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**Welcome to the 2023 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](http://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 25<sup>th</sup> 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,



Brittany O'Bryant

Junior Tour and Competitions Director

# First Tee — Greater Sacramento

## PACE OF PLAY POLICY

Pace of play is a continuing struggle for golf as a whole. Whether a weekend round with friends, adult business outing or junior golf tournament, pace of play can be a problem. Through this policy our goal is to have players complete each round in around 4:45-5:15 hours, depending on course difficulty and number of participants. Please look over the below policy so that we can all address this issue and make every effort to improve our pace of play and thus make each tournament round more enjoyable for our players.

### **Pace of Play Policy:**

Any group will be considered to be out of position if it meets both of the following criteria:

1. Is over the allotted time allowed in the pace of play chart. (see back page)
2. Is out of position:
  - a. Having the next tee clear upon arriving at a par 3 tee
  - b. Having the hole clear on arriving at a par 4 tee.
  - c. Having the group ahead on the green upon arriving on a par 5 tee.

Pace of play will be monitored by the Rules Committee and a warning will be issued when a group is OUT OF POSITION.

### **Group Out of Position/Timing:**

If a group is out of position, the players in that group may be timed. The timing of a player's stroke will begin when they have had reasonable opportunity to reach their ball, it is their turn to play, and they can play without interference or distraction.

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

- One bad timing of more than 40 seconds – Warning
- A second bad timing – 1 stroke penalty
- A third bad timing – Additional 2 stroke penalty
- A fourth bad timing – Disqualification

The group will be monitored until it is no longer OUT OF POSITION. Penalty strokes are added to the score of the hole where the violation occurs.

**NOTE:** If the group in question regains its proper position, any previous timing of more than 40 seconds will be carried over for the remainder of that round in the event that the group requires additional monitoring.

**TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION- SCORING AVERAGE:**

Due to the difficulty of the following golf courses, if your scoring average exceeds 105, it is highly recommended that you do not sign up for these events: Rancho Murieta, , Serrano, Catta Verdera, and The Ridge.

**PACE OF PLAY TIPS**

1. Know these basic rules by heart: Out of Bounds, Immovable Obstruction (cart path, sprinkler), Penalty Areas, Unplayable Lie, Lost Ball
2. Walk like an athlete.
3. Each player proceed directly to their ball - do not walk in a pack to each ball.
4. Be ready to hit with club in hand when it is your turn and start your pre-shot routine as soon as possible.
5. Watch the flight of each competitor's ball - especially those that may be headed toward a hazard, off the fairway, or out of bounds; this will help with the search, if necessary.
6. Hit a provisional ball if there is any possibility a ball may be lost outside of a penalty area or out of bounds. It takes 30 seconds to hit a provisional ball but up to 8-10 minutes to return to the original location and hit another ball.
7. Around the green, leave your bag between the green and the next teeing ground.

**PACE OF PLAY CHART (Example)**

PACE OF PLAY CHART				Course: Sierra View						Shotgun Time: 9:00 AM				Total Elapsed Time: 4:58				
HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PAR	5	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	5
HDCP	9	7	1	11	17	13	3	15	5	8	2	16	6	14	10	12	18	4
+SPL	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00	0:00



FINISH TIME FOR HOLE ( B groups add 10 minutes )																			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
Starting Hole (Shotgun)	1	9:18	9:34	9:52	10:10	10:24	10:39	10:57	11:11	11:29	11:47	12:05	12:19	12:37	12:52	1:08	1:24	1:38	1:58
	2	1:58	9:16	9:34	9:52	10:06	10:21	10:39	10:53	11:11	11:29	11:47	12:01	12:19	12:34	12:50	1:06	1:20	1:40
	3	1:42	1:58	9:18	9:36	9:50	10:05	10:23	10:37	10:55	11:13	11:31	11:45	12:03	12:18	12:34	12:50	1:04	1:24
	4	1:24	1:40	1:58	9:18	9:32	9:47	10:05	10:19	10:37	10:55	11:13	11:27	11:45	12:00	12:16	12:32	12:46	1:06
	5	1:06	1:22	1:40	1:58	9:14	9:29	9:47	10:01	10:19	10:37	10:55	11:09	11:27	11:42	11:58	12:14	12:28	12:48
	6	12:52	1:08	1:26	1:44	1:58	9:15	9:33	9:47	10:05	10:23	10:41	10:55	11:13	11:28	11:44	12:00	12:14	12:34
	7	12:37	12:53	1:11	1:29	1:43	1:58	9:18	9:32	9:50	10:08	10:26	10:40	10:58	11:13	11:29	11:45	11:59	12:19
	8	12:19	12:35	12:53	1:11	1:25	1:40	1:58	9:14	9:32	9:50	10:08	10:22	10:40	10:55	11:11	11:27	11:41	12:01
	9	12:05	12:21	12:39	12:57	1:11	1:26	1:44	1:58	9:18	9:36	9:54	10:08	10:26	10:41	10:57	11:13	11:27	11:47
	10	11:47	12:03	12:21	12:39	12:53	1:08	1:26	1:40	1:58	9:18	9:36	9:50	10:08	10:23	10:39	10:55	11:09	11:29
	11	11:29	11:45	12:03	12:21	12:35	12:50	1:08	1:22	1:40	1:58	9:18	9:32	9:50	10:05	10:21	10:37	10:51	11:11
	12	11:11	11:27	11:45	12:03	12:17	12:32	12:50	1:04	1:22	1:40	1:58	9:14	9:32	9:47	10:03	10:19	10:33	10:53
	13	10:57	11:13	11:31	11:49	12:03	12:18	12:36	12:50	1:08	1:26	1:44	1:58	9:18	9:33	9:49	10:05	10:19	10:39
	14	10:39	10:55	11:13	11:31	11:45	12:00	12:18	12:32	12:50	1:08	1:26	1:40	1:58	9:15	9:31	9:47	10:01	10:21
	15	10:24	10:40	10:58	11:16	11:30	11:45	12:03	12:17	12:35	12:53	1:11	1:25	1:43	1:58	9:16	9:32	9:46	10:06
	16	10:08	10:24	10:42	11:00	11:14	11:29	11:47	12:01	12:19	12:37	12:55	1:09	1:27	1:42	1:58	9:16	9:30	9:50
	17	9:52	10:08	10:26	10:44	10:58	11:13	11:31	11:45	12:03	12:21	12:39	12:53	1:11	1:26	1:42	1:58	9:14	9:34
	18	9:38	9:54	10:12	10:30	10:44	10:59	11:17	11:31	11:49	12:07	12:25	12:39	12:57	1:12	1:28	1:44	1:58	9:20

# 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](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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 <sup>st</sup> Place in each Age Flight (Boy & Girl)	10 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place in each Age Flight (Boy & Girl)	9 Points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place in each Age Flight (Boy & Girl)	8 Points
4 <sup>th</sup> Place in each Age Flight (Boy & Girl)	7 Points
5 <sup>th</sup> Place in each Age Flight (Boy & Girl)	6 Points
6 <sup>th</sup> Place in each Age Flight (Boy & Girl)	5 Points
7 <sup>th</sup> Place in each Age Flight (Boy & Girl)	4 Points
8 <sup>th</sup> Place in each Age Flight (Boy & Girl)	3 Points
9 <sup>th</sup> Place in each Age Flight (Boy & Girl)	2 Points
10 <sup>th</sup> 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 Level Testing & Certification	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 December 9, 2023.*

**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 participating in our 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](http://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 2023 Pat Campbell Team Match Play Championship will be at Haggin Oaks at the Alister McKenzie Course on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

**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 Mather event on June 28, 2023.*

**THE FIRST TEE OF 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 2022 Core Value Award winners:  
Pranav Krovi, Ethan Allred, Hannah Stouder, & Raahil Khan**



## CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

[www.FirstTeeSacramento.org](http://www.FirstTeeSacramento.org)

First Tee — Greater Sacramento Junior Tour uses the Blue Golf™ system for membership and event registration. Through our website you can access tournament results, points summary, hole-by-hole tournament scores, tee locations & driving directions for upcoming events, check your registration or waiting list status for an event, cancel an event and much more.

After you registered for membership you should have received your user name and password for your Junior Tour Player's Club access. *(We recommend changing your password after your first log-in.)*

To access information for each of the following, please follow the instructions below. Each of these items is accessible on our website after clicking to the **Programs** drop down menu and selecting **Junior Tour** from the home page.

### **Players Club (save this page to your favorites link)**

The Players Club is your personal account page. You will find the log-in link in our Junior Tour section from our site home page. From your Players Club page you can register for events, cancel events, edit your personal contact information, view your rounds & stats, and see your current credit balance, if applicable.

### **Tournament Results**

To check results from a particular event. Click on the Tournament Schedule, click "info" link for event you are interested in, then hit the results tab at the top.

### **See who is registered for an upcoming event**

To see who is registered for an event, Click Tournament Schedule, then click the "info" link for the event you are interested in. The player and waiting lists are listed on the right hand side of the page.

### **Cancel an event**

To cancel an event Click Tournament Schedule, then the cancel link on the left hand side of the event you wish to cancel from.

### **Points Summary & Scoring Averages**

Click on the Tournament Results & Points (Player of the Year) Summary box, and then to view the latest points summary or scoring averages, click on your age group.

### **Tee Locations**

Tee locations can be found on the Tournament Schedule page. Click the "info" link for event you are interested in. Tee locations will be found here along with any special notes on tee locations, as well as, a copy of the scorecard.

*We hope you enjoy the site. Please contact us at [jrtour@tfigs.org](mailto:jrtour@tfigs.org) or 916-486-6220 with any questions you may have.*