
MASSENGALE JUNIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION



DETAILS

Annual Registration Fee

- The MJGA golf program season is from September through August. The season concludes with the MJGA Junior Golf Championship and awards banquet held in August.
- The annual registration fee will be established annually by the Massengale Golf staff. The fee for 2016 - 2017 will be \$50.00.
- Play day fees will be \$15.00 per player per day.
- All play days and tournaments will be held at Augusta Pines and Gleannloch Pines Golf Club.
- The registration fee will be charged automatically upon completion of the registration process and annually thereafter until the member elects to leave MJGA by notifying the Massengale Golf Academy staff or graduates from high school.
- The MJGA encourages volunteer and parental participation. With the registration of your child in the program, your participation as a parent is needed and encouraged.

Junior Golfer Eligibility

- The MJGA is open to all Massengale Golf students, Augusta Pines members, and Gleannloch Pines members in good standing.
 - Juniors may participate through the summer following their high school graduation.
 - Minimum age to participate in the MJGA program is age 5. All junior golfers, prior to starting their first play day, must have a skills assessment by the Massengale Golf staff to determine hole category placement.
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- Parents or guardians are responsible for their junior golfers behavior and compliance with the MJGA code of conduct during all MJGA events.

Play Day Schedule and Tournaments

- MJGA yearly program is divided into two seasons.
 - School Season: Play days and tournaments held once a month on Saturday at Augusta Pines and Gleannloch Pines September through May.
 - Summer Season: Play days are one weekday every week from June through August followed by the annual Junior Club Championship.
- In addition to monthly and weekly play days, the MJGA holds three major tournaments each year.
 - The Parent/Child tournament is an annual Fall tournament
 - The Junior Member/Guest is an annual Spring tournament
 - The MJGA Club Championship (2 day event in August)
- The annual play day and event season schedule will be available at Massengalegolf.com

Player Hole Category Placement and Advancement

- Placement
 - All junior golfers are placed at the 2-hole category when joining the MJGA. Based on a player's skill level they may be placed at a higher level hole category after an assessment from the Massengale Golf staff.
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- Player Advancement
 - Qualifying Scores: A junior must qualify 3 times (not consecutively) at a hole category level before they can progress to the next hole category (i.e., to move up to 3,6,9, and eventually 18-hole category).

Hole Categories

- 2 Hole Modified Tees
 - Junior golfers will play two holes.
 - The tees will be set up 150 yards from the center of the green.
 - May use caddies
 - 10 Stroke limit per hole
 - Qualifying score: 15 or less three times to move up to 3-hole green category.
 - 3 Hole Green Tees
 - Junior golfers will play three holes
 - Modified tee location
 - May use caddies
 - 9 Stroke limit per hole
 - Qualifying score: 21 or less three times to move to the 3-hole red category.
 - 3 Hole Red Tees
 - Junior golfers will play three holes
 - Modified tee location
 - May use caddies
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- 9 Stroke limit per hole
 - Qualifying Score: 21 or less three times to move to the 6 hole green category
 - 6 Hole Green Tees
 - Junior golfers will play 6 holes
 - Modified tee location
 - May use caddies
 - 9 stroke limit per hole
 - Qualifying score: 39 or less three times to move to the 9 hole green category.
 - 9 Hole Green Tees
 - Junior golfers will play 9 holes
 - Green tees
 - May use caddies
 - 9 Stroke limit per hole
 - Qualifying Score: 54 or less three times to move to the 9 hole brown category.
 - 9 Hole Brown Tees
 - Junior golfers will play 9 holes
 - Brown Tees
 - May use caddies
 - Qualifying score: Not applicable; this is the highest category in MJGA.
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The following rules and procedures apply to all hole categories

- Player caddies may be used and are encouraged for all categories.
- Players and caddies may only use carts to and from the clubhouse and between holes. Riding on carts while the hole is being played in not allowed.
- Hazard and Sand Trap relief-If a players ball enters a hazard (marked by red or yellow stakes) or a sand trap, the player must proceed under normal USGA rules. Each attempt to gain relief from a hazard shall be scored per USGA rules. If after two attempts the player has not successfully gained relief from or over the hazard, the ball shall be placed outside the hazard without a stroke penalty, but not closer to the hole. In instances where the hazard is defined as a lateral hazard (red stakes) and water hazard (yellow stakes), relief shall be taken on the side of the hazard nearest the hole to gain complete relief from the hazard without a stroke penalty.
- Additional drop options will be available on holes #2, #6, and #9 and will be defined as Ball Drop Area.
- Stroke limits per hole should be strictly enforced to maintain acceptable pace of play.
- All other USGA rules will govern play on all play days and tournaments.

Player Caddies and Spectators

- Caddies
 - Participants in the 2 Hole Modified through 9 Hole groups will be allowed player caddies, preferably a parent or grandparent.
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- Caddies are not required for a player to compete. If the caddy is not the parent or grandparent, the caddy must be 16 years of age or older.
 - Caddies are not allowed to ride on motorized carts during play except between holes.
 - Caddies should arrive 30 minutes before the scheduled tee time and register with the Play Day coordinator at check-in.
 - Caddies must arrive at the first tee 10 minutes before the scheduled tee time or when called by the MJGA staff.
 - All players and caddies must go to the scoring table at the end of the play day or tournament round to attest to the scores.
 - Only caddies may advise the player, no other spectators can provide advice during play or between holes.
 - Caddies are also required and expected to assist other players without caddies in the group, with rules and playing decisions.
 - Caddies in the group will agree before the start of play, which players scores they will each keep. If there is only one caddy for a group they will keep score for every player in the group. Scores of each player shall be given to the respective caddy after the completion of each hole.
 - Spectators: Spectators are any person or persons, including but not limited to parents, grandparents, guardians or siblings that are not a MG golf professional, registered caddy, registered group monitor, or registered scorer for the play day or tournament.
 - Spectators MUST:
 - Stay at least 30 yards from all competitors except while assisting in search of a lost ball, with the permission of the caddies and group monitors.
 - Not talk to, coach or give advice to any competitor during play, except to encourage play.
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- Not provide any ruling during play. Rulings are the responsibility of the players, caddies, group monitors and MG staff.
 - Adhere to the same golf etiquette that is expected of a player.
 - Not talk or move during shots
 - Cell phones must remain on silent and no cell phone conversations are permitted.

Play Day Tournament Rules & Procedures

1. Registration:

- Junior golfers must register to play in play days or tournaments by registering online at massengalegolf.com or by calling (281) 516-1002.
- All junior golfers must register for the play days and tournaments before the posted deadline. Entries received after the deadline may be included if space is available at the discretion of the MG staff.
- Tee times will be posted online at Massengalegolf.com the day before the play day or tournament.
- Cancellations should be made prior to the closing of registration per event by calling Massengale Golf. Failure to cancel by the deadline could result in the golfer being charged.

2. General Rules & Procedures

- USGA rules will govern all play.
 - Golf clubs: All juniors must have their own set of clubs. It is recommended that all golf clubs be properly tagged with the junior's name and phone number.
 - Pace-of-play: It is the responsibility of all junior golfers to use their time productively while at the course. The practice areas are open and range balls are
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provided prior to the tee times. Golfers are encouraged to practice while waiting for their tee time. All players should maintain an appropriate pace of play. 9 hole players should complete their round in 2.5 hours or less. In no case should there be an entire open hole in front of your group. MG staff will monitor pace of play and will use USGA rules accordingly.

- Dress Code: Proper golf attire is required. The dress code is mandatory for all participants using the golf course or practice facilities. MG staff has final say on all dress code decisions.
 - Boys: Shirts with collars and sleeves are acceptable. No T-shirts without a collar. Shirts must be tucked in.
 - Girls: Shirts without collars must have sleeves. Sleeveless shirts are permitted but must have a collar. Halter-top, tank tops or low scoop neck shirts are not permitted. No short shorts.
 - All participants: Denim is not allowed. Swim attire, jogging apparel, short shorts, baseball, basketball and soccer shorts are not permitted. Tennis shoes are allowed.
 - Scores: All scores must be attested to by the players/scorers and turned in at the completion of the round at the scorers table.
 - Cell Phone Use: Cell phones by participants and spectators should be kept on silent mode. Cell phone use while on the golf course is only allowed to call the golf academy or the MG staff in case of an emergency or ruling. Any other use of a cell phone by one of the participants during play may result in disqualification and/or may be considered a Code of Conduct violation.
 - Yardage Device: Yardage devices can be used during all tournament play as permitted by USGA Rules of Golf.
 - Golf Course Transportation: Rules governing transportation during the round are as follows:
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- All junior golfers and caddies must walk from tee box to the green and carry their own bag.
 - Junior golfers and caddies may use a non-motorized push/pull cart.
 - If a junior decides to use a push/pull cart they must walk the entire round. No use of shuttle carts between holes will be allowed for safety reasons.
 - At each tournament the MG staff can establish certain “Shuttle Zones” where players may ride in a cart between greens and tee boxes.
- Extenuating Circumstances: The rules outlined within this handbook are intended as guidelines for parents and junior golfers. Extenuating circumstances will be considered on a case by case basis and are at the sole discretion on the MG staff. MG staff will have final say on all decisions made.

3. Participant Check-in and Tee times:

- All players and caddies are required to check in on play days and tournaments with the MG staff upon arrival.
- Check in must be 30 minutes prior to your scheduled tee time.
- Please arrive to your starting hole 10 minutes prior to your scheduled tee time.

4. Round Completion

- All participants including players and caddies are to return to the scoring table at the completion of play.
 - Players will review their scorecards and attest the their score is correct by signing their cards and the cards of other golfers in their group.
 - Scores are then presented to the MG staff for recording and awards.
 - The MG staff will present awards at the completion of each categories play.
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Code of Conduct

The purpose of the Massengale Golf Junior Golf Association is to encourage participation in golf play days and tournaments, and to teach the fundamentals of proper etiquette, integrity and the rules of the game. In order to continue to make the tournaments and play days more enjoyable for everyone, it is necessary that all participants and parents adhere to a set of guidelines known as the Code of Conduct. Its purpose is to help all participants grow and mature by understanding and accepting the consequences of their actions. The Code of Conduct is to be followed during all MJGA sanctioned events.

1. Code of Conduct Violations:

- Abusive language
- Club throwing
- Cheating
- Disrespect to volunteers, scorers, officials, other players and spectators
- Abuse of golf course or facilities
- Smoking or other tobacco products
- Use of drugs or alcohol
- Not adhering to the dress code during play days or tournaments
- Any action showing disrespect during an opponent's shot
- Unnecessary use of a cell phone
- Failure to finish the number of holes for your category without proper justification
- Routinely not showing up for a play day or tournament after registering

2. Attire Requirements:

- Proper attire, as described above as "Dress Code", is required at all times at the golf course and facilities. Participants in MJGA events represent Massengale
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Golf, and therefore, are expected to wear proper golf attire. Failure to comply with the MJGA dress code may result in a violation of the Code of Conduct.

Consequences Procedures

Violations of the Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action. The action taken will depend on the degree and/or severity of the offense and can range from a warning to suspension of a player's right to participate in MJGA events.

Any MJGA staff member, golf course representative, scorer, participant or spectator observing a violation of the Code of Conduct should warn the player of the violation and violation should be reported to the MJGA staff. The MJGA staff has the authority to take action immediately if necessary. Immediate action can range from penalty strokes to disqualification, depending on the severity of the violation. Players may not be allowed to participate in MG events and/or may not be considered for MG scholarships if the Code of Conduct is violated.

The following actions will be implemented to address violations of the Code of Conduct:

First offense: The MJGA staff will communicate that a warning has been issued, either in writing or verbally, to the player and his or her parents. The communication will provide details of the offense and inform them that the behavior will not be tolerated.

Second offense:

The MJGA staff will formally request a meeting with the player and his or her parents to explain the violation and secure a commitment from the player to correct the problem. At that time, the MJGA staff will explain the consequences of a third violation. The MJGA staff may impose penalties including suspension of MJGA playing privileges based on severity of the violation.
