cancellation Policy

Participants may cancel out of an event prior to the tournament deadline advance and receive a full refund minus an administration fee of \$5. Participants who cancel after the tournament deadline will not be refunded unless a valid explanation is provided. Any player that cannot participate in a Junior Tournament due to medical reasons, and it is after the tournament deadline, must provide a notice from a Doctor or Physician to validate the cancellation. Excused cancellations will still be subject to the \$5 administration fee.

Although participants who cancel out of an event after the tournament deadline may not receive a refund, it is **mandatory** they cancel out of the event online. This policy is being enforced to help eliminate no- shows and allow players on the Waitlist to participate. Players will receive one warning about this policy. A second offense may lead to a suspension. If a player shows complete disregard for this policy they will have their playing privileges revoked.



Waitlist Policy

Juniors on the waitlist will gain a spot in a tournament in the event of a cancellation. The spot in the field will be filled according to the age division of other members in the tee time on a first come, first serve basis off the waitlist. Ex. If a spot opens in a 12 & under Age Division tee time, the first participant on the waitlist in that division will be eligible for the spot. A junior in the 16-18 Age Division would not be eligible to fill the opening. **Note:** Anyone who is placed on the waitlist will not be charged unless they get into the event.

Time of Starting and Groups

Starting times are produced at random by age division. Effort is made to avoid paring players from the same family or hometown. The NEPGA does not take or accept starting time requests or changes. Unless otherwise specified, starting times for all New England PGA Junior Golf events are posted online at www.nepga.com at least 3-5 days prior to the date of the event. Participants will also receive starting time notifications via email. If the event is over or under capacity, the production of starting times may be delayed. The New England PGA reserves the right to change starting times at any time. The following is from the 2010/2011

USGA Rules of Golf:

Rule 6-3. Time of Starting and Groups

- a. Time of Starting: The player must start at the time established by the *Committee*.
- b. Groups: In stroke play, the competitor must remain throughout the round in the group arranged by the *Committee* unless the *Committee* authorizes or ratifies a change

Please note the New England PGA has adopted the note to Rule 6-3a regarding Time of Starting and Groups. It reads:

The *Committee* may provide in the conditions of a competition (Rule 33- 1) that, if the player arrives at his/her starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his/her starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play instead of disqualification.



Dress Code

All New England PGA Junior Golf Players must wear proper golf attire. Players must be neat in appearance with respect to personal grooming and clothing. Players must wear a collared or mock neck golf shirt that is tucked into the players' shorts or pants at all times. Cut-off shorts, jeans of any kind, **cargo pants, cargo shorts**, gym shorts, sweat pants, tank tops and tee shirts **are prohibited**. Hats and visors must be worn with the brim forward. Other than earrings for females, pierced jewelry of any kind is prohibited. The tournament staff reserves the right to deem whether a player is wearing proper golf attire. **If a player is not in proper golf attire they will not be able to participate in the event.** Habitual offenders may have their playing privileges revoked. This policy is in effect for all New England PGA Junior Golf events.

Spectator Policy

All Parents/Guardians are required to read this section

Unless otherwise specified, the New England PGA Junior Golf Program does not allow spectators on the golf course at any time. Spectators may watch from holes within close proximity to the clubhouse (typically the 1st & 10th tees and the 9th & 18th greens). Any spectator caught on the course will be escorted off the course with a warning. A second offense will result in disqualification of the competitor(s) the spectator is following. This policy is for the general good of both the player and the game. This policy is in effect for all New England PGA Junior Golf events. For circumstances, which warrant a parent/guardian to be on course with their child (medical, etc), the NEPGA must have documentation on file from a doctor or physician prior to the juniors participation in the event. However, such spectators must remain on the golf car path/rough and maintain 50 yards distance from the players at all times.

Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices

The use of mobile phones, two-way radios, pagers or any other electronic device deemed inappropriate is **prohibited** during event competition. The player will receive one verbal warning regarding this violation. If the player is in violation of this rule a second time, the player will be disqualified from the event competition.

Distance Measuring Devices

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.



Policy on Pull Carts and Motorized Golf Cars

All players may use pull carts, however it is ultimately the tournament course that has the final decision. If a course does not allow pull carts, then players must carry their own golf bag. Please call the course to understand their pull cart policy. The use of caddies and golf carts are **prohibited**. It is a condition of participating in all events that the competitor is not permitted to use a motorized golf cart during event competition notwithstanding the foregoing: The NEPGA and PGA of America are committed to conduct golf competitions within the perimeters of the American with Disabilities Act. Players who request relief under the Americans with Disabilities Act, and seek a reasonable accommodation for their disability by the use of a motorized golf cart during an event competition shall be required to submit their request in writing to the JUNIOR GOLF COMMITTEE/SPECIAL BOARD on or before the entry deadline date for review and determination. The Jr. Golf Committee/special board will schedule a hearing to allow the applicant the ability to present evidence to support the applicant's position. Please contact New England PGA Manager of Junior Golf Operations Jacy Settles for more information.

Course Yardages

The following will be general guidelines for course yardages for the NEPGA Junior Tour:

Boys 11 & under (9-holes) - 4,800 to 5,500 Yards (Forward Tees)

Boys 12 & 13 – 5,200 to 6,600 Yards (Middle Tees)

Boys 14 & 15 – 6,300 to 6,800 Yards (Championship Tees) **

Boys 16-21 – 6,300 to 6,800 Yards (Championship Tees)

Girls 13 & under (9-holes) – 4,800 to 5,500 Yards (Forward Tees)

Girls 14 & up – 4,800 to 5,500 Yards (Forward Tees)

* **The Boys 14-15 age division will play from the same tees as the Boys 16-18 age division unless The Committee deems it necessary to move up to the Middle tees based on the difficulty of the course.



Pace of Play Policy

Definition of “Out of Position”

First Group

Considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group exceeds the allotted per hole time as detailed in the Pace of Play Time Chart or there is an open hole between them and the group in front.

Subsequent Groups

Considered out of position if they (a) exceed the allotted per hole time to play and/or (b) reaches any place where there is an open par-3 or par-4, or when the proceeding group is on the putting green of a par-5 hole when the group is on the teeing ground.

Informing and Monitoring Group

Immediately after all the players have left the teeing ground, but before subsequent strokes have been played, a Rules Official will inform a group that they are out of position and that they will be monitored and timed. When a group will be timed, all players in the group will be informed they are being timed.

Timing

Except on the putting green, if a player has reached his ball, and it is his turn to play and there are no distractions, timing will begin after he has had reasonable time to select his club. Any time spent determining yardage will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke. On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable time to lift, clean, and mark his ball, repair his ball mark and other marks on his line of putt and remove any loose impediments on his line of putt.

Note: An extra ten seconds will be allowed for:

- a) the first player to play from a teeing ground on a par-3 hole
- b) the first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or a par-5 hole (when attempting to reach the putting green)
- c) the first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole
- d) the first player to play on or around the putting green

Penalties

Any player in a group out of position who exceeds 40 seconds to play his stroke on two occasions will be informed as soon as practicable that he has been penalized one stroke. If the player in question exceeds 40 seconds to play a stroke on one more occasion (a total of three) he will be informed as soon as practicable that he has been penalized an additional two strokes. If the player in question exceeds 40 seconds to play a stroke on one more occasion (a total of four), he will be informed as soon as practicable that he has been disqualified.

When a player has been penalized and the group in which he is playing regains its proper position and subsequently falls out of position again, the player will be penalized if he exceeds the 40 seconds to play a stroke on two occasions.

| Summary of Warning and Penalties | |
|---|---|
| First Offence One occasion exceeding 40 seconds to play a stroke Warning | Third Offense Three occasions exceeding 40 seconds to play a stroke Two (2) stroke penalty |
| Second Offense Two occasions exceeding 40 seconds to play a stroke One (1) stroke penalty | Subsequent Offenses One more occasions exceeding 40 seconds to play a stroke Disqualification |

This policy is in effect for all New England PGA Junior Golf events. Players are advised to read Rule 6-7. Undue Delay; Slow Play in the 2011/2011 USGA Rules of Golf



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Code of Conduct

Any conduct unbecoming a junior golfer shall be subject to one warning by an official and immediate disqualification at any subsequent incident. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the player may be disqualified or suspended indefinitely without warning from an official. Such conduct shall include but is not limited to cheating, fighting, abusive language, tobacco/ alcohol/drug use, club throwing, profanity, showing disrespect to volunteers, staff or officials, littering or leaving trash on the course, abuse of the golf course or golf facility including failure to repair ball marks and replace divots.

Players must be willing to comply with all policies set forth by the New England PGA including the Dress Code Policy. Players must also adhere to any rules set forth by the host facility, i.e. soft spike policy, no hats in the clubhouse, etc. Any such incidents regarding Code of Conduct violations will be handled immediately at the discretion of the onsite staff. The matter will then be reported to the Junior Golf Director. The NEPGA reserves the right to suspend and or revoke playing privileges at any time.

Etiquette

Displaying proper Golf Etiquette is required at all times during course of play. Learning the appropriate etiquette of golf will ensure a more positive experience for you and your fellow players. These tips will help you succeed before, during, and after a round of golf.

- Confirm your starting time online to minimize confusion the day of an event. Also, become familiar with the definitions in the 2010/2011 USGA Rules of Golf. Remember, it is the responsibility of the player to know and understand the Rules.
- **SAFETY.** Safety always comes first. Prior to playing a stroke or making a practice swing, always ensure that no one is standing close by or is in position to be hit by the club, the ball, or any objects that may be moved by a swing. Make sure that the group in front of you is not within range of the shot.
- Respect your fellow players. Remain silent and still when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke. Keep a steady pace while on the course. Always carry an extra ball in case a provisional is needed. Have tees and ball markers readily available in your pocket. Think about your next shot while walking to your ball and be ready to hit when it is your turn. To minimize lost balls off the tee, each individual in the group should pay close attention during each shot.
- Preserve the condition of the course by raking bunkers, replacing divots and fixing ball marks on the green (yours and one more!). On the green, tread lightly. Never run or hit the surface of the green with a club. Never walk on the intended line of putt of any golfer in your group.
- Be respectful towards all employees at the host facility. This includes golf professionals, tournament staff, rules officials and volunteers. Remember, you are a guest at the host facility. A Please and a thank you can go a long way.



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LOCAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION FOR NEPGA JR TOUR TOURNAMENTS

The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play, subject to changes or amendments by the NEPGA Jr. Tour Rules Committee. See applicable Tournament or qualifying round *Notice to Competitors/Players* and *Entry Information (Website)* for additional Local Rules and Conditions. Complete text of Rules and Appendix I may be found in the current “Rules of Golf.”

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is:

Match Play – Loss of hole; Stroke Play – Two strokes.

LOCAL RULES

OUT OF BOUNDS (Rule 27-1) - Defined by white stakes and/or property fences. When the inside edge of a road or curb defines out of bounds, a ball that crosses such a boundary is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course.

WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARDS (Rule 26) -

Water hazards are identified by yellow stakes and defined by yellow lines. **Lateral water hazards** are identified by red stakes and defined by red lines.

If no lines and/or stakes are present, the margin should be the natural margin of the hazard.

When a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity.

When water and lateral water hazards are bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – Defined by white lines. Rule 25-1. French drains (trenches filled with stones) and fire ant hills are deemed to be ground under repair even if unmarked. (Note: For a Player whose ball is in a water hazard and is affected by a fire ant hill – see Decision 1-4/10.)

SEAMS OF CUT TURF – Through the green, seams of cut turf (not the turf itself) are deemed to be ground under repair. However, interference by a seam with a player’s stance is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under Rule 25-1. If the ball lies in or touches the seam or the seam interferes with the area of intended swing, relief is available under Rule 25-1. All seams within the cut turf area are considered the same seam.

EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I (Part B) is in effect.

AERATION HOLES – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I (Part B) is in effect.

OBSTRUCTIONS – White lined areas tying into obstructions or artificially surfaced roads and paths are deemed to have the same status as the obstruction, road or path and are not ground under repair. When railroad ties, curbing or the like adjoin cart paths, they are deemed to be part of the same obstruction. Areas completely encircled by an obstruction are part of the obstruction.

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies)

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE – include wrappings, wires, cables or rods when closely attached to trees; liners in bunkers, artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided. No Relief.



LOCAL RULES CONT'D

PERMANENT ELEVATED POWER LINES AND CABLES: If a ball strikes a permanent elevated power line or cable, the stroke must be canceled and replayed, without penalty (See Rule 20-5). If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted. (For temporary power lines and or cables, see Temporary Immovable Obstructions below)

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I (Part B) is in effect. Includes any temporary obstruction installed for competition.

CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION

CONFORMING GOLF BALLS (Note to Rule 5-1) - The ball the player uses must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA. Penalty for breach of condition - *Disqualification*

ONE BALL CONDITION: (Appendix I Part C): NOT in effect.

TIME OF STARTING – (Note to Rule 6-3) Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I (Part C) is in effect.

PACE OF PLAY (Note 2 to Rule 6-7) – A player shall be subject to penalty if he/she unduly delays play. The Local Rule for Pace of Play is in effect.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I (Part C) is in effect.

When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation, **players must discontinue play immediately and must not thereafter resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play.** All practice areas are closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. A player using such practice areas might be subject to a penalty of disqualification.

NOTE: A suspension for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged siren or airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes, repeated. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes, repeated.

RETURNING SCORECARD: For the purpose of applying Rule 6-6c, a player is considered to have returned his/her scorecard when he/she has first left the scoring area. (i.e. Both feet must be outside the scoring area)

CLOSE OF COMPETITION – The competition is deemed to have closed when the trophy has been presented to the winner or, in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.

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Unplayable Conditions

The New England PGA will conduct junior golf events during foul weather conditions including rain, wind and extreme heat. However, in the event these conditions become a dangerous situation or render the course unplayable, we will delay or cancel the event. The host facility has the final say on whether the course is deemed playable. If weather appears to be questionable the day of any event, please check our website or your email account prior to calling the section office. Other than extreme situations, **all decisions regarding weather related cancellations are made the day of an event.** Unless otherwise specified, we will not reschedule an event. The NEPGA reserves the right to cancel an event under any conditions.

If suspension of play due to a dangerous situation or unplayable conditions prevent the start or completion of an event, the following policy will apply regarding the determination of division and overall champions as well as distribution of points: If less than 50% of the field is able to complete the number of holes in a stipulated round, the event or round will be cancelled. All players will be refunded their entry fee minus an administration fee of \$5.00. No points will be distributed. If at least 50% of the field is able to complete the stipulated round then the overall results will stand. Points will be distributed.

If less than 50% of an age division is able to complete the number of holes in a stipulated round, the results from the age division will be void. All players will be refunded their entry fee minus an administration fee of \$5. No points will be distributed. If 50% of the age division is able to complete the stipulated round then the results for that age division will stand. Points will be distributed. All players that did not finish will be refunded their entry fee minus an administration fee of \$5. This policy is in effect for all New England PGA Junior Golf events.

Decision of Ties

Junior Tour

First place on the Junior Tour will be decided by a card-off. The New England PGA Junior Golf Program has adopted the method recommended by the 2010/2011 USGA Rules of Golf. Please review Appendix 1, Part C, Conditions of Competition, 11(c). This method is commonly referred to as the “last 9, last 6, last 3” method. Ties for second and third place will be split. Players will share the total of these points. For example, if three players tie for second place, they would each receive 3.33 points: 2nd place, 7 points, + 3rd place, 3 points, = 10 points divided by 3 players.

Championships

If time and or conditions permit, first place ties will be decided by a hole-by-hole play-off at the following events: Junior PGA New England Section Championship, Junior Tour Match Play Championship, Boda Memorial Tournament of Junior Club Champions, Junior Tour Stroke Play Championship, and Elite Tour events. The playoff will begin on the most convenient hole for the tournament committee and the course.



NEPGA JOHN E. BODA MEMORIAL
~ Tournament of Junior Club Champions ~
Thursday, August 4, 2011
Andover Country Club, Andover, MA

Eligibility

Open to male and female 2011 junior club champions from New England PGA recognized facilities. If a 2011 champion cannot be determined prior to July 29, the 2011 junior club champion may represent the club provided they are 18 years of age or younger as of August 4, 2011.

Applications, Entry Fees and Deadlines

Every player shall pay an entry fee of \$50. Checks should be made payable to New England PGA, Inc. Applications must be received Friday, July 29, 2011. Deadline for entries means time of receipt at NEPGA office. Entry fee will be refunded regardless of reason if the New England PGA is notified prior to July 29, 2011. No refunds will be processed after July 29, 2011 unless approved by the tournament committee. All refunds will be subject to a \$5 administration fee.

Starting times

Starting times for the Championship will be posted online at www.nepga.com.

Starting times will also be emailed to all participants.

Format

The Championship will be an 18-hole Stroke Play competition consisting of an open boy's and an open girl's division.

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NEPGA JOHN E. BODA MEMORIAL (APPLICATION)

PLAYER INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

Name: _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____

Gender: M / F _____ Age: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Course: _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

Name: _____

Relationship to player: _____ Home phone #: _____

Email address: _____

Primary Emergency Contact (PEC): _____

PEC Cell Phone #: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION (American Express, MasterCard, Visa) _____

Cardholder Name: _____

Card #: _____ Exp date: _____

3-digit security code: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

PGA Professional Signature (required): _____

Course: _____ **Date:** _____

Player's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



See you on the
fairways soon!