



I. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

A. ELIGIBILITY

Participation is extended to juniors between the ages of 8 and 18 who have not reached their 19th birthday before October 1st of the playing year. A player's age at this date will determine the age division that the junior will play in for any events that are aged based. High school seniors will be permitted to play regardless of age throughout the summer in which they graduate.

B. MEMBERSHIP FEES AND BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

The Board establishes annual dues annually for each family wishing to participate in junior golf. Payment of all fees is due in advance of any tournament participation. **No refunds will be made once the summer tournaments have commenced.**

Association membership and tournament fees include the entry cost for all tournaments and events designated by the Board. It also includes a JGA shirt for all participants, awards for various winners throughout the tournament year and the annual award banquet.

II. PERSONAL CONDUCT GUIDELINES

A significant objective of the PBCJGA is to instill in the junior golfer a sense of the traditions and integrity of the game. An important part of this is conducting oneself in a manner that shows respect for fellow competitors, for your own self, and for the golf course. To promote these areas of concern, the following guidelines will apply. Tournament officials will enforce these guidelines at all events.

1. Any conduct that is detrimental to the PBCJGA will not be tolerated.
2. Alcoholic beverages, drugs and tobacco in any form are prohibited.
3. Gambling is not allowed.
4. Abusive language or profanity will not be tolerated.

5. Displays of temper involving throwing or slamming bags, balls, clubs or other equipment will not be tolerated.
6. Cheating will not be tolerated.
7. Abuse of club facilities will not be tolerated.
8. Poor etiquette is not acceptable.
9. Hitting of golf balls in any area not designated for play is not allowed.
10. Disobeying any order or failure to follow instructions from any JGA official is unacceptable.

Infractions of these guidelines will result in the disqualification of the player for that day's tournament. A second offense will result in suspension for the year. Other offenses will be dealt with at the discretion of the Tournament official or his/her designee.

All players and parents are also encouraged to thank the Golf Course staff and volunteers for their support of junior golf.

III. RULES AND POLICIES

1. USGA Rules will govern all play except where it is necessary to apply Local Rules because of circumstances or unforeseen conditions.
2. Local Rule – Embedded Ball – Anywhere “through the green” a ball which is embedded in its own pitch mark in ground other than sand may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay but no nearer to the hole (See Rule 20)
3. Each player shall play without undue delay. Look ahead, not behind. Penalty under stroke play rules is two strokes. The Rules Committee will handle serious breaches of slow play (falling behind the players in front by more than one hole).
4. Competitors **MUST** wear their JGA shirts and are expected to dress in clothes that are considered fashionable for golf wear. Pants and shorts should be tan, white or navy in color. Additional shirts are available for purchase from the JGA. The following apparel that will **NOT** be accepted: cutoffs, swimming trunks, tank tops, halter-tops, jogging shorts, and blue jeans. **Only soft spike golf shoes or smooth rubber-soled shoes will be accepted.** Any violation of this rule will result in the player not being allowed to play until he/she has met the above regulations. The judge of dress shall be the Tournament Director or his/her designee.
5. All players should arrange to leave the course immediately after the awards for his/her flight have been awarded.

IV. VOLUNTEERS

Parents or their designee are required to volunteer for at least one tournament. Volunteers are asked to sign up for duty at the registration of their son/daughter. It will be necessary for the volunteer to remain at the club for the entire event until all players have finished and the scoring is complete.

Failure to show up at the assigned time will prohibit the junior player from future PBCJGA tournament play, prizes or scholarships.

A 72-hour advance notification is expected if the volunteer cannot fulfill his/her assigned date. Please use the voice mail line included herein.

Parents who are interested in following their son or daughter must sign a Consent Form for Spectators and agree to the rules for spectators at the tournament. If a notice is given that the rules are not followed the player will be ineligible for tournament prizes. If a second notice is given about spectator rules infraction the player will be ineligible for future tournaments.

No volunteer will be allowed to make any decision on rules or conduct. Any dispute should be reported to the Tournament official for a ruling.

V. LIGHTNING

Each participant has the right to stop play if they think lightning threatens them, even though the committee has not specifically authorized the stoppage of play by signal.

3 consecutive blasts of a siren – discontinue play immediately.

1 prolonged blast of siren – resume play.

PBCJGA has a LOCAL RULE that will be in effect at all tournaments conducted by the association. At the sound of the siren to discontinue play, all balls will be marked and all players will proceed to shelter immediately. Any violation of this rule will result in disqualification.

VI. PLAY AND SCOREKEEPING

1. All players should sign up for the upcoming tournaments by sending in their individual tournament registration - after having registered as a Championship or Executive member - that are **postmarked no later than one week prior** to the tournament date. Failure to register in advance will make the player ineligible for play. **A phone call must be made by noon Saturday prior to the tournament date to the voice mail phone listed for PBCJGA herein if the player cannot make the tournament for which he/she has registered. For emergencies, cancel by 7:30AM on the date of the tournament. Failure to cancel will result in the loss of playing privileges for the remainder of the season. No refunds will be issued.**
2. All players should report **immediately** to the registration table upon arrival to the golf course. Arrival time is 1 HOUR before start of play unless otherwise notified.
3. Any player arriving **LATE** will be assessed a **two stroke penalty**.
4. Players must not keep their own scores, but should switch cards with another player in the group who will act as the marker for that player.
5. Scores should be written so that they are legible to the committee.
6. Any score, attested and signed by the player, which is subsequently found to be incorrect shall be dealt with according to USGA Rule 6-6, a higher score will stand as is: a lower score will cause disqualification. **SCORES MUST BE RECORDED AFTER THE COMPLETION OF EACH HOLE AND ANY DISCREPANCY IS RESOLVED AT THAT TIME AMONG THE PLAYERS, UNLESS A SECOND BALL IS PLAYED UNDER RULE 3-3.** In that case, all players must report to the Rules committee immediately upon completion of the round for a decision, even if the score for both balls played is the same.
7. **You must turn in a scorecard after tournament play.** You must understand that any score you shoot is your tournament score to be posted. If a card is not turned in for any player, even though play was not completed, that player will be excluded from play in the next tournament conducted by PBCJGA.
8. If a tie for first, second and/or third place occurs, a sudden victory playoff will be held immediately, or match of cards beginning with the first handicapped hole will break the tie. If a tie occurs and a player involved has left and cannot play in the play-off, then he/she is eliminated from consideration for first, second or third place for that tournament. The same occurs for the matching of cards.
9. No player may have a caddy. No pull carts will be allowed in the Championship division. Exceptions made by the committee.
10. Anyone discovered to be cheating will be disqualified for that tournament and will not be allowed to play in the following tournament.
11. JGA members may watch play-offs, but must not disturb the players involved. Anyone not exhibiting proper "gallery" etiquette will be excluded from following the players the rest of the year.

VII. OTHER TOURNAMENTS AVAILABLE AS A PBCJGA MEMBER

FSGA Team Championship

This is a team event consisting of three members per team of Boys (12-14), Boys (15-17), Girls (12-14) and Girls (15-17). Teams will be established based on early round scores of the PBCJGA and at the discretion of the PBCJGA Board. The event is held in Florida during July for two successive days. The Association will sponsor the registration fees. All other fees (lodging and meals, etc.) will be the responsibility of the team members.

PBCJGA Championship

Prizes for the 36-hole tournament will be awarded in the designated age groupings boys 16-18, 14-15, 12-13, and 11 and under. Girls age groupings are 12-15, and 16-18. Overall champion and runner-up will be the lowest score and second lowest score regardless of age group (for boys and girls). The four winners will not be awarded other prizes in their age brackets. Daily prizes will be awarded in the regular flights and presented at the completion of the Championship or at the Annual Award Banquet. Members may play either of the days and compete for daily prizes, though they will not be eligible for "Association Championship" prizes unless they have played the 36 holes. Members must have completed four (4) PBCJGA tournaments during the season to be eligible for Championship prizes. The Executive players will compete and will be awarded "Association Championship" trophies in their regular flights.