

# ALABAMA-NW FLORIDA PGA JUNIOR TOUR

## ***RULES & REGULATIONS***



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# ALABAMA-NW FLORIDA PGA JUNIOR TOUR

## *JUNIOR TOUR OVERVIEW*



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## SUMMARY DESCRIPTION

The Alabama – NW Florida PGA Junior Tour (ALNWFL JT) is a developmental Tour designed to break down barriers to participation in the game of golf through tournament play and developing talent by creating an on-ramp approach to ensure participants are ready to ascend to higher ranks in the sport. The Tour aspires to be the most valuable competitive golf experience for juniors in the state of Alabama and the Florida Panhandle.

The Alabama-NW Florida PGA Junior Tour is open to all boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 19 that reside in the state of Alabama or the Florida Panhandle (west of the Apalachicola).

## ELIGIBILITY

The ALNWFL PGA JT is open to all junior golfers ages 10 – 19 who are not currently attending college. Players who have graduated from high school may only play in ALNWFL PGA JT tournaments until August 15<sup>th</sup> of the season directly following high school graduation. A player's division is based on their age as of the day of the tournament they have signed up for. The membership fee is \$50 and is valid for the calendar year – all players' memberships from the previous year will deactivate on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

NOTE: *Players who are 19 years old will compete in the 15-18 division in all ALNWFL PGA JT tournaments.*

## TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES

TOURNAMENT SERIES   LEVEL	PRICE
Summer Series   9-Hole	\$35
Summer Series   18-Hole	\$35

## LEVELS OF PLAY

All ALNWFL PGA JT members have the right to participate in any tournament offered by the Tour during a stipulated season. It is suggested that members use the following guidelines when selecting any Level of Play:

LEVEL OF PLAY / NUMBER OF HOLES	ELIGIBLE AGES	AVERAGE SCORES
9-Holes	10-12	60 or Lower
18-Holes	13-19	110 or Lower

## PREPARING FOR ALNWFL PGA JT TOURNAMENTS

### HEALTH & WELLNESS

Adequate preparation for a golf tournament is very important for success on the ALNWFL PGA JT. The ALNWFL PGA staff recommends that all players are equipped with light snacks (i.e. granola bars, crackers, fruit, etc.) as well as a refillable water bottle for each golf tournament. It is suggested that junior golfers wear sunscreen and a hat to avoid overexposure from the sun. Additionally, it is recommended that junior golfers drink plenty of fluids the evening prior to each tournament, especially during the Summer Series, to help prevent heat exhaustion. While the ALNWFL PGA is not responsible for providing water on the golf course, our staff will work closely with each host facility to ensure that water coolers remain full throughout the day of the event. Please note that not all host facilities have water coolers available throughout the golf course.

### DRESS CODE

Proper attire is required at all times during ALNWFL PGA JT tournaments. Failure to comply prior to any round may result in not participating and failure to comply during any round may result in disqualification (See Junior Golfer Code of Conduct). Each host facility may have additional rules and dress code requirements that must be adhered to by all ALNWFL PGA JT players and spectators. Proper attire includes collared shirts or mock turtlenecks (host facility permitting), slacks / shorts, skirts that go below finger- tip length, golf or tennis shoes, caps and visors. Should a golf course have a stricter dress code, its policy will take precedence. The ALNWFL PGA dress code prohibits denim, short shorts / skirts, cut-offs, swimsuits, sandals, clothing displaying offensive slogans, language, or pictures, clothing describing or advertising alcohol, tobacco, or other drug references. The ALNWFL PGA strongly encourages members to present themselves in a positive and professional manner while representing the ALNWFL PGA JT by wearing hats with the brim forward and tucking in all shirts.

### COVID-19

In 2020, the AL-NW FL PGA JT established a set of guidelines to combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. These policies and procedures will continue to be updated on a rolling basis according to guidelines laid out by state and local health officials as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The AL-NW FL PGA will work with each host site / facility to ensure that they are following the proper procedures for retail, food and beverage and golf course operations as outlined in Governor Ivey's "Safer at Home" order (4/28/20) and Governor DeSantis' "Safe, Smart, Step-By-Step Plan for Recovery" order (4/29/20). We believe golf can be used as a vehicle to bring us together in a safe and healthy way during these uncertain times.

***Please note, that where these Policies and Procedures conflict with either the 2021 AL-NW FL PGA Junior Tour Rules and Regulations or the USGA Rules of Golf, these Policies and Procedures will take precedence.***

All players and spectators who attend AL-NW FL PGA Junior Tour events are responsible for self-screening before arriving on-site at an event for any symptoms of COVID-19 listed by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and state/local health officials. If an individual does not feel well, they *must* stay at home and take proper precautions. If this is the case, players will be given a full refund on their BlueGolf account during the time these policies are in effect. *In short, if you are sick please stay home.* You can view the updated COVID-19 Protective Measures [HERE](#).

# ALABAMA-NW FLORIDA PGA JUNIOR TOUR

## *CODE OF CONDUCT*



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## **CODE OF CONDUCT OVERVIEW**

The ALNWFL PGA takes great pride in the quality and conduct of its members, host facilities and partners. The ALNWFL PGA JT requires all members, as well as spectators, to adhere to a set of guidelines known as the Code of Conduct.

## **JUNIOR GOLFER CODE OF CONDUCT**

Before, during or after the operation of a ALNWFL PGA JT tournament, violations of the Code of Conduct include, but are not limited to:

- Displaying disrespect to fellow competitors, volunteers, ALNWFL PGA staff, host facility staff or other persons conducting, participating in, hosting or attending a ALNWFL PGA JT tournament
- Cause physical damage to, or loss of, property or equipment of any party set forth above, or the host facility
- Obscene language
- Abuse of the golf course
- Club throwing
- Littering on the golf course
- Public urination
- Use of smoking / chewing tobacco products, drugs or alcohol
- Not adhering to the Dress Code
- Cheating
- Bullying
- Any other conduct deemed unbecoming of a ALNWFL PGA JT member

## **SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT**

Before, during, or after the operation of a ALNWFL PGA JT tournament, violations of the Code of Conduct include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal or physical abuse, threatening or disrespecting a fellow spectator, junior golfer, volunteer, ALNWFL PGA staff or other persons conducting, participating in, hosting or attending a ALNWFL PGA JT tournament
- Cause physical damage to, or loss of, property or equipment of any of the parties set forth above, or of the host facility
- Obscene language
- Intervening in the normal course of play as determined by the ALNWFL PGA staff
- Driving spectator golf cars off of the car path

## **SPECTATOR GUIDELINES**

During a ALNWFL PGA JT tournament spectators may:

- Rent golf cars at the host facilities discretion. Golf cars must remain on the path at all times. When on foot, spectators must stay off tees, fairways and greens. It is suggested that spectators keep a minimum distance of thirty (30) yards away from players.
- Assist in search of player's ball
- Carry medicine, drinks, food, umbrellas, and clothing for players

During a ALNWFL PGA JT tournament, spectators may not:

- Give advice – talking to players may be construed as giving advice, resulting in penalty for the player
- Give yardages
- Give a ruling
- Assist in official scorekeeping

## **SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT / GUIDELINE PENALTIES**

Any violation of one or more items in the Spectator Code of Conduct is grounds for immediate removal of the spectator and / or player from the tournament and host facility and may result in the loss of the privilege to participate in the ALNWFL PGA JT tournaments for the spectator and / or player indefinitely.

Also, the ALNWFL PGA may assess any or all of the following penalties based on the severity of the spectator's Code of Conduct or Guidelines violation:

- Issue of verbal or written letter of warning
- Enforce a one-stroke penalty to their player
- Enforce a two-stroke penalty to their player
- Spectator removal from the tournament



# ALABAMA-NW FLORIDA PGA JUNIOR TOUR

## *POLICIES & PROCEDURES*



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## TOURNAMENT ENTRY PROCEDURE OVERVIEW

Entries for all non-invitational tournaments conducted by the ALNWFL PGA JT will be accepted online through the ALNWFL PGA's BlueGolf tournament software on a first-come, first-served basis when tournament registration for that event or tournament series opens. There is no limit to the number of tournaments a member can enter.

NOTE 1: *Walk-up players will not be accepted at ALNWFL PGA JT tournaments.*

NOTE 2: *ALNWFL PGA JT members will be placed in a division according to their age as of the date of the tournament (unless they have "declared up" to a higher division).*

NOTE 3: *Members must register online for events or be made over the phone by speaking directly with the AL-NW FL PGA staff. (entries submitted via voicemail, mail or email will not be accepted).*

NOTE 4: *Confirmation emails will be sent out to each member after the registration process confirming the tournaments they were accepted in to. Please be sure to check junk / spam mail when you initially register.*

## TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations must be submitted via the members BlueGolf account or called in to the ALNW FL PGA office. ALNW FL PGA JT members may access their account by visiting the BlueGolf website found under the Junior Golf tab of the ALNWFL PGA website. Refunds will be granted up until 5:00 PM CT on the predetermined deadline date. Please note that replying to an automated email will not validate a cancellation.

## TOURNAMENT REFUND POLICY

Refunds will NOT be granted for cancellations and withdrawals after 5:00 PM CT on the designated deadline day prior to the ALNWFL PGA JT tournament unless there is a valid unexpected circumstance/reason or otherwise noted on the tournament information page. All cancellations are subject to a cancellation fee. Please refer to the chart below for each tournament type's cancellation fee:

TOURNAMENT TYPE	CANCELLATION FEE
9-Hole	\$5.00
18-Hole	\$10.00

## MEMBERSHIP CANCELLATION POLICY

All member cancellations must be submitted through the Alabama – NW Florida PGA Section office by speaking to an AL-NW FL PGA staff member. If a voicemail is left at the Section office, one of our staff will contact you ASAP confirming your Membership cancellation. Membership cancellations are ineligible for refunds once the player competes in at least one (1) ALNWFL PGA JT tournament.

## TRANSFER POLICY

All transfer requests must be submitted prior to the registration deadline of both the tournament transferring out of and the tournament a player is transferring in to. All transfers out of a tournament can only be transferred in to a tournament of the same Level of Play and entry fee (i.e. 9-Hole to 9-Hole, 18-Hole to 18-Hole, etc.). Transfer requests that do not meet the above stated guidelines will be treated as a cancellation policy.

## ON-SITE CHECK-IN POLICY

If a tournament is using a shotgun start, all participants must check-in 30 minutes prior to the schedule start of the tournament. If a tournament is using a tee time start, all participants must be checked-in and at their designated starting hole at their assigned starting time.

NOTE: *Prompt attendance is required of all players and time of starting penalties shall be consistent with USGA Rule 5.3.*

## DECLARING UP POLICY

Members may declare up to an older division, which may allow them to play in an event not otherwise open to them. If a member declares up, she / he must play in the older division for the remainder of the applicable tournament series (excluding the Alabama – NW Florida Junior PGA Championship) and must play by the applicable rules and regulations of that tournament. To declare up, members must complete the Age Division Declaration Form which is available on the ALNWFL PGA website. A player may declare up to a different division at any time prior to the start of a tournament; however, all requests to declare up must be approved by the ALNWFL PGA JT and approval will be based on the player's scoring average and overall tournament experience.

## NO SHOW / NO CARD POLICY

It is the responsibility of the player to notify the ALNWFL PGA JT when canceling out of a tournament. Any player unable to participate on the day of the tournament who has not previously canceled will be considered a "No Show."

All players must return their score card to the scoring area immediately following play. At 9-Hole and 18-Hole Level tournaments, any player who fails to return their score card after the round will be considered a "No Card" and will be deemed to have taken double par each hole. At Champions Tour tournaments, any player who fails to return their score card after the round will be listed as a "No Card" in the tournament results. Players withdrawing during play of an event MUST return their score card to the scoring area and notify a ALNWFL PGA JT staff member before leaving the facility, otherwise, they will be considered a "No Card." Both the player and the player keeping their score must sign the scorecard in order to make the round official.

## DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES POLICY

The ALNWFL PGA JT allows the use of distance measuring devices during all tournaments. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a function of a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her / his play (e.g. gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of USGA Rule 4.3 (see penalty structure below).

*NOTE: Applications that also assist the player in her / his play (i.e. videoing swing for analysis or gauging green contours) are not permitted.*

All distance measuring devices must be of a handheld variety (watches are permitted), carried by the player. Use of a GPS yardage system installed in a golf car is not permitted at any time. Spectators must not relay any yardage information displayed by a GPS system in a golf car. A player who breaches this policy will be deemed to have violated USGA Rule 4.3 and will be subject to the following penalties:

FIRST OFFENSE: Two (2) stroke penalty

SECOND OFFENSE: Disqualification

Additionally, players may share their distance measuring device and information pertaining to yardage only with fellow competitors or opponents at their discretion provided such action does not cause an undue delay in pace of play.

Should there be any question on the legality of a certain distance measuring device, it is recommended that all players communicate with the ALNWFL PGA JT staff before the start of an official tournament round.

## SHUTTLE SAFETY POLICY

Spectators are welcome to shuttle players to their starting hole, from their finishing hole and, in unique scenarios, where specifically instructed by ALNWFL PGA JT staff. All players must be seated inside the golf car at all times during transport. At ALNWFL PGA JT tournaments, players may NOT stand or sit on the back of a golf car while being shuttled before, during or after a tournament. This includes shuttling to the player's starting hole and from the player's last hole of a tournament.

If a violation of this policy occurs, the player may be subject to the following penalties:

FIRST OFFENSE: Warning

SECOND OFFENSE: Two (2) stroke penalty

THIRD OFFENSE: Disqualification

*NOTE: If a violation of this policy is made by a spectator who is 18 years of age or younger, the same penalty structure will apply. All penalties will be added to the player in which the violator is spectating.*

## PACE OF PLAY POLICY

The established Pace of Play for all 9-Hole and 18-Hole Level tournaments is 15 minutes per hole (4 hours and 30 minutes) plus one additional minute between the play of two holes for a total of 4 hours and 48 minutes per round unless otherwise noted.

### *DEFINITION OF OUT OF POSITION FOR SHOTGUN STARTS*

A group will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they (a) exceed the allotted time to play and (b) reach a par-3 hole that is open and free of play or fail to clear the tee of a par-4 or par-5 before that hole is open and free to play. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be considered out of position.

### *DEFINITION OF OUT OF POSITION FOR TEE TIME STARTS*

The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they exceed the time allotted to play.

Any subsequent groups will be considered out of position if, at during the round, they (a) exceed the allotted time to play and (b) reach a par-3 hole that is open and free to play, reach a par-4 hole and have not played a stroke from the teeing ground before the hole is open and free of play, or reach a par-5 hole and all players in the group have not played a stroke from the teeing ground before the hole is open and free of play. Both (a) and (b) must be apply for a group to be considered out of position.

### *TIMING*

The ALNWFL PGA JT staff reserves the right to time a group when deemed necessary. Further, if a player is determined to be unreasonably slow she / he may be timed individually at the ALNWFL PGA JT staff's discretion, regardless of whether her / his group is out of position.

A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke, and an additional 10 seconds (for a total of 50 seconds) will be allowed for: (a) the first player to play a stroke on a par-3 hole; (b) the first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or a par-5 hole; (c) the first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole; (d) the first player to play around the green; and (e) the first player to play on the putting green.

### *PENALTY STRUCTURE*

The ALNW FL PGA staff reserves the right to penalize a group or individual player if multiple violations of the Pace of Play policy occur. During a stipulated round, an individual player or group will receive the following warnings and subsequent penalties from a ALNWFL PGA staff member if they are found to be over time and / or out of position, as previously defined.

FIRST OFFENSE: Warning  
SECOND OFFENSE: Warning  
THIRD OFFENSE: One (1) stroke penalty  
FOURTH OFFENSE: Two (2) stroke penalty  
FIFTH OFFENSE: Disqualification

NOTE 1: *Penalty strokes will be added to the hole where the infraction occurred.*

NOTE 2: *Pace of play warnings and penalties will not carry to any subsequent ALNWFL PGA JT rounds.*

NOTE 3: *If a player leaves a group for an unduly amount of time and returns, the AL-NW FL PGA Staff reserves the right to give that player a double-par score on every hole in which their group has played without them.*

## **PACE OF PLAY TACTICS**

There are several tactics that can help improve Pace of Play. The ALNWFL PGA will recommend and, in some cases, enforce the following tactics during each respective Level of Play for groups who fail to keep up with the established Pace of Play. It is recommended that all players utilize the tactics listed below throughout the entire round at each respective Level of Play.

### **9-HOLE LEVEL**

1. Play "ready golf."
  - When the area surrounding the player is clear, she / he may proceed to hit their shot regardless of whether or not it is her / his turn to hit.
  - Walk with a purpose!
2. Maximum number of practice swings
  - All players will be limited to a total of two (2) practice swings per shot.
3. Continuous putting
  - Once all players' balls are on the putting green, the player who is farthest from the hole will continue putting until her / his ball is holed. This will continue until all players in the grouping have finished playing the hole.

### **18-HOLE LEVEL**

1. Play "ready golf."
  - When the area surrounding the player is clear, she / he may proceed to hit their shot regardless of whether or not it is her / his turn to hit.
  - Walk with a purpose!
2. Maximum number of practice swings
  - All players will be limited to a total of two (2) practice swings per shot.
3. Must, Must, May
  - MUST – The first player to finish playing a hole MUST immediately grab their bag and start making their way to the next teeing ground.
  - MUST – The player MUST also be the first person to play from the next teeing ground.
  - MAY – The player MAY tee off prior to the rest of her / his group arriving to the tee and if the landing area is cleared.

## **ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

By entering and competing in a ALNWFL PGA JT sanctioned tournament, all junior golfers and any spectators accompanying them assume risk and danger incidental to the game of golf and release

ALNWFL PGA JT sanctioned tournaments and competitions and their host sites, sponsors, host organizations, participating players, and all agents thereof from any and all liabilities resulting from such cases.

By participating in ALNWFL PGA JT sanctioned events, all junior golfers, and any spectators accompanying them grant permission to the ALNWFL PGA to utilize their image or likeness incidental to any live or recorded television or other transmission or reproduction in whole or in part of any ALNWFL PGA JT event they attend. In addition, junior golfers and spectators agree not to transmit or facilitate transmission of any account, description, picture, or reproduction of any ALNWFL PGA JT event, including, without limitation, scoring related data, without the specific advance written permission of the ALNWFL PGA.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER / TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION POLICY**

The ALNWFL PGA reserves the right to cancel or delay a tournament at any point prior to or during a round due to inclement weather or unplayable course conditions.

In the case a tournament is deemed unplayable due to inclement weather once play has begun, it will be delayed by a determined maximum time to allow the weather to subside, giving the course ample time to recover and to allow the tournament participants an opportunity to prepare for the re-start.

If the weather does not subside during the suspension of play, ALNWFL PGA staff will work closely with the host facility staff and superintendent to decide when to cancel the tournament due to inclement weather. Tournaments may be canceled due to core temperature of the ground, excess rain deeming the course unplayable or extreme outside temperatures deeming the conditions to be unfavorable for the tournament.

Decisions related to canceling or delaying an event will be made by the designated weather monitoring staff on site and / or in conjunction with the Executive Director of either the Alabama Golf Association or the Alabama – NW Florida PGA Section. This decision will be communicated with the on-site ALNWFL PGA staff members, host facility staff and superintendent prior to communicating with the tournament participants. Players will be notified of canceled tournament(s) through BlueGolf email, text messages and the ALNWFL PGA website.

If a tournament is canceled prior to play, the ALNWFL PGA JT members scheduled to participate in the event will be refunded the full entry fee to their BlueGolf account or have the option to transfer in to another event. If the tournament is canceled during play, the ALNWFL PGA reserves the right to retain the full entry fee.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS FOR JUNIOR GOLFERS WITH DISABILITIES OR CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS**

The ALNWFL PGA JT will, at its sole discretion and upon receipt of applicable medical documentation, make reasonable accommodations for junior golfers with disabilities or chronic health conditions. Subject to applicable rules established by the host site, reasonable accommodations may include the use of pull cart or motorized golf car for the transportation of golf clubs and competitors during

ALNWFLPGA JT tournaments. All related inquiries and communications shall be directed to the Executive Director of the Alabama – NW Florida PGA Section.

NOTE: *Letters from doctors regarding short-term injuries or visible injuries will not warrant special accommodations.*



# ALABAMA–NW FLORIDA PGA JUNIOR TOUR

## *9- & 18-Hole Levels of Play*



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## 9-HOLE LEVEL OVERVIEW

The 9-Hole Level is for AL-NW FL PGA JT members ages 10-12 who have achieved beginning level golf and tournament experience. 9-Hole Level tournaments offer competitive 9-hole individual stroke play tournaments. The 9-Hole Level provides additional opportunities for skill development and tournament experience. 9-Hole Level tournaments are conducted throughout the state of Alabama and the Panhandle of Florida.

## 18-HOLE LEVEL OVERVIEW

The 18-Hole Level is for AL-NW FL PGA JT members ages 13-15 with moderate tournament experience and wide range of playing ability. 18-Hole Level tournaments offer an 18-hole stroke play competition and are conducted throughout the state of Alabama and the Panhandle of Florida.

## TOURNAMENT ENTRY PROCEDURE

For all 9-Hole and 18-Hole Level tournaments, the AL-NW FL PGA will stop accepting entries for an event once the tournament is full or at 11:59 PM CT on the predetermined date prior to the tournament, regardless of whether or not the event is full (all deadlines can be found on the ALNWFL PGA website).

NOTE: *Entries are accepted on a first come first served basis.*

## WAITING LIST PROCEDURE

Once a tournament is full, all players that register will be placed on the waiting list. Players on the waiting list will be placed in to the tournament on a first-come, first-served basis according to the space availability in their division. Players may be placed in to a tournament from the waiting list up to three (3) days prior to the event. After which, no players from the waiting list will be processed in to the tournament. A player's profile will not be charged until he / she is moved from the waiting list to the active tournament roster.

NOTE 1: *Players will be notified via email that she / he has been placed in to the tournament. A player may cancel herself / himself from the waiting list at any time via their online account.*

NOTE 2: *There is no on-site waiting list / walk-up list at ALNWFL PGA JT tournaments.*

## ARRANGEMENT OF STARTING TIMES & GROUPINGS POLICY

Starting times and groupings for all tournaments will be done a blind draw, based on divisions. For all tournaments, requests for starting times or specific groupings will not be accommodated. Players shall start at the time and order arranged unless otherwise informed by the ALNWFL PGA staff. Prompt attendance is required for all players at their starting point for each round. Time of starting penalties shall be consistent with USGA Rule 5.3. Each player is responsible for obtaining her / his starting time.

NOTE: The structure and method used to arrange starting times and groupings may be altered at the discretion of the ALNWFL PGA staff.

## SHORTENED 9-HOLE EVENTS

In the event that a 9-Hole Level tournament is shortened due to weather or the like, all players are expected to return their respective score card to the ALNWFL PGA staff once the tournament has been officially canceled, regardless of the number of holes they have completed.

ALNWFL PGA staff will make every effort to score the event for each division competing in the tournament. However, should a division fail to collectively complete 5-holes, the tournament will not be official, and therefore, the results and points will not be posted. The ALNWFL PGA JT Tournament Cancellation Procedure would then take effect.

Should a division collectively complete 5-holes or more, but collectively complete fewer than 9-holes, the tournament will be considered official and the ALNWFL PGA JT staff will score the tournament as follows:

- The results for each division will be calculated relative to par for the first 5-holes that each player completed during their respective round. For example, if Player A started the tournament on Hole 1, her / his score (relative to par) for Holes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 would be used for her / his score.

*NOTE: In the scenarios outlines above, applicable trophies / medals will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place finishers regardless of ties and will be mailed to each player immediately following the announcement of the official tournament results.*

## SHORTENED 18-HOLE LEVEL EVENTS

In the event that a 18-Hole Level tournament is shortened due to weather or the like, all players are expected to return their respective score card to the ALNWFL PGA JT staff once the tournament has been officially canceled, regardless of the number of holes they have completed.

ALNWFL PGA JT staff will make every effort to score the event for each division competing in the tournament. However, should a division fail to collectively complete 9-holes, the tournament will not be official, and therefore, the results and points will not be posted. The ALNWFL PGA JT Tournament Cancellation Procedure would then take effect.

Should a division collectively complete 9-holes or more, but collectively complete fewer than 18-holes, the tournament will be considered official and the ALNWFL PGA JT staff will score the tournament as follows:

- In the event that a division collectively completes the same side (i.e. Holes 1-9 or Holes 10-18), the AL-NW FL PGA Staff will enter all player's actual scores from the respective side. In addition, the full amount of points for the event will be awarded since the tournament was considered official.
- In the event that a division DOES NOT collectively complete the same side as outlined above, but collectively completes 9 like holes, the results for the division will be calculated relative to the 9 like holes that were completed. For example, if Player A completed holes 7 through 17, and Player B completed Holes 8 through 18, so Holes 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 would

be used for his/her score. In addition, the full amount of points for the event will be awarded since the tournament was considered official.

- In the event that a division DOES NOT collectively complete the same side or 9 like holes as outlines above, the results for the division will be calculated relative to par for the first 9-holes that each player completed during their respective round. For example, if Player A started the tournament on Hole 12, his/her score (relative to par) for Holes 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 1 and 2 would be used for his/her score. If Player B started the tournament on Hole 14, his/her score (relative to par) for Holes 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 1, 2, 3 and 4 would be used for his/her score. In addition, the full amount of points will be awarded since the tournament was considered official.

NOTE: In the scenarios outlined above, applicable trophies/medals will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place finishers regardless of ties and will be mailed to each player immediately following the announcement of the official tournament results.

### **RULES OF PLAY**

- Play is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf.
- Play the ball as it lies unless otherwise prompted by an ALNWFL PGA staff member.
- The AL-NW FL PGA JT WILL NOT adopt the Groove Rules as condition of competition for its tournaments in 2019.
- The AL-NW FL PGA permits pull carts, however, they will be allowed only at the discretion of the host facility. It is the players' responsibility to obtain course policy. The pull cart policy will be listed on the tournament information page.
- Players must exchange scorecards with fellow competitors in their group.
- Any player who taken shots adding up to more than double the par on any hole and has not holed out *must* pick up his/her ball and proceed to the next tee. The score must be recorded as double the par for that hole and does not exclude the participant from award consideration.
- Upon completion of the round, players must immediately proceed to the scoring area to return their scorecard. Players are responsible for the correct hole-by-hole score and two signatures on the scorecard.
- Players must NOT wear headphones during play. Listening to music in any capacity during a stipulated round will result in disqualification.
- When on the course, players and spectators must turn their cell phone ringers to silent or vibrate mode. Respect host facility's policy if cell phones are not allowed.
- Each competition shall be deemed to have closed when all scores have been approved by the AL-NW FL PGA staff and published in the form of a results email.

### **BREAKING TIES**

In all 9-Hole and 18-Hole events, ties for first, second and third place in all divisions will be broken by a scorecard playoff. The AL-NW FL PGA JT official policy for breaking ties via a scorecard playoff is the same as defined by the Committee Procedures 5A (6). The method of matching scorecards to determine the winner will begin by using the last nine (9) holes of the tournament. If the players have the same score for the last nine (9), the AL-NW FL PGA will use the last six (6) holes, and finally the last three (3) holes. If this method is used in a competition with a multiple tee start, it is recommended that the "last nine holes, last six holes, etc." is considered to be holes 10-18, 13-18, etc. If after the

proceeding with this method the winner has yet to be determined, the AL-NW FL PGA will proceed by comparing score cards from the 18<sup>th</sup> hole and continuing backwards by comparing the 17<sup>th</sup> hole, 16<sup>th</sup> hole, etc. until a winner has been determined.

At the Junior Tour Championship, all ties for first place in all divisions will be broken using a sudden-death playoff. If a player is not present to compete in a sudden-death playoff, he/she will be deemed to have forfeited the playoff. Should weather or darkness interfere, a scorecard playoff will be utilized. Ties for second and third place will be broken by a scorecard playoff as outlined above.

### TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

At all 9- and 18-Hole competitions, points will be awarded to the top 15 finishers and ties in all age divisions. Points will be accumulated throughout the stipulated season beginning with the first tournament and ending with the last tournament. A player will play in a certain age division based on their age as of June 1, 2019.

Any points earned within a division will stay in that division for the entire tournament season. This means that if a player has a birthday which causes him/her to move to an older division, his/her points do not carry over. Should the player earn a qualification or exemption of some kind with the points from their previous division, that will still be honored, and the player will need to compete in the new age appropriate division. If a player receives a qualification based on the above criteria and must play in the new, older, age appropriate division, their qualifying spot for the younger age division will be given to the next eligible player in the Tour Championship from that younger age division.

NOTE: A player may “declare up” their age division but must do so **BEFORE** the June 1 deadline. Please see procedures under the “Declaring Up Policy” section for procedures.