



## 2024 Minnesota PGA Junior Golf 'Sota Series Rules and Regulations

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# Welcome to the Minnesota PGA Junior Golf 'Sota Series!

## Fun. Affordable. Flexible.

### OVERVIEW

The mission of the Minnesota PGA Junior Golf 'Sota Series is to provide playing opportunities for the beginning, intermediate and advanced golfers, ages 7-19. These playing opportunities will promote competition and camaraderie.

### ELIGIBILITY

The 'Sota Series is open to all boys and girls ages 7-19. Juniors will be eligible to play in the Tour(s) based on their age as of August 15, 2024. Juniors who have reached their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to August 15, 2024 are eligible only if it is the summer immediately following high school graduation. The Minny, Prep and Junior Tour are open to juniors of various playing abilities: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. The Players Tour is an invite only program based on the junior's play in our program the previous year or a certain handicap requirement.

### 'SOTA SERIES LEVELS

\*Juniors will be eligible to play in the Tour(s) based on their age as of August 15, 2024.



**Minny Tour:** Designed for 7-12-year-olds who have little or no experience in competitive golf. Events are held on all Par-3 courses. Age divisions of 7-9 & 10-12. We do allow caddies for Minny Tour events.



**Prep Tour:** Designed for 7-12-year-olds who have more experience in competitive golf. These juniors will have a chance to play on 9-hole executive and regulation courses and 18-hole executive courses. Age divisions of 7-9 & 10-12. We do allow caddies for Prep Tour events.

\*NOTE: Juniors ages 7-12 years old can play both the Minny and Prep Tour events.



**Junior Tour:** Designed for 13-19-year-olds. All events are 18-hole stroke-play competitions. This is for players who are looking to play competitive golf in a recreational environment—similar to other club-level sports. It is also a great option for those looking to play competitively in high school or may already be on a high school team. The Junior Tour is the primary pre-requisite to earn status on the Players Tour. Age divisions of 13-15 & 16-19.

\*NOTE: A junior does have the option to play up on the Junior Tour if they are under the age of 13. They would need to pay the appropriate membership fee and we would need to receive a recommendation letter/email that the junior can play up on the Junior Tour. If a junior does play up on the Junior Tour, they cannot play back down in Minny and Prep Tour events.



**Players Tour:** The Players Tour is an invitational program in which the Minnesota PGA Junior Golf Committee determines eligibility requirements. This is open to boys and girls ages 13–19. Invites are sent out to juniors based on their average score to par using their top three scores in our program from 2023 or having a certain handicap requirement.

## MEMBERSHIP FEES AND BENEFITS

An annual membership fee is required to participate in the 'Sota Series. This membership will expire on December 31, 2024.

Minnny/Prep Tour Membership Fee = \$75.00

Junior Tour Membership Fee = \$100.00

Players Tour Membership Fee = \$150.00

The first 1400 members of the Minny/Prep/Junior Tour Program will also receive a membership kit containing the following:

- Minnesota PGA Junior Golf 'Sota Series hat
- Bag tag

## MEMBERSHIP REFUND POLICY

Juniors who wish to cancel out of the 'Sota Series must do so seven (7) days prior to the date of the first event of the 2024 season. A \$20.00 processing fee will be deducted from ALL membership refunds. Any cancellations after the onset of the 2024 season will forfeit all rights to any refunds. In the case of an emergency, written requests for refunds must be submitted to the Minnesota PGA Junior Golf Office. To be considered for a refund due to illness or injury, a doctor's/physician's note must accompany the written request. All emergency-related refund requests will be considered on their own merits. A \$20.00 processing fee will still be deducted from all membership refunds even if we have received a doctor's note.

## ONLINE MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION STEPS

1. Log onto: <https://www.minnesotajuniorgolf.com/about/membership/>  
Click the link: Register for a 2024 Membership (Both new and returning members will register here)
2. Fill out the Membership Form, choose either Minny/Prep Tour Membership (Ages 7-12) or Junior Tour Membership (Ages 13-19) based on your age as of August 15, 2024, then fill out payment information.
3. Once you complete and submit your form you will receive an automated email that says "Thank you for signing up.... your membership is in PENDING STATUS and your credit card will not be charged until you are approved."

\*If you are approved for the membership you signed up for you will receive a confirmation email within one business day. The confirmation email will contain your 2024 Member Login ID and password. Now you will be able to log into your 2024 Member account at the top right-hand corner of our website. **DO NOT LOSE** your login information as you will need this all year long to log into your account and sign up for events, cancel out of events, update contact information and to check out player stats, etc...

## TOURNAMENT SELECTION PROCESS

On **Wednesday, March 20, 2024**, the 2024 Minny/Prep and Junior Tour events will be open for selections through your 2024 Member account on our home page at [www.minnesotajuniorgolf.com](http://www.minnesotajuniorgolf.com). You will only receive a 2024 Member account after you are confirmed for a 2024 Minny/Prep/Junior Tour membership. You will be able to check out the Minny/Prep/Junior Tour Schedule's on our website or by logging into your account. All tournament selections will be accepted until the stated deadline date of **Friday, May 3, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. (CST)** and payment will not be processed until after this date. You will only be charged for the tournaments that you receive after the Tournament Selection Process is completed. **Your credit card will not be charged for the tournaments that you do receive through the selection process until the week of May 13.** Selections will not be processed on a first come, first serve basis. You have the same chance as everyone else if you make your tournament selections by the stated deadline date.

## TOURNAMENT FEES

The cost for each **18-Hole** Junior Tour and Prep Tour tournament is **\$35.00**, and the cost for each **9-Hole** Minny Tour and Prep Tour tournament is **\$20.00**. We will **only** accept VISA, MasterCard and American Express payment for tournament fees. All tournament registration is done online through your 2024 Member BlueGolf account. NO registration is done over the phone.

## HOW TO MAKE TOURNAMENT SELECTIONS

Beginning on Monday, March 20 members will be able to log into their account using their ID and Password and select the events they would like to play in. When doing your online tournament selections, you will be asked to rank your preference for the events that you would like to participate. There will be a drop-down list of sticker numbers (Minny/Prep Tour Members 1-15 and Junior Tour Members 1-20). The stickers are used to designate your preference for the events you would like to play in. Select one sticker number from the drop-down list for each tournament. **\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\* WHEN USING YOUR PREFERENCE STICKERS, YOU NEED TO START WITH #1 FOR THE EVENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLAY IN MOST.** Then, you will use #2 for your second desired event, and so on until you have assigned a preference sticker number to each tournament you would like to participate in. **DO NOT SKIP PREFERENCE STICKER NUMBERS.** If a number is skipped, you may miss out on getting tournaments. The number of events you are selecting should be the highest preference sticker you use.

## ONLINE TOURNAMENT SELECTION STEPS

1. Go to [www.minnesotajuniorgolf.com](http://www.minnesotajuniorgolf.com) and log into your 2024 Member account using your ID and Password. (Go to the 2024 Member login link in the upper right-hand corner of the website)
2. Click on the **Tournaments** tab to show the list of all tournaments available (Tournaments that the junior is eligible for will have a check box next to them)
3. You will check the boxes for the tournaments that you would like to use your electronic preference stickers for and click the Register box.
4. Fill out the information on the tournament entry form page.
5. Rate the tournaments that you would like to play in with your allotted electronic preference stickers (Minny/Prep Tour Members 1-15 and Junior Tour Members 1-20).
6. Enter your credit card information (You will not be charged for the events right now, you will only be charged for the events that you received after the Tournament Selection Process has taken place.)
7. An email will notify you that we have received your application. **This does not mean you are registered for these events!**

## TOURNAMENT EVENT CONFIRMATIONS

We use email as the primary communication method. All 2024 tournament confirmations will be done by email to confirm acceptance into events. If you received five tournaments through the tournament selection process you will receive a confirmation email for each event that you are registered into. These confirmation emails will start going out the week of May 13. Please add the following email addresses to your contact list or "Do Not Block" list in your email account:

[minnesotapgajuniorgolf@bluegolf.com](mailto:minnesotapgajuniorgolf@bluegolf.com)

[khagen@pgahq.com](mailto:khagen@pgahq.com)

[mwelch@pgahq.com](mailto:mwelch@pgahq.com)

## REGISTER FOR TOURNAMENTS AFTER THE TOURNAMENT SELECTION DEADLINE

- 1) Open Events:** You will be able to register for Minny/Prep/Junior Tour tournaments that still have openings after the selection process starting on **Monday, May 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. CST**. Juniors will be able to register for events that have open spots **up to five days prior to the date of the event** at [www.minnesotajuniorgolf.com](http://www.minnesotajuniorgolf.com) by clicking on the Minny/Prep/Junior Tour schedules or by logging into your 2024 Member account. Tournaments that are still open will have a register link next to them on the schedule. You cannot call the office to register for an event that still has openings.
- 2) Wait List for events that are full:** Beginning **Monday, May 20, 2024** you can call fill out an online wait list form at [www.minnesotajuniorgolf.com/waiting-list/](http://www.minnesotajuniorgolf.com/waiting-list/) to be put on the waiting list for tournament(s) that you did not get into through the tournament selection process or are FULL. Once your name is on the wait list, please **do not call** to find out where you are on the list. We will call or email you once we have an opening and we might not know of a cancellation until the last minute. You will pay your entry fee ahead of time by credit card.

## CANCELLATION PROCEDURE FOR TOURNAMENTS

It is the player's responsibility to properly withdraw from an event in which they cannot participate. To withdraw from a Minny/Prep/Junior Tour event please follow these steps. PLEASE READ THIS SECTION CAREFULLY. Also, please review the REFUND POLICY before withdrawing from an event.

### **Online Cancellation (Suggested Method)**

1. Log into your 2024 Member account at [www.minnesotajuniorgolf.com](http://www.minnesotajuniorgolf.com) using your ID and Password
2. Once logged in click on the Tournaments Tab at the top of the screen.
3. Under "Status", it will give you the option to cancel that tournament.
4. Click on Cancel to withdraw from the tournament and then click Cancel Registration on the next screen.
5. You will receive an email confirmation that your tournament cancellation has been processed. If applicable, the refund amount is automatically put back on the credit card that was used to pay for the tournament.

### **Phone Cancellation (If access to the website is not available please follow these instructions)**

1. Call the MN PGA Junior Golf office at 763-754-6641.
2. We will need your name, city and specify the tournament from which you would like to withdraw.
3. If no one is available when you call, you must leave a message on the voice mail system.
4. Your cancellation will be complete when you receive a confirmation email from BlueGolf. If applicable, the refund amount is automatically put back on the credit card that was used to pay for the tournament.

## REFUND POLICY

If a junior must cancel out of a Minny/Prep/Junior Tour event, a partial refund will be made **only** if the MN PGA Junior Golf office is notified before 11:59 p.m. (CST), at least **five** days prior to the event. If you cancel out of an event at least five days prior to the event you will receive a **full refund minus a \$5.00 processing fee for a 9-hole event and a \$10.00 processing fee for an 18-hole event.** If a junior is not able to make it to an event due to a personal reason and it is less than *five days* prior to the event, you still need to cancel out of the event that you are scheduled to play in, but no refunds will be given. You need to do this even if it is the day of the event.

In the case of an emergency, written requests for refunds must be submitted to the MN PGA Junior Golf office. To be considered for a refund due to illness or injury, a doctor's/physician's note must accompany the written request. All emergency-related refund requests will be considered on their own merits. A processing fee will still be deducted from all tournament refunds even if we have received a doctor's note.

## TEE TIME EVENTS

If you are scheduled to play in an event where the start time indicates, "Tee times," you will receive an email with your tee time **(3) days prior to the scheduled event date.** You will also be able to access your tee time on the tournament information page (3) days prior to the scheduled event date. If you do not have access to our website, you can contact the Minnesota PGA Junior Golf office at 763-754-6641 to find out your tee time. **Please call during normal office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** Please do not call the host facility to find your tee time.

## SHOTGUN EVENTS

You will not find out your pairing/starting hole for a shotgun event until you check in at registration the day of the event at the facility. Participants must register or be in line to register at least 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start of a shotgun tournament.

## ARRANGEMENT OF PAIRINGS

Starting times and groupings for all events will be done on a blind draw, based on age division. For tournaments consisting of two (2) or more rounds, players will be re-paired based on their scores from round one or the previous round.

For all events, requests for starting times or specific groupings will NOT be accommodated. Players shall start at the time and the order arranged unless otherwise informed by the Minnesota PGA Junior Golf Staff. Prompt attendance is required of all players at their starting point of each round. Time of starting penalties shall be consistent with Rule 5.3. Each player is responsible for obtaining his/her starting time/hole.

## AWARDS

At the completion of play for Minny/Prep/Junior Tour, awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each age group. In the case of a tie, additional awards will be mailed to those who did not receive one at the site. Medals are only awarded to the true 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers. Example: Two juniors shoot a 73 and then another shoots a 74 – the two juniors that shot 73 would get first place medals and the junior who shot a 74 would get a third-place medal.

## FORMAT FOR COMPETITION

All Minny/Prep/Junior Tour events are stroke play competition. Players will be paired into age groups in boys' and girls' divisions. Your age group is determined by your age **on** August 15, 2024. USGA Rules shall govern all play. The only juniors that will be allowed to have caddies will be juniors playing in Minny and Prep Tour events. All other players **may not** use caddies and all juniors cannot use motorized carts. NO provisions have been made for practice rounds. On tournament days, practice is restricted to designated practice areas at the discretion of the host facility. Pace of play will be strictly enforced; participants playing 18 holes should complete their round in under four and half-hours after the start of play. Players can use a pull cart if the host facility permits pull carts. It is up to each participant to check with the host facility to see if pull carts will be allowed.

## YARDAGE GUIDELINES

Approximate yardages for all tournaments on the 'Sota Series are as follows. Please note that all tournament rounds may not fall in the range of yardages below and the Minnesota PGA Junior Golf Staff has the authority to adjust any yardages that they deem appropriate for tournament play.

**Minny Tour Boys:** Should play from at least 975 yards (9 holes)

**Minny Tour Girls:** Should play from at least 950 yards (9 holes)

**Prep Tour Boys:** 1,500 - 2,700 Yards (9 holes)

**Prep Tour Girls:** 1,300 - 2,500 Yards (9 holes)

**Junior Tour Boys 13-15:** 5,800 - 6,100 Yards (18 holes)

**Junior Tour Boys 16-18:** 6,100 - 6,400 Yards (18 holes)

**Junior Tour Girls:** 4,500 - 5,400 Yards (18 holes)

## WEATHER POLICY

The MN PGA Junior Golf 'Sota Series shall be responsible for the safety of all individuals associated with the tournament relative to lightning danger and it shall be the duty of the Minnesota PGA Junior Golf Staff to monitor weather conditions during the tournament to determine if play should be suspended due to the danger of lightning at, around or near the host facility. The host facility superintendent shall have sole and absolute discretion to declare the course unplayable or unsafe, due to weather conditions or otherwise, except for lightning which shall be the responsibility of the Minnesota PGA Junior Golf Staff. When lightning in the area is within 10 miles of the course play will be suspended.

The MN PGA Junior Golf 'Sota Series reserves the right to cancel or delay a tournament due to inclement weather or other incidents. The MN PGA Junior Golf Staff will monitor weather conditions before/during the tournament and will notify players of any delays or cancellations by e-mail and on the tournament information page. Please do not call the MN PGA Junior Golf office for this information. In the event of inclement weather, we will exhaust every effort to complete the event in its entirety. If weather forces a tournament to be postponed, we will first work with the host facility to reschedule the tournament to a future date. If that is not an option, the tournament will be cancelled.



## SPECTATOR POLICY

The Minnesota PGA Junior Golf 'Sota Series encourages spectators and parents to attend events and requires spectators and parents attending to conduct themselves appropriately at all times.

### **Spectating is a privilege, not a right.**

All spectators must:

- We encourage spectators and parents to remain a reasonable distance from players throughout the round. Staying on the cart path, when applicable, is encouraged. Spectators and parents should not interfere with any group advancing from behind, nor should they converse with any competitor besides from encouragement and congratulatory comments.
- Turn cellular phones on silent or vibrate while on the golf course
- Please stay with the group or one shot in front of the group. If you are walking behind the group you are holding up the group behind them and might get hit into. If you are in front of the group you can help spot balls.

All spectators must NOT:

- Give rulings or advice
- Spectators are not allowed to rake bunkers for players. Only caddies and players may rake the bunkers.
- Interfere with any group on the golf course

\* Please note that all spectators can assist in a search for lost golf balls, if NO advice is given.

Spectators are also permitted to carry food, beverages, umbrellas, etc., and seek the help of MN PGA Junior Golf Rules Officials.

\*\*Interaction with competitors could be considered Advice and Other Help (Rule 10.2) and may result in penalty and/or disqualification for the competitor. The MN PGA Junior Golf 'Sota Series reserves the right to ban any spectator or spectators from one or more events.

## SPECTATOR CARTS

Spectator carts may be available at the discretion of the host facility; pro shop fees may apply. Where spectator carts are permitted, all carts must remain on cart paths at all times. Where spectator carts are available they may be rented on a first-come, first-served basis. Unless directed otherwise, players will not be allowed to be given rides by spectator carts during the event. Carts may be limited at facilities. The host facility has the right to **NOT allow ANY** spectator carts at an event that run at their facility.

## PLAYER POLICY

Tournament Procedures for juniors:

- Arrive at the golf course and check in at the registration table at least 20 minutes prior to the starting time.
- Each competitor must exchange scorecards with a fellow competitor in their group.
- Call out scores at the completion of each hole. Players should verify their score with each other **BEFORE** teeing off on the next hole. Also keep record of his/her own scores.
- It is the junior's responsibility to turn his/her own scorecard into the scoring area immediately following play.
- Junior needs to make sure that there are three signatures on their scorecard before turning it in.
- Failure to submit a signed scorecard could result in disqualification.
- Scorecards that have been altered (including erased scores) will be subject to review by the MN PGA Junior Golf Staff.
- Report any knowledge of cheating to a tournament official *immediately* to ensure fairness to ALL players and to preserve the spirit of the game. If an incident is not reported to an official before the tournament is over, no action can or will be taken.
- Treat fellow competitors, spectators, volunteers and golf course staff with respect!

## PLAYER POLICY CONT.

### Electronic Devices:

Participants are prohibited from using cell phones, personal music systems, smart watches and the like while on the course at our events. Please turn off your cell phone when you arrive at the course. This means no texting, talking or checking your cell phone for messages during play. If you are caught using any of the above devices during your stipulated round, the first offense will be a two (2) stroke penalty, the second offense will be disqualification. NOTE: You can use a smart watch/garmin if the only function that will be used is the distance measuring device.

### Distance Measuring Devices Policy:

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a function of a distance-measuring that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 4.3 (see penalty structure below). Yardage from these devices may be shared with fellow competitors and is not deemed to be advice.

Note #1: The use of phones, PDA's and hand-held devices that can serve a function other than measuring distances are not permitted to be used in any capacity.

Note #2: You can use a smart watch/garmin if the only function that will be used is the distance measuring device.

Note #3: Use of GPS yardage systems installed on golf carts is not permitted at any time. Spectators must not relay any yardage information displayed by a GPS system in a golf cart.

A player who breaches this policy will be subjected to the following penalties:

FIRST OFFENSE: Two (2) stroke penalty

SECOND OFFENSE: Disqualification

If there is a question on the legality of a certain device, it is recommended that all players contact the Minnesota PGA Junior Golf Office.

### Dress Code:

Proper golf attire is required at all tournaments. Players must be neat in appearance with respect to personal grooming and clothing. T-shirts, tank tops, crop tops, short shorts and blue jeans **will not** be acceptable. Each host facility may have additional rules and dress code requirements that must be adhered to by all participants.

## UNREASONABLE DELAY; PROMPT PACE OF PLAY

Minnesota PGA Junior Golf does not wish to apply penalties for Unreasonable Delay; Prompt Pace of Play. However, we insist that, in the interest of all, the pace of play be reasonable. We believe that, it is reasonable for a group of four (4) players to take NO more than 15 minutes, on average, per hole. Meaning an 18-hole round should be completed in less than 4 hours and 30 minutes and a 9-hole round should be completed in less than 2 hours and 15 minutes.

### Rule 5.6 of the USGA Rules of Golf encourage prompt pace of play:

- Players should recognize that their pace of play affects others and they should play promptly throughout the round (such as by preparing in advance for each stroke and moving promptly between strokes and in going to the next tee)

**- A player should make a stroke in no more than 40 seconds (and usually in less time) after the player is able to play without interference or distraction**

Penalty for Breach of Rule 5.6:

First Breach: One penalty stroke

Second Breach: General Penalty

Third Breach: Disqualification

## UNREASONABLE DELAY; PROMPT PACE OF PLAY, CONT.

If the player unreasonably delays play between two holes, the penalty applies to the next hole.

\*\*Minnesota PGA Junior Golf 'Sota Series on-site administrators will be monitoring the pace of play of all groups. We sincerely request your cooperation. If all competitors cooperate, each event will be a more pleasant experience for everyone.

### DEFINITION OF OUT OF POSITION

The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any point in the round, the group is taking more than the allotted time to play each hole as established by the Committee. Any following group will be considered out of position if they: (a) exceed the allotted time to play each hole **and** (b) reach the tee of a par 3 hole that is open and free of play, or fail to clear the tee of a par 4 hole or a par 5 hole before that hole is open and free of play.

### NOTIFICATION OF PLAYERS OUT OF POSITION

Any group out of position will be notified that they are out of position and will be subject to individual timing.

### TIMING OF PLAYERS OUT OF POSITION

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a competitor's stroke will begin when the player has had a reasonable opportunity to reach their ball, it is their turn to play, and they can play without interference by another player or another ball. Time spent determining yardage will count as time taken for that stroke.

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

### **- Pace of Play Tips -**

Our goal going into the season is to educate and inform our members on ways to continually improve pace of play. We realize that there are many factors that can affect the pace of play on any given day, however the bottom line is that slow play affects not only the players in the tournament, but it also affects the Minnesota PGA Junior Golf Association Staff, the host facility and parents of the players.

- Be ready to play when it is your turn – PLAY READY GOLF
- Walk briskly between shots
- Walk directly to your golf ball; do not follow others unless assisting in search for a golf ball
- Don't step off yardage for every single shot; develop an "eye" for distance
- Be efficient with your pre-shot routine
- Play a provisional ball if you think the original ball might be lost outside of a water hazard or out of bounds
- When on the putting green, place your bag in a position that will enable quick movement off the green and towards the next tee

## 2024 MINNESOTA PGA JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM - CODE OF CONDUCT

The Minnesota PGA Junior Golf Program takes great pride in the quality and conduct of its players, host facilities and spectators. To make the Minnesota PGA Junior Golf Program enjoyable for everyone, ALL participants, caddies and spectators need to adhere to a set of guidelines known as the Code of Conduct.

### JUNIOR GOLFER/CADDIE CODE OF CONDUCT:

Before, during, or after the operation of a Minnesota PGA Junior Golf tournament, violations of the Code of Conduct include, but are not limited to:

- Unsportsmanlike conduct, including abusive or profane language, cheating, bullying, throwing and/or breaking clubs, disrespect to MN PGA JR staff, volunteers, caddies or other players, or abuse of golf course property/staff (not raking bunkers, replacing divots or repairing ball marks on the green, etc.)
- Use or association with drugs or alcohol, smoking, vaping or chewing tobacco products
- Conduct not becoming of a MN PGA JR player, such as acting in anger or creating other distractions
- Gambling
- Using electronic devices (smart phones, PDA's, smart watches, tablets and hand-held devices that can serve a function other than measuring distances are not permitted to be used in any capacity)
- Seeking or accepting advice from anyone while competing on the course
- Or any other conduct unbecoming a junior golfer as deemed by tournament staff

### JUNIOR GOLFER/CADDIE CODE OF CONDUCT PENALTIES:

The Minnesota PGA Junior Golf staff may assess any or all the following penalties based on the severity of the player's or caddie's Code of Conduct violation:

- Issue a verbal or written letter of warning to the player or caddie
- Enforce a one-stroke penalty
- Enforce a two-stroke penalty
- Disqualify the player from the tournament where the violation occurs
- Remove the caddie from the tournament where the violation occurs
- Suspend the player and / or caddie for a portion of the tournament series or any number of tournament series remaining in the year
- Suspend the player's membership indefinitely
- Suspend the caddie's privileges indefinitely

### SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT:

Before, during, or after the operation of a Minnesota PGA Junior Golf tournament, violations of the Code of Conduct include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal or physical abuse, threatening or disrespecting a fellow spectator, caddie, junior golfer, volunteer, MN PGA Junior Staff or other persons conducting, participating in, hosting or attending a MN PGA Junior Golf event
- Cause physical damage to, or loss of, property or equipment of any of the parties set forth above, or the host facility
- Obscene language
- Intervening in the normal course of play as determined by the MN PGA Junior Golf Staff
- Giving advice to anyone in the competition who is playing on the course (Rule 10.2a)

### SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT PENALTIES:

Any violation of one or more items in the Spectator Code of Conduct is grounds for immediate removal of the parents, guardian, or spectator and / or player from the tournament and host facility and may result in the loss of privilege to participate in MN PGA Junior Golf tournaments for the spectator and / or player indefinitely.

Also, the MN PGA Junior Golf staff may assess any or all the following penalties based on the severity of spectator's Code of Conduct violation:

- Issue a verbal or written letter of warning
- Enforce a one-stroke penalty to their player
- Enforce a two-stroke penalty to their player
- Spectator removal from tournament