



## Junior Tour COVID-19 Protocol

All Junior Tour events will be tee time events. This may limit field size in some of our events and a waiting list will be started once an event is full.

An informational email will go out to all registered players 48 hours before each event with the tee times and safety reminders, including protocols specific to that specific golf course.

At every event we will require that all staff, volunteers, spectators and participants observe a minimum of 6 feet of distance from other individuals that are not in the same household. We also ask that all individuals follow these [CDC Guidelines](#).

### **Before Play:**

**Arrival/Practice:** Players will be instructed to arrive no more than 45 minutes prior to their tee time. If the golf course allows, players may hit a limited number of range balls and practice putting, while maintaining social distancing.

**Check-In:** There will not be a check-in table set up. A team member will be stationed at the practice putting green to visually note players who have arrived and do an informal check-in, answer questions, and help send players to the tee box once the prior group has cleared the teeing area.

**Lunches:** Our goal, as in the past, is to provide a lunch for each player at a tournament. Courses will have their own strict food service guidelines. In some cases, food and beverage services may not be available. We will be sure to let you know ahead of time if this will be the case.

**Scorekeepers:** Parents will be utilized as scorekeepers for our Boys 12-13 and Girls 12-14 divisions to allow our volunteer staff to help in other areas. Each scorekeeper will be provided a golf cart.

**Starter:** We will have a starter at the first tee. The starter will observe safety precautions and will give local rules, safety reminders, and announce players to tee.

### **On Course Play:**

**Rules Officials:** Rules officials will observe safety precautions and will have hand sanitizer and alcohol wipes available. Players may ask a rules official for a wipe or squirt of hand sanitizer at any time.

**Bunkers:** Rakes have been removed from the golf courses. If a player's ball comes to rest in a bunker, the player is permitted to place their ball within one club length, no closer to the hole. The ball must remain in the bunker, the player should do their best to smooth the sand with foot or club after they hit their shot.

**Flagsticks:** Flagsticks must always remain in the hole; players are not permitted to touch the flagstick at any time. Deliberate touching of the flagstick will be a breach of code of conduct and may lead to disqualification.

**Ball Holed:** As stated in the rules of golf, a ball is holed if any part of your ball is in the hole below the surface

of the putting green. If it bounces off the flagstick and is no longer in the hole, the ball is not holed. Players should retrieve the ball without touching the flagstick or edge of the hole. Each course might have a different hole set up (EZ Lift, foam insert), and any adjustments to this rule to align with the current course being played will be announced as a local rule at the first tee.

Spectators: Spectators are allowed and must adhere to social distancing guidelines and the Junior Tour spectator policy. We request players to limit spectators to one or two persons, preferably a household member, whenever possible. Spectator carts are at the discretion of the golf course and may be used in adherence of social distancing guidelines.

Waters: While we have always taken pride in making sure we have a generous amount of bottled water on the course for our players on our hot Sacramento days, our current guidelines will have an effect on this. Additionally, most golf courses do not have beverage coolers on the course at this time. It is extremely important that all players come prepared with a good amount of water for themselves for the day. We will have a limited amount of water on select volunteer/staff carts. Volunteers will observe safety precautions and will use tongs to retrieve waters from ice tubs for players.

**After Play:**

Scorecards: Players will verbally agree to the hole by hole scores for each player. A volunteer will be available for players to acknowledge that they agree to their hole by hole scores. After agreeing the marker will sign the scorecard and place it in the box on scoring table. There will be no scoreboard and results will be posted on-line. Players are required to leave as soon as possible after completing their round.

Trophies and Points: Trophies will not be awarded during this time, however all players will receive points for their finish in each event per Junior Tour guidelines.

Life Skills Lessons: Life Skills (Player, Par, Birdie level) will be taught on-line through our new Google Classroom. Each week there will be a new life skill lesson available for juniors to complete at their current life skill level. Players can earn 5 points each week by viewing the lesson and then submitting the corresponding quiz. Eagle and Ace participants can earn 5 points by attending the Eagle/Ace class with Coach Mike or taking one of these lessons. Max of 5 points per week can be earned.

Life Skills Certification: Once a player has completed a minimum of six lessons at their current life skills level, they are eligible to certify at that level. All certification tests will be completed online. Players who certify receive 20 points.