



2017 Players Handbook  
“Providing Fun &  
Competitive Junior  
Tournaments  
For New  
England’s Youth”

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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 400 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 Director of Junior Golf Operations, Jacy Settles, at **508.869.0000 ext.60705**. **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.**

2017 New England PGA Jr Tour

The 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 New England PGA Junior Tour consists of more than ninety events throughout the New England golf season.

## 2017 New England PGA Junior Golf Membership

**Membership Price: \$130 or Ping Expanded Guide + Membership: \$155**

<b>Tournaments</b>	<b>Entry Fee</b>
Junior Tour	\$40 (18 hole divisions), \$30 (9-hole divisions)
Championships/Qualifiers	\$50
Elite Tournaments	\$125

**\*\*All tournament prices are subject to change\*\***

### Sibling/Family Membership (APPLICATION ON WEBSITE)

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:** \$130

**Sibling Membership:** \$105 (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 register and pay in full for all of their children then email Jacy Settles ([jsettles@pgahq.com](mailto:jsettles@pgahq.com)) the names of the members in order to credit the \$25 back onto the families' credit card.

### 2017 Membership Gifts

**All Junior Golfers who purchase the 2017 NEPGA Junior Golf Membership receive:**

- hat
- golf balls
- towel
- divot repair tool
- Rules book

\*note: tee gifts subject to change

### Eligibility

The 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 9-21 (age calculated September 1, 2017- i.e. if your child turns 14 before September 1, 2017 then he/she will play with 14 year olds). To be eligible for the Collegiate/Graduates division, a player needs to have been out of high school for 1 year and is 19 years or older. For Boys 16-18 division, boys who are 19 years old are permitted to play in this division as long as they are either a Senior in high school or have graduated in 2017

<b>NEPGA Junior Tour Age Divisions</b>	
<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
Boys 18-21 (College students/Grad Div)	Girls 18-21 (College students/GradDiv)
Boys 16-18	Girls 14-18
Boys 14-15	Girls 13 & under (9 holes)
Boys 12-13	
Boys 11 & under (9 holes)	
<b><u>Elite Tour (Two Day Events-not separate membership)</u></b>	
Boys Divisions 12-13,14-15,16-18	Girls 14-18

\*Girls who turn 12 years old or older as of Sept. 1, 2017, may “declare up” to a higher age division (Girls 14-18) however she MAY NOT return to the younger division for the remainder of the season. When making such a decision, please keep in mind that the girls who declare up will be competing against the older girls.

**Note: Age will be calculated on September 1, 2017.**  
**i.e. if your son turns 14 before September 1, 2017 then he will play in Boys 14-15 year old Division**

### FORMAT

All 2017 Junior Tour events will be individual stroke-play competitions. With the exception of the Boys 11 & under division and the Girls 13 & under division who will play 9 holes, all other age divisions will play 18 holes. Elite Tour events are 36-hole events. **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 Director of Junior Golf as it is a case by case basis.**

2017 New England PGA Jr Tour Stroke-Play Championship  
Thomson CC – Wednesday, August 16, 2017

Players on the Junior Tour will have the opportunity to qualify for the 2017 NEPGA Junior Tour Stroke-Play Championship on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at Thomson CC. 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
<b>Boys 16-18</b>	<b>Top 10 point recipients plus ties</b>
<b>Boys 14-15</b>	<b>Top 10 point recipients plus ties</b>
<b>Boys 12 &amp; 13</b>	<b>Top 6 point recipients plus ties</b>
<b>Girls 14-18</b>	<b>Top 10 point recipients plus ties</b>
<b><u>Boys 11 &amp; under (9 holes)</u></b>	<b><u>Top 6 point recipients</u></b>
<b><u>Girls 13 &amp; under (9 holes)</u></b>	<b><u>Top 4 point recipients</u></b>

\*Note: **The cut off/deadline of player of the year point is August 10**

\*In the case where we are oversubscribed on tournament field size, there will be a tiebreaker based on number of events played. i.e. If we need to shrink the field and there are a lot of ties, the person who played in the most event will gain entry.

\*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

2017 NEPGA Jr Tour Point Structure (one & two day events).

Place	Points		Place	Points		Place	Points		Place	Points
1	25		6	13		11	8		16	3
2	20		7	12		12	7		17	2
3	17		8	11		13	6		18	1
4	15		9	10		14	5		19	1
5	14		10	9		15	4		20	1

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 through third place ties will be decided by matching cards. The winner will receive the full 25 points. Points will be placed as 25 for first, 20, for second, 17 for third place, and 15 for fourth and continues onto 1 where all players participating will receive at least 1 point. Note: Four-Ball Series has a separate scale (see below).

**Four –Ball Series Player of the Year point structure**

Place	Points		Place	Points		Place	Points		Place	Points
1	30		6	18		11	13		16	8
2	25		7	17		12	12		17	7
3	22		8	16		13	11		18	6
4	20		9	15		14	10		19	6
5	19		10	14		15	9		20	6

First place ties will be decided by matching cards. Each member of the winning team will receive the full 30 points. Points will be placed as 30 for first, 25, for second, 22 for third place, and 20 for fourth and continues onto 6 where all players participating will receive at least 1 point.

**2017 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 (overall winners of Section championship)

***Section Championship***; place in overall field (overall boys/overall girls):

1<sup>st</sup> 50 points

2nd 40 points

3rd 30 points

4<sup>th</sup> 25 points

5<sup>th</sup> 20 points

*Note:* The points a player accumulates in the Junior PGA Championship will apply to their age division on the Junior Tour (not Elite Tour)

**2017 New England PGA John Boda Memorial Tournament of Jr. Club Champions**

Girls & Boys

Divisions:

1st 50 points

2nd 40 points

3rd 30 points

**2017 New England PGA Jr. Tour Championship**

Divisions:

1st 50 points

2nd 40 points

3rd 30 points

4<sup>th</sup> then follow regular junior tour POY point structure (25, 20, 17, 15 etc)

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.

2017 Junior PGA Championship (National)  
The CC of St. Albans – St. Albans, MO.

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 2017 Girls Junior PGA Championship will be held at The CC of St. Albans on July 18-21<sup>st</sup>. The 2017 Boys Junior PGA Championship will be held at The CC of St. Albans on July 31-August 3, 2017. The Championship is open to girls who are 18 and under as of July 21, 2017 and boys who are 18 and under as of Aug 3, 2017. The 2017 Junior PGA New England Section Championship will be held July 5-6, 2017 at Shaker Hills Golf Club in Harvard, MA. From there, two boys and two girls from New England will go on to compete against other junior golfers nationwide for the championship (The CC of St. Albans – St. Albans, MO). To compete in the Junior PGA New England Section Championship, players must qualify at one of the qualifying sites set forth by the New England PGA. Please view the schedule for a complete list of qualifying sites.

2017 Junior PGA Championship Qualifying Process

To compete in the 2017 Junior PGA New England Section Championship, players must qualify at one of the qualifying sites set forth by the New England PGA. Girls must be 18 years old or younger as of July 21, 2017 and Boys must be 18 years old or younger as of August 3<sup>rd</sup>. All players must reside within the jurisdiction of the New England PGA to be eligible.

Registration for the 2017 Junior PGA New England Section Qualifiers will begin on **March 13th**. The format will be as follows: All 2017 Junior PGA New England Section Qualifier will be 18-hole stroke-play competitions. All 2017 New England Section Qualifiers will be conducted under the 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.

**Qualification will be based off of a number for each contest (boys & girls) at qualifying events. For example, top five and ties etc.** Note: adjustments to the qualification process are at the sole discretion of the New England PGA Junior Golf Committee.

**Flow Chart – Jr PGA Championship**

**Qualify at one of 5 qualifiers → Junior PGA New England Section Championship --one boy, one girl → 2017 Junior PGA Championship (The CC of St. Albans)**



## New England Jr. PGA Championship at Shaker Hills GC, July 5-6, 2017

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. Starting times for the Section Championship will be posted online at [www.nepgajuniortour.com](http://www.nepgajuniortour.com). **All Participants are required to RSVP no later than Monday, June 29, 2017 at 12noon. All individuals who fail to RSVP by this time will forfeit their entrance.**

The 2017 Junior PGA New England Section Championship will be a 36-hole stroke-play competition. All play will be conducted under the USGA Rules of Golf supplemented by the NEPGA Local Rules and Conditions of competition. The low two Boys and low two Girls at the conclusion of the competition will be invited to the 2017 Junior PGA National Championship.

Championship Exemptions: The New England PGA Junior Golf Committee reserves the right to provide an exemption to any deserving player(s) who may not have otherwise qualified for the Championship. These exemptions are given at the sole discretion of the New England PGA Junior Golf Committee (see JR PGA Championship website for more details)

## 2017 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 3, 2017** is open to male and female 2017 junior club champions from New England PGA recognized facilities. If a 2017 champion cannot be determined prior to Friday, July 28, 2017 the 2016 junior club champion may represent the club provided they are 18 years of age or younger as of August 3, 2017. 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.nepgajuniortour.com](http://www.nepgajuniortour.com)

### Online Registration

All registration for the 2017 Junior PGA New England Section Qualifiers and Junior Tour will be done online at [www.nepgajuniortour.com](http://www.nepgajuniortour.com). To register for tournament online, you must be a 2017 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. **The New England PGA does not guarantee you will be able to play in any events as a walk-on. If you wish to attempt to play as a walk on please arrive as early as you wish prior to the first tee time of the event.** 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 - \$55, Two-day events: \$150, Qualifiers: \$65).\*\*Please note that prices are subject to change\*\*. 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 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.nepgajuniortour.com](http://www.nepgajuniortour.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 USGA Rules of Golf:

### **6-3. Time of Starting and Groups**

#### **a. Time of Starting**

The player must start at the time established by the *Committee*.

#### **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE 6-3a:**

If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, 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. Otherwise, the penalty for breach of this Rule is disqualification.

**Exception:** Where the *Committee* determines that exceptional circumstances have prevented a player from starting on time, there is no penalty.

#### **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.

#### **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF RULE 6-3b:**

Disqualification.

(Best-ball and four-ball play – see Rules 30-3a and 31-2)

### Dress Code (Parents & Players)

The following dress code must be observed: Appropriate attire for boys is a collared golf shirt, pants or long shorts, and golf shoes or sneakers. Appropriate dress for girls is a collared golf shirt, pants or long shorts/ skirts, and golf shoes or sneakers. No MOCK NECKS OR CARGO SHORTS, jeans, tank tops, sweat suits, T-shirts, gym/mesh shorts, bicycle shorts, halter-tops, midriffs, or short shorts/skirts will be tolerated. Girls' shorts/skirts MUST be no shorter than 4 inches above the knee. All shirts must be tucked in. No hats are to be worn backwards and should be taken off when entering the clubhouse. The use of cell phones, iPods/mp3 players is not permitted during a stipulated round. Golf shoes must have soft spikes. It is important that children, as well as adults, dress appropriately at all times. Players and parents who do not abide by the dress code will be asked to leave club premises. The tournament staff reserves the right to deem whether a player is wearing proper golf attire.

### 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 use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

## 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 on or before the entry deadline date for review and determination. The Jr. Golf Committee will schedule a hearing to allow the applicant the ability to present evidence to support the applicant's position. Please contact New England PGA Director of Junior Golf Operations Jacy Settles for more information.

## Course Yardages/Tees

The following will be a general guideline for course yardages for NEPGA Junior Tour events. The tees to be played will be designated on the Rules sheet provided for that competition.

Boys 11 & Under (9-holes) - Play will be from a Forward set of tees.

Boys 12 & 13 - Play will be from a Middle set of tees. (Approximately 5,200 to 6,200 Yards)

Boys 14 & 15 - Play will be from a Back set of tees.\*\* (Approximately 6,300 to 6,800 Yards)

Boys 16 - 21 - Play will be from a Back set of tees. (Approximately 6,300 to 6,800 Yards)

Girls 13 & Under (9-holes) - Play will be from a Forward set of tees.

Girls 14 & Up - Play will be from a Forward set of tees. (Approximately 4,800 - 5,500)

\*\* 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 set of tees based on the difficulty of the course. The New England PGA Junior Golf Committee in charge of the competition reserves the right to adjust any of the above regulations solely at their discretion.

## 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.

#### **Subsequent Groups**

Considered out of position if they (a) exceed the allotted per hole time to play and/or (b) at any point during the round reach the tee and there is an open par-3 or par-4, or when they reach the tee of any par-5 hole and the preceding group is on the putting green.

### **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/All player(s) in a group out of position who exceeds 45 seconds to play his/her stroke on two occasions will be informed as soon as practicable that he/she or the group has been penalized one stroke. If any/All player(s) in question exceed 45 seconds to play a stroke on one more occasion (a total of three) he/she will be informed as soon as practicable that he has been penalized an additional two strokes. If any/all player(s) in question exceed 45 seconds to play a stroke on one more occasion (a total of four), he/she will be informed as soon as practicable that he has been disqualified. When a/the player (s) has/have been penalized and the group in which he/she is playing regains its proper position and subsequently falls out of position again, the player(s) will be penalized if he exceeds the 45 seconds to play a stroke on two occasions.

<p><b>Summary of Warning and Penalties</b></p> <p>First Offence One occasion exceeding 45 seconds to play a stroke Warning</p> <p>Second Offence Two occasions exceeding 45 seconds to play a stroke One (1) stroke penalty</p>	<p>Third Offense Three occasions exceeding 45 seconds to play a stroke Two (2) stroke penalty</p> <p>Subsequent Offenses One more occasion exceeding 45 seconds to play a stroke Disqualification</p>
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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 USGA Rules of Golf **NOTE:** An extra 5 seconds will be allowed for: (a.) the first player to play a stroke on a hole, (b.) the first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5, (c.) the first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole (provided it is not played from on or around the putting green), and (d.) the first player to play on or around the putting

## Code of Conduct (Players)

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 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.

## **PARENT/GUEST CODE OF CONDUCT**

The New England PGA (NEPGA) Junior Tour appreciates the support provided by parents, grandparents, guardians, family members, and guests who attend our events. In order to run our tournaments in the most effective manner and provide enjoyment for all involved, we need all non-players to abide by the following Sport Code of Conduct throughout the tournament experience.

I therefore agree,

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
3. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players and respect for NEPGA Staff & Officials, volunteers, and host facility and staff and official at every NEPGA Junior Tournament or event.
4. I (and my guests) will encourage sportsmanship for my child by showing respect and courtesy for all players, NEPGA Staff, parents, officials at every NEPGA Jr Tournament or event.
5. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, NEPGA Staff, player, volunteer, parent, and host club members or staff.
6. I will ensure that my child comprehends the benefit of competition and place an emphasis on appreciating the beneficial aspects of competing aside from just winning or losing.
7. I will ensure that my child treat other players, NEPGA Staff & Officials, host club members and staff and volunteers with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
8. I will ensure a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
9. I will not make insulting comments to players, NEPGA Staff & Officials, volunteers, host club members and staff.

Any misconduct or unbecoming behavior by the Spectator (s), Parent(s), Legal Guardian, all attendees associated with junior participant may result in the immediate disqualification of the player from the event and/or the elimination of NEPGA Jr Tour Membership, and/or the removal of the Spectators, Parent(s), Legal Guardian, all attendees associated with junior participant from the facility, and/or suspension or expulsion from the NEPGA Jr tour for those said violators.

Examples of misconduct include but are not limited to: Abusive or foul language, use of electronic devices to video, record, or photograph participants (prohibited), advice to participants, dishonesty, disrespectful behavior toward volunteers, officials, host club members or participants, inappropriate communication to New England PGA staff, New England PGA Leaders etc.

I will otherwise conduct myself in a professional manner and I will follow the rules and instructions of the NEPGA as may be provided to me in writing or verbally through NEPGA staff and as may be updated from time to time during the season.



**NEW ENGLAND SECTION PGA  
Local Rules and  
Conditions of Competition**

The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play, as modified by the NEPGA. The following Local Rules and Conditions of the Competition apply and may be found in the current Appendix I of the USGA Rules of Golf as referenced in the Section noted below. See the applicable competition's "Notice to Competitors (Players)" for additional Definitions, Local Rules and Conditions of the Competition.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is:  
Match Play - Loss of Hole; Stroke Play - Two Strokes.

**SECTION A: LOCAL RULES**

**1. Out Of Bounds - Rule 27.**

A ball that crosses a road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

**2. Water Hazards (including Lateral Water Hazards) - Rule 26.**

Dropping Zones:

If a ball is in or it is known or virtually certain that a ball that has not been found is in a water hazard and a Drop Zone is specified on the applicable "Notice to Competitors (Players)" for that water hazard, the player may as an additional option, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke, in the white lined area labeled "DZ/Drop Zone" located as indicated on the applicable "Notice to Competitors (Players)".

**3. Abnormal Ground Conditions - Rule 25.**

a. Ground Under Repair:

- i. Areas completely encircled with white lines.
- ii. French drains (drainage ditch filled with stones).
- iii. Seams of cut turf – Appx. I, Part A, Section 3e.

b. Casual Water:

If casual water exists on the putting green the Committee may:

- i. require the player to proceed under Rule 25-1b (iii);
- ii. squeegee the line of putt;
- iii. squeegee the putting green until the players are near the putting green;
- iv. or in extreme cases any combination of i, ii, or iii.

**4. Embedded Ball Through the Green – Appx. I, Part A, Section 3a.**

**5. Stones in Bunkers**

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

**6. Immovable Obstructions - Rule 24.**

- a. White Lined areas tying into obstruction(s) are part of the obstruction(s).
- b. A landscaped or garden area (flower beds, shrubbery or the like) completely encircled by an obstruction is part of the obstruction.
- c. Roads or paths surfaced with shells, wood chips or mulch, the individual pieces of shells, wood chips or mulch are loose impediments.

- d. Railroad ties, curbing or the like adjoining artificially surfaced roads or paths are part of the road or path.
- e. Where the outside edge (non-golf course side) of a road or path defines out of bounds, the road or path is an obstruction.
- f. Stakes, ropes, wires or other objects supporting trees or tree limbs, provided they are not closely attached. The tree or the tree limb is not part of the obstruction.

**7. Turf Plugs on Putting Green - Rule 16-1c.**

Turf plugs on putting greens have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired as in Rule 16-1c.

**8. Integral Parts of the Course**

- a. The portion of wrappings, wires, cables and other objects closely attached to trees or objects defining out of bounds.
- b. Artificial retaining walls and/or pilings when located within water hazards.
- c. Where artificial retaining walls and/or pilings define the margin of bunkers, the artificial retaining walls or pilings are integral parts of the course and are through the green.

**9. Permanent Elevated Power Lines or 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.

**10. Temporary Obstructions – Appx. I, Part A, Section 4b.**

(include but are not limited to):

- a. Movable Obstructions:
  - i. Hole indicator signs, mobile concession carts, tables, chairs, and trash containers.
- b. Temporary Immovable Obstructions (TIO):
  - i. Tents, scoreboards and lavatories.

**11. Scoring Area**

The scoring area may include but is not limited to tents or rooms. A player's score card has been returned to the Committee when the player has exited the defined scoring area with both feet, unless the player, prior to leaving, verbally informs the Scoring Official, and it is acknowledged, of his intention to leave the scoring area and immediately return.

**SECTION B – CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION**

**1. Specifications of the Ball**

- a. List of Conforming Golf Balls (Note to Rule 5-1) – Appx. I, Part B, Section 1b.  
Penalty for Breach of Condition – Disqualification.

**2. Pace of Play (Note 2 to Rule 6-7)**

Generic Guidelines

Par 3 Holes – 13 -15 minutes per hole

Par 4 Holes – 14 -16 minutes per hole

Par 5 Holes – 15 – 17 minutes per hole

See NEPGA Pace of Play Policy for penalties.

### **3. Suspension of Play Due to a Dangerous Situation** (Note to Rule 6-8b) – Appx. I, Part B, Section 4.

Discontinue Play Immediately: One prolonged signal note.

Discontinue Play: Three consecutive short signal notes.

Resume Play: Two short signal notes.

Note: During a suspension for a dangerous situation all practice areas shall be closed until the Rules Committee has declared them open. Players who disregard such closing shall be subject to disciplinary action.

### **4. Practice**

a. Before or between rounds – Appx. I, Part B, Section 5a.

A Player may practice on the designated practice areas.

### **5. How to Decide Ties**

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 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.

### **7. Close of Competition**

The competition shall be deemed to have closed when all scores have been validated in the scoring system and approved by the Committee. In the event of a play-off, the competition shall be deemed to have closed when the play-off scores have been approved by the Tournament Committee.

## 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 can be changed by the NEPGA at any point and time and is in effect for all New England PGA Junior Golf events.*

## Decision of Ties

### Junior Tour

First place, Second place and third place finishes 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 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 fourth place onward will be split. Players will share the total of these points.

### 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, 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. *This policy can be changed by the NEPGA at any point in time.*

**NEPGA JOHN E. BODA MEMORIAL**  
**~ Tournament of Junior Club Champions ~**  
Thursday, August 3, 2017  
Andover Country Club, Andover, MA

Eligibility

Open to male and female 2017 junior club champions from New England PGA recognized facilities. If a 2017 champion cannot be determined prior to July 28, the 2016 junior club champion may represent the club provided they are 18 years of age or younger as of August 3, 2017.

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 28, 2017. 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 28, 2017. No refunds will be processed after July 28, 2017 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.nepgajuniortour.com](http://www.nepgajuniortour.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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*(Application Below)*

**2017 NEPGA JOHN E. BODA MEMORIAL (APPLICATION)**  
*NEPGA Fax 508 869 0009: Address: 81C Shrewsbury St., PO Box 743, Boylston, MA 01505*

***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!