

Preparing for an IJGT Tournament Event

The IJGT team wants you to have the ultimate experience at our events. We have put together some helpful hints, guidelines and recommendations for your reference.

Your son or daughter has signed up for membership and has now been accepted into an IJGT tournament. **What is the next step?**

Tournament Acceptance

It is important to have a valid e-mail on file with the IJGT to ensure timely receipt of all tournament correspondence. Once a player is accepted into an event, a tournament acceptance e-mail will be sent immediately with the important information listed below.

Travel and Accommodations

- Shuttle service companies and pertinent contact information for transportation will be included as part of your acceptance email.
- We strongly recommend that all participants and their families stay at the host hotel for the convenience of receiving tournament information in a timely manner. Identify yourself as an IJGT participant to receive the discounted rate.

Tournament Schedule

The tournament agenda will include a schedule for the entire weekend. Check the agenda for details regarding the following.

- Practice Rounds
- Tournament Registration
- Tee Time Blocks
- Course/Venue Information
- Estimated Course Yardage

Practice Rounds

Players are responsible for calling the host facility to schedule a practice round on Friday prior to the tournament, unless specified otherwise on the tournament info page on the IJGT website. Practice rounds are optional and green fees for the practice round are not included in the tournament entry fee. However, discounted rates for IJGT participants may be available.

Call the Golf Course Pro Shop directly (contact info is included with the tournament agenda or schedule) several weeks in advance to schedule a practice round.

Junior Golfers that are unfamiliar with the course should invest time for a practice round to get familiar with the facility. The following is an introductory list of what to look for during your practice round that will assist your performance during the tournament:

On the Course

Tee Locations

- 1 slash on the tee box for Boys 15-19 Age Division
- 2 slashes on the tee box for Boys Under 14 Age Division
- 3 slashes on the tee box for all Girls Divisions



Pin Locations

- First Round – Usually a White Dot
- Second Round – Usually a Red Dot



Out of Bounds

- Look for white stakes, white paint, walls, and fences

Hazard Areas

- Regular Water Hazards defined by yellow stakes, lines
- Lateral Water Hazards defined by red stakes, lines



Miscellaneous

- Ground Under Repair, Staked Trees, Flower Beds,
- Layout of the holes, funnels, kicks, etc.

It is suggested that players purchase yardage books at the pro shop. This valuable tool can help a player understand the course layout, trouble areas and yardages. Having access to this information will reduce time spent walking off distances and speed up pace of play.

Player Registration

Immediately following the practice round, players should proceed to registration. Player registration is typically open 1:30 – 5:30 pm on Friday afternoon at the golf course pro shop lobby or close proximity. At registration, players will receive gift items such as golf balls, hats, and more that may be useful for the tournament. Players will also receive tee times, the tournament schedule with contact information, notice to competitors, and can ask questions if needed.

With some IJGT events taking place during the school year and registration being held on Friday, we understand that it may be difficult to attend. Therefore, registration onsite is not mandatory. If you are unable to register onsite Friday afternoon, you must check in Friday night or Saturday morning with an IJGT staff member. Players checking in after the Friday afternoon registration time frame will not receive gift items until after the first round on Saturday; these items can be picked up in the scoring area.

Nutrition and Rest

Proper nutrition, hydration and rest contribute to any player's performance. The IJGT challenges students to balance school obligations and golf training, and manage time appropriately for adequate rest, practice, studies and more. As you prepare for the tournament weekend, plan time and travel appropriately to allow for unexpected delays, and stock your golf bag with water bottles, energy bars, etc.

Tournament Rounds

Range and Short Game Facilities

Range balls are included in your registration entry fee for warm up prior to tournament rounds. The range opens approximately one hour before the first tee times. After completion of the first round, the golf course may charge a nominal fee for range balls.

Keep in mind that hitting range balls in the morning is a warm up, not a practice session. Save the practice session for after the round. There are many players that need to warm up and space can be limited; please be courteous to others.

Arriving at Designated Tee

It is the player's responsibility to be at his/her designated tee ready to play at their respective starting time. Late arrival to the tee may result in a two (2) stroke penalty or disqualification.

The IJGT recommends arriving at the tee at least ten (10) minutes before your tee time. An IJGT staff member will provide players with scorecards, hole location sheets, local rule sheets, tees, pencils, sharpies and generic scorecards for spectators. The starter will announce each player's name and hometown before they tee off.

Tournament Media

The IJGT generates a news release following each tournament event to submit to local, national and global media outlets. Tournament winners will be asked to complete a short post-round interview to be included in the news story. A player's direct contribution to the event summary and accomplishments on/off the golf course helps develop public relations skills and will increase your media exposure as a Junior Golfer. If the interview process is new or unfamiliar to a player, IJGT representatives will be present to assist.

Equipment Survey

As a service to the IJGT's sponsors, the starter will conduct an equipment survey with each group prior to the start of the final round.

Scoring Area

At the conclusion of the 18th hole, competitors must go directly to the scoring area to make their score official. Parents cannot enter the scoring area. Players are responsible for ensuring their hole-by-hole scores are correct, and for signing their scorecard in the correct space. No round will be deemed complete until players have left the scoring area and have agreed on all scores.

Second and/or Final Round Pairings

After completion of the first round, all competitors will be regrouped according to score for the next round. Pairings will be available at approximately 5:30 pm dependent upon the tee time block issued by the host facility. Pairings will be posted on the scoreboard, at the pro shop, at the front desk at the host facility, on IJGT.com and by contacting the IJGT staff.

Awards Ceremony

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each age division. The trophy presentation will take place in front of the scoreboard immediately following the conclusion of play for each age division. All ties for first place will be decided by a "sudden death" playoff immediately following the conclusion of play.

Our team is available to answer your questions at any time, and we invite your feedback and suggestions on how can continue to improve the IJGT for Junior Golfers.

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