

2019 Fort Worth Junior Golf Tour

Rules, Policies and Procedures

Current USGA Rules of Golf, Fort Worth Junior Golf Tour rules, local course rules and changes or amendments by the FWJGT staff govern play.

1. **Eligibility:** Boys and Girls age 7-18 who are not currently attending college.
2. **Divisions:** Boys and Girls 7-9 & 10-12 (9 holes), 13-15 & 16-18 (18 holes)
A player's age division is based on their age on or before May 20th, 2019.
Whatever the player's age is on or before May 20th, 2019 shall determine what age division he/she will play for the entire season starting with the spring break events.
There will not be any changing of age divisions at any point during the season or declaring to play up in an older age division unless approved by the FWJGT Director. The age division a player starts in will remain the same for the entire 2018 season, and shall be based on his/her age on or before the cutoff date of May 20th, 2018.
3. **Membership:** Membership dues for 2019 will be \$10.00 and are mandatory for all players before they compete in any FWJGT event, which will start with the spring break events. The \$10 membership dues are only payable by cash or check at Meadowbrook GC or the host course on the day of an event and will include:
 - Free range balls before tournament rounds
 - Access to FWJGT Events
 - Eligibility for Year Long Points Race to Tour Championship
4. **Member Entry Fee:** \$20.00/ player for any regular FWJGT 18/9 hole event, available to pay either online at www.fortworthgolf.org, through links located within FWJGT emails.
5. **Entry Fee Deadline:** Entry fees will be due 3 days prior to tournament date. After the deadline the entry fee will increase to \$25.00 if there is space available.
 - All entry fees will include prizes for each boy and girl age division, green fees, range balls prior to round, and lunch at each event.
6. **Field Size:** Field sizes will be limited to the first 96 paid players and the number of players for each boy and girl age division will be determined once the 96 player total field size is full. If necessary, we may use Sycamore Creek GC as a secondary site for the 7-12 age divisions on the days of the regular individual 9 hole events.
7. **Dress Code:** Players and caddies must adhere to the following dress code: Only acceptable golf attire is permitted. Players are prohibited from wearing shoes with metal spikes, short shorts, swim wear, denim of any kind, and t-shirts or tank tops. Players and caddies without appropriate attire will not be permitted to participate. Guidelines for appropriate attire are soft spikes, collared shirts and slacks or bermuda shorts.

- 8. Caddies:** Both boys and girls age divisions 7-9 and 10-12 will be allowed to have caddies. Caddies must be at least 13 years or older. Boys and girls in the 13-15 or 16-18 age divisions will not be allowed to have caddies. Players from age 7-12 are encouraged to have caddies to help them play their best. It is also vital for caddies not to over coach and to have their player hit each shot within a reasonable amount of time, and not to be disruptive to any player or caddie in the group. If a caddie becomes disruptive, he/she will be warned of the problem. If the problem continues the caddie will be dismissed as a caddie from that event. The conduct of the caddies will be monitored by the FWJGT staff and by other caddies and players in the group. The FWJGT staff will have the final decision on any incident that occurs.
- 9. Tee Times:** Tee times for all events will be in the morning with the first tee times starting at either 7:00 or 8:00am, tee times will be available on our website: www.fortworthgolf.org the evening prior to the event start. A player is responsible for being at their assigned tee five minutes prior to the player's starting time in order to receive all information. Players will not be called to assigned tees. If a player arrives late but within five minutes after the assigned starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole instead of disqualification (Rule 6-3b, Note).
- 10. Code of Conduct:** Violations of the code of conduct include: abusive language, club throwing or slamming club on the ground, cheating, disrespect of volunteers or officials, abuse to the golf course or the facilities, littering, or any other conduct unbecoming of a player. Cell phone use by players is strictly forbidden on the course. First offense: warning, second offense: two-stroke penalty, third offense: disqualification. Repeated violations may lead to rejection of future entries.
- No use of tobacco, drugs, or alcoholic beverage for the contestants or caddies. Use will result in disqualification.
 - Gambling by players or caddies will result in disqualification.
- 11. Distance Measuring Device:** A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g., slope, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.
- 12. Withdrawals and Refunds:** If a player needs to withdrawal from any event, he/she must do so at least 2 days before the tournament day by notifying Pecan Valley Golf Course or calling a FWJGT staff member. For example, if the tournament is scheduled for a Monday morning, the deadline for the player to withdraw is no later than 5:00pm on Friday. A player will receive a full refund or can transfer funds to a future event if the withdrawal is done by the deadline. If a player withdraws after the deadline the entry fee is non-refundable but can be applied to the next event if the player wishes to do so. If a player NO-SHOWS for an event without withdrawing the entry fee is non-refundable or transferable.
- 13. Inclement Weather:** In case of inclement weather that warrants a suspension of play, there will be consecutive air horn blasts. Players in the process of playing a hole may either complete that hole or mark their ball where it lies. Players in between the play of two holes shall stop play immediately. A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one long air horn blast. All players shall be informed of the

suspension verbally, and all play shall cease immediately in which the player will need to mark their ball where it lies. All practice areas will be closed during a suspension of play, until the FWJGT staff has declared them open again. If a tournament round has to be shortened due to inclement weather, the tournament will be deemed official if all 18 hole players have completed a minimum of 9 holes, and all 9 hole players have completed a minimum of 6 holes.

14. Playoffs: In the case of a tie for first place within each boy and girl age division, the ties will be settled by a sudden death playoff beginning on a hole that the FWJGT staff has decided on. All other ties for second or third place will be decided by a scorecard playoff.

15. Pace of Play: A group that is out of position will be advised of their situation and the individuals may be timed. The player will be notified that exceeding 40 seconds to play their next shot will result in a penalty of one stroke. A second violation will result in a two stroke penalty, followed by disqualification for a third violation. A player's time to play begins when the player has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his/her ball and when it is the player's turn to play and can do so without interference or distraction. Penalties are applied individually, but more than one competitor in a group may be penalized. *It is important for players to maintain pace of play: Your pace of play can be improved by following these simple steps:*

- Arrive at the tee box 10 minutes before your tee time.
- When you arrive at the tee box be ready to play. This is not the time to be marking your ball and fumbling through your golf bag to find your equipment.
- Be sure to walk briskly to your ball.
- When it comes your turn to hit, BE READY! While your opponent is taking his/her turn you should be checking your yardages and selecting your club and be ready to hit the ball after your opponents hit theirs.
- Do not take more than 2 practice swings, any more is too many.
- When you arrive at the green place your bag at the edge of green closest to the next tee box.
- If you are less than 2 feet from the hole ask your opponents if you can go ahead and finish the hole, as long as your stance does not interfere with their line of putt.
- Once your group has finished the hole leave the green. Do not check your scores on the green, instead do it on the way to the next tee box.
- Caddies: This is not the time for golf instructions, do not over-coach! Make sure your player is ready to hit when it comes their turn.
- Other Notes: Players are allowed to ride from green to tee if needed or available. Parents and spectators are allowed to fore-caddie by walking or riding ahead of the players and letting the players know where their ball is located. They may also let players know when the fairway or green is clear and safe to hit. Parents and spectators must not give advice to players and must stay on the cart path when not searching for a ball.

16. Fort Worth Junior Golf Tour Championship: This championship will be a two day event held on the Pecan Valley River & Hills GC for the top twelve qualifiers from each boy and girl age division based on the FWJGT Point System. The entry fee will be \$40.00 per player for this two day championship.

17. Player of the Year Awards: Awards will be presented for both boys and girls in each age division at the season ending FWJGT Championship for the Player of the Year (based on point accumulation).

18. Course Yardages for Boys and Girls Divisions:

	<u>BOYS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>
16-18	Blue Tees	Red Tees
13-15	White Tees	Red Tees
10-12 (9 holes)	Red Tees	Yellow Tees
7-9 (9 holes)	Yellow Tees	Yellow Tees

19. Fort Worth Junior Golf Tour Point System: Breakdown of points awarded for boys and girls in each event and division. There will be only half of the points awarded for the three team events. However, there will be double points awarded for the two individual 36 hole championships.

1. 100 pts	7. 50
2. 90	8. 45
3. 80	9. 40
4. 70	10. 35
5. 60	11. 30
6. 55	12. 25