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Welcome to the 2022 Junior Tour!

Enclosed is a schedule of events, an important information sheet, a Life Skills experience flyer, information regarding our website, pace of play policy, and a green rules card to be kept in your golf bag.

We have also enclosed a Questions and Answers sheets. Please be sure that you and your parents read through these carefully. This is a resource for you, to help with any questions you may have.

Our website, www.FirstTeeSacramento.org, is the best resource for you to find information regarding the events, tee locations, participants, results, etc. It is also a great place to direct a friend to who may be interested in joining the tour.

First Tee – Greater Sacramento Junior Tour was created to make available, to Sacramento area junior golfers, a high quality and affordable golf tour, where junior golfers would have the opportunity to play on a variety of golf courses within the area. This is the 25th year of the tour and we have enjoyed great success. We look forward to having you on the tour and hope you have a great time.

Sincerely,



Megan Fidler

Director of Competitive Activities



Brittany O'Bryant

Junior Tour and Competitions Director

Meet Our Junior Tour Team!



Megan Fidler is the Director of Competitive Activities for The First Tee of Greater Sacramento. She first started with the organization as a participant in the inaugural class of Little Linkers, in 1983. After graduating from Elk Grove High School, she earned a golf scholarship to the University of Kentucky, playing three years there, and then graduating from Sacramento State in 1998.

After college, she worked as a golf professional at Haggin Oaks, giving private golf lessons and running their junior programs. In 2005, she was hired by The First Tee of Greater Sacramento to assist with the Jr Tour. Today, she oversees the Jr Tour, US Kids Tour, and manages the national participant opportunities and college scholarship programs for The First Tee of Greater Sacramento. Megan lives in Lincoln with her husband and five children.



Brittany O'Bryant first started with The First Tee of Greater Sacramento 20 years ago as a participant in our after-school program. As a member of The First Tee, she played in The First Tee Nature Valley Open at Pebble Beach and attended The Life Skills and Leadership Academy in San Diego. Brittany has worked for the organization for two years.

She recently graduated from Chico State, having majored in Psychology, minored in Marketing, and been a member of the Chico State Women's Golf Team. Brittany now is in the position of Junior Tour and Competitions Director, with her primary focus being the Junior Tour and US Kids Tour.

In addition to our staff, we are grateful to have more than 30 community golf members who volunteer their time to the Junior Tour as rules officials and scorekeepers at our events throughout the year.

Contact us at jrtour@tftgs.org, or (916) 486-6220

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Contacting First Tee – Greater Sacramento Junior Tour Office

You may contact the Junior Tour office at jrtour@tftgs.org or 916-486-6220.

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Email Notifications

All notifications for tournament confirmations and schedule changes are sent via email. If you are not receiving emails from us please check your junk email folder or contact us at jrtour@tftgs.org to confirm our recorded email address for you is correct.

Rules of Golf

We highly recommend all players, before their first tournament, visit and spend a good amount of time at <http://www.usga.org> for helpful videos and printed materials on the current rules. Players can pick up a copy of the current *USGA Player Edition of the Rule of Golf* at check-in of their first tournament.

Registration Deadline

We encourage you to sign up early for events, as many events fill up as early as six weeks prior to the event date. The registration deadline for all events is 2 days prior to the event date, however if there is still room in the event less than 2 days prior you may late register with an additional \$20 added to the entry fee. (Example: Event Date: July 15, all late entries received July 13th or later will be charged an additional \$20)

Cancellation Policy

There is a \$5 cancellation fee to cancel an event. All cancellations made more than 2 days prior to the event date will be refunded to the junior's online account, less a \$5 cancellation fee per event.

There are no credits or refunds given for events canceled less than two days prior to the event date.

Waiting List Policy

If an event is full, you will be notified when you register online that you are on the waiting list. Your account will only be charged when you get into the event. If a spot becomes available for you to participate, you will automatically be added to the event, your credit card will be charged and you will receive an email confirmation. If you no longer wish to play in the event, please take your name off of the waiting list by cancelling your registration. You will not be charged the \$5 cancellation fee when cancelling from the waiting list.

Dress Code

Please consult the questions and answers sheets regarding dress code policy for **players and spectators**. This information can also be found on our tournament home pages under policies. Please note this dress code applies from the time you arrive on property until the time you leave the event. Please do not change out of clothes into inappropriate attire, un-tuck shirts, or any other acts contrary to the dress code until leaving the event. If you have a dress code violation you will be given the opportunity to correct the violation at that time. If you continue to have violations during a round or are unable to correct the violation, you will be disqualified.

NCGA – Youth on Course Membership

Through your Junior Tour membership you also receive a membership to the NCGA Youth on Course program. If you do not have a current GHIN number you will be given one through this program and be able to establish a handicap. If you do have a current GHIN please be sure we have it in our records, to ensure that you are not issued a second GHIN number. You do not need to complete the NCGA online YOC class. www.ncga.org for a list of participating youth on course facilities throughout Northern California, who offer discounted green fees for \$5 or less.

Practice Round Policy

It is our privilege to play the golf courses listed on our schedule each season. Many courses give us a special rate for the day of play and/or allow us to play a golf course that would normally be restricted to members only. **Please do not contact any private country clubs to ask for a practice round** unless you are accompanied by a member or are requesting a reciprocal. You are welcome to play a practice round prior to the event date at any public golf course. Please be courteous when calling and please do not ask for complimentary practice rounds or special discounts beyond the courses published junior rates.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT THE JUNIOR TOUR

ENTERING A TOURNAMENT

Q. How do I enter a Junior Tour event?

A. All registration is done on-line through our website, www.FirstTeeSacramento.org, by viewing the Junior Tour section.

Q. What is the registration deadline for events?

A. The registration deadline for all events is 2 days prior to the event date, however if there is still room in the event less than 2 days prior you may late register with an additional \$20 added to the entry fee. (Example: Event Date: July 15, all late entries received July 13th or later will be charged an additional \$20)

Q. Are there some events that I may not qualify for?

A. Yes, there are some events each year where players are eligible to compete based on scoring average, points total, or life skills level. Events with qualification criteria are: Pat Campbell Jr. Associations Championship, Points Championship, Serrano Jr/Sr, and Sun City Jr/Sr, Nor Cal Cup, LPGA Amateurs Swing FORE Girls.

Q. What if my scoring average is above 100?

A. In order to qualify to play on the Junior Tour, juniors must have the ability to break 100 on a regulation golf course. This does not mean that you must break 100 in every event that you play in. However, if after playing in several events, your scoring average is above 115, your membership may be put on hold until you have advanced in skill level and demonstrate ability to compete in events. Due to the difficulty of the following golf courses: Rancho Murieta, Granite Bay, Serrano, The Ridge and Catta Verdera. We highly suggest that players with a scoring average above 105, do not sign up for the events at the previous courses mentioned.

Q. How do I receive confirmation for each tournament?

A. You may check to see if you are registered for an event on our website www.FirstTeeSacramento.org under the tournament schedule link. For each event, a confirmation email will be sent to you when your payment has been processed, as well as, a reminder email seven days prior to the tournament.

Q. What is a waiting list?

A. If a tournament is filled, you will receive a note stating that you are on a waiting list for a cancellation. If a confirmed player cancels, you will be notified that a spot has become available, and your payment is being processed. If a spot does not open before tournament day, juniors are welcome to come to the tournament as a standby, in the event of a no-show or late cancellation.

Q. Why is the check-in time earlier than the start time on the event schedule?

A. The time difference is to allow for sufficient check-in time, life skills sessions, special events that may have been planned, or for a short meeting on rules prior to play. **If you have not checked in by 40 minutes prior to the start time of the event, your playing spot may be given to a standby.**

Q. How do I cancel my participation in a tournament?

A. It is absolutely **mandatory** that a junior cancel if they cannot attend a tournament. The preferred method of cancellation is on our website www.FirstTeeSacramento.org. Click the 2022 tournament schedule and then click the cancel button to the left side of the event you need to cancel.

Q. If I have to cancel out of a tournament, how do I receive a refund?

A. All cancellations made one week or more prior to the event date will be credited to the player's Junior Tour account, less a \$5 cancellation fee per event. You may use this account credit to sign up for future events, or you may request a check refund at any time. There are no credits or refunds given for events canceled two or fewer days prior to the event date.

Q. What does the term "NO-SHOW" mean?

A. No-show status is given to a junior who does not cancel via the website or call to let us know that he or she will not be participating in the event. A no-show causes several problems and sometimes means another junior does not get to play. The first occurrence will be a warning, the second occurrence will involve a penalty or disqualification from future events.

DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS: FOR JUNIORS AND SPECTATORS

Q. Why is there a dress code?

A. All golf courses have dress codes for their players and spectators, whether they are a daily fee course or private country club. We do not want any player or spectator to be denied access because of improper dress, nor do we want to violate our privileges and responsibilities as guests of the facility. Please note this dress code applies from the time you arrive on property until the time you leave the event. Please do not change out of clothes into inappropriate attire, un-tuck shirts, or any other acts contrary to the dress code until leaving the event.

Q. What are the do's and don'ts of the Junior Tour dress code?

A. No jeans or denim material clothing.
No baggy pants (cargo) etc.
No tee shirts or short shorts for boys or girls.
Boys' shirts must have collars.
Girls' shirts must have either sleeves, or a collar, or both.
No halter tops or tank tops are permitted.
Shorts must be a minimum mid-thigh length.
Boys' shirts must be tucked in, at all times.
Girls' shirts may be worn un-tucked, but may not show any midriff at any point, including during the golf swing.
Hats must be worn facing forward.
Shoes must be worn at all times.

Q. What is the penalty for breach of the dress code?

A. If you have a dress code violation you will be given the opportunity to correct the violation at that time. If you continue to have violations during a round or are unable to correct the violation, you will be disqualified.

PLAYERS WHO VIOLATE THE DRESS CODE OR HAVE SPECTATORS WHO ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE DRESS CODE, MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM PLAYING IN THE TOURNAMENT.

RULES FOR PARENTS, SPECTATORS, AND JUNIORS

Q. What are the rules for parents and spectators at events?

A. They must observe the following:

Do not walk within 25 yards of any junior player.

Do not walk on tee-boxes, fairways, or greens.

Do not give advice to any junior player.

Do not carry any junior's golf bag during competition.

Stay even with or ahead of the group you are following.

Abide by same dress code as players.

Only use cell phones on course for emergency. Texting is okay for spectators.

Q. What are the rules for juniors?

A. Juniors must avoid the following misconduct:

Failing to replace divots, rake bunkers, or repair ball marks on the greens.

Receiving advice from anyone while playing.

Violating the dress code.

Being dishonest.

Throwing or slamming clubs.

Using obscene or vulgar language.

Defacing or destroying golf course property.

Using cell phones on the course, unless in emergency.

Using alcohol, drugs, or tobacco.

**PLEASE NOTE: FAILURE TO OBSERVE THESE GUIDELINES MAY RESULT
IN DISQUALIFICATION OF YOUR JUNIOR.**

RULES OF GOLF AND ETIQUETTE

Q. Why are the rules of golf important?

A. The goal of each player is to show improvement. First Tee – Greater Sacramento does reward winners, but our great pride is with players who improve their golf skills, their knowledge of the rules, and their sportsmanship.

Always have your Junior Tour Local Rules Card and USGA Rules of Golf book in your golf bag. We do realize that many of our players may need help to understand different rules situations. Please allow rules officials to help you if you have any doubt as to how a certain situation should be played. **Do not involve a parent or a scorer in a rules decision.**

If you are unable to locate a rules official, and are in doubt as to the proper procedure, you may play a second ball under: **Stroke Play - Doubt as to Procedure**

EARNING TOURNAMENT POINTS

Q. How do I earn points?

A. Points are awarded for each tournament as follows:

Overall Champion (Boy & Girl)	20 Points
1 st Place in each Age Flight (Boy & Girl)	10 Points
2 nd Place in each Age Flight (Boy & Girl)	9 Points
3 rd Place in each Age Flight (Boy & Girl)	8 Points
4 th Place in each Age Flight (Boy & Girl)	7 Points
5 th Place in each Age Flight (Boy & Girl)	6 Points
6 th Place in each Age Flight (Boy & Girl)	5 Points
7 th Place in each Age Flight (Boy & Girl)	4 Points
8 th Place in each Age Flight (Boy & Girl)	3 Points
9 th Place in each Age Flight (Boy & Girl)	2 Points
10 th Place in each Age Flight (Boy & Girl)	1 Point

Points are awarded for Life Skills participation as follows:

Participate in a Life Skills Session	5 Points
Complete PLAYer Level Testing & Certification	20 Points
Complete Par Level Testing & Certification	20 Points
Complete Birdie Level Testing & Certification	20 Points
Complete Eagle Level Testing & Certification	20 Points
Completion of Ace Project to Home Office	20 Points

Q. When does the annual point accumulation end?

A. The last tournament to qualify for points is the William Land GC event, on November 27, 2021.

Q. What happens if two or more juniors tie in a tournament?

A. Ties for overall will be decided by playoff. All other ties will receive pro-rated points. To determine places for awards purposes, ties for overall champion are broken by a sudden death playoff, and all other ties are broken by scorecard playoff.

Q. Are points awarded for the Optimist Qualifier?

A. At the Optimist Qualifier at Haggin Oaks, juniors will play at the age division they will be at the Optimist Championship. Points will be awarded to your current First Tee – Greater Sacramento Junior Tour age division, based on your finish in your Optimist division on the tournament date. More info will be sent closer to tournament date.

Q. How many juniors are invited to the Points Championship?

A. The top eight juniors, with the highest total points, in each age flight will be invited to the season ending Points Championship. The First Tee of Greater Sacramento also reserves the right to invite additional juniors based on other qualifying criteria.

Q. What age group will I play in for the Points Championship?

A. Juniors will play in the Points Championship at whatever age they are, on the date of the William Land GC event, the last tournament to accumulate points.

First Tee – Greater Sacramento
COLLEGE and VOCATIONAL SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks to the continued support of our donors, we are able to offer 8-12 college/vocational school scholarships per year to graduating seniors. These range in amount from \$500-\$2,500 per scholarship award.

Q. How do I qualify for a First Tee – Greater Sacramento Scholarships?

- A. The junior must meet the following requirements:
1. Be a member of First Tee – Greater Sacramento.
 2. Be Par Certified or higher in Life Skills.
 3. Have a good academic standing.
 4. Enroll in a college, university, or vocational school of your choice.
 5. Have outstanding personal character, sportsmanship, and leadership qualities.
 6. Complete a Scholarship Application packet
 7. Attend an interview with our Scholarship Committee in spring of senior year.

Q. What is First Tee Scholars Program?

- A. First Tee Scholars Program is a national program that will recognize participants who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in the areas of academics, leadership, character development and chapter and community involvement. Each participant who fits the given criteria will be designated as First Tee Scholar. (See www.firsttee.org for more info.)

Designated scholars will be eligible to apply for any educational scholarship opportunities made available by First Tee or one of its partners.

THE PAT CAMPBELL TEAM MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Q. What is the Pat Campbell Team Match Play Championship?

- A. It is a competitive event, held in honor of Pat Campbell, past programs and junior tour director for First Tee – Greater Sacramento. Two ten person teams, comprised of two juniors from each age group, compete in match play format in this fun event. Players from the winning team receive medals.

Q. Where is the event held?

- A. The 2022 Pat Campbell Team Match Play Championship will be at Haggin Oaks at the Alister McKenzie Course on Saturday, July 23rd.

Q. How do I qualify?

- A. To qualify for the Pat Campbell Team Match Play Championship, a junior must be a member of the Junior Tour, have played in at least three events this season, and hold one of the four lowest scoring averages in their age group. The last tournament before the cut-off for determining the teams is the Ancil Hoffman event on June 28, 2022.

FIRST TEE — GREATER SACRAMENTO JR TOUR CORE VALUE AWARD

Q. What are the criteria to earn the annual Core Value Award?

A. The following areas will be evaluated:

Upholding the Core Values of First Tee
Following the Rules of Golf and Etiquette.
Being courteous to fellow competitors.

Q. How do I nominate someone for the Core Value Award?

A. We will send out an email nomination form at the end of the summer. We encourage you to watch the other players in your age group and remember to nominate those you see display the core values of First Tee.

**Congratulations to our 2021 Core Value Award winners:
Lillian McGowan, Kenny Castro, Rylie Kosney, and Carter Jones**

First Tee - Greater Sacramento

2022 Junior Tour Schedule

	DATE	DAY	COURSE	Tee Times/Shotgun
1	3/26/2022	Saturday	Alta Sierra G & CC	12:00 Shotgun
2	4/10/2022	Sunday	Morgan Creek CC	10:00-2:00
3	5/21/2022	Saturday	Haggin Oaks GC - (Optimist Qualifier)	10:00-3:15
4	6/8/2022	Wednesday	Mather GC	10:00-2:00
5	6/13/2022	Monday	David Oxley Memorial at Diamond Oaks GC	9:00-12:45
6	6/15/2022	Wednesday	Serrano CC Jr/Sr (Special Invitation)	9:30 Shotgun
7	6/27/2022	Monday	Valley HI CC	10:00 Shotgun
8	6/28/2022	Tuesday	Ancil Hoffman GC	9:32-1:44
9	7/8/2022	Friday	Bill Gould Memorial at Timber Creek CC	8:00 Shotgun
10	7/11/2022	Monday	Catta Verdera CC	9:00 Shotgun
11	7/13/2022	Wednesday	Peach Tree G&CC	12:00 Shotgun
13	7/18/2022	Monday	Bill Demas Memorial at Del Paso CC	8:30 Shotgun
12	7/23/2022	Saturday	Pat Campbell Team Match Play at Haggin Oaks GC (Invite Only)	2:00-3:00
14	7/21/2022	Thursday	Woodcreek GC	9:00-1:00
15	7/25/2022	Monday	Sierra View CC	9:00 Shotgun
16	8/1/2022	Monday	Bill Dougherty Memorial at Yolo Fliers GC	8:00 Shotgun
17	8/8/2022	Monday	Serrano CC	11:00 Shotgun
19	8/13/2022	Saturday	Bing Maloney GC	11:00-3:00
18	8/28/2022	Saturday	Bartley Cavanaugh GC	11:00-2:15
20	10/2/2022	Sunday	The Ridge GC	12:00 Shotgun
21	10/8/2022	Saturday	Junior Tour Championship at Timber Creek CC	12:30 Shotgun
22	11/21/2022	Monday	Cameron Park CC	10:00 Shotgun
23	11/26/2022	Saturday	William Land GC	11:00-1:45