

Junior Sectional Program  
Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: Do I have to be a member of the GSGA to play in the Junior Sectional Program?**

A: No. The GSGA does encourage junior golfers to become a member and establish a GHIN Handicap, but it is not required.

**Q. What is the cost to play in the events?**

A. Each one day event has a \$15.00 registration fee. The fee is paid on-site at the registration table.

**Q: Do I have to register in advance?**

A: No. Juniors may show up the morning of the event and complete the registration form. Juniors do have the option to register online and complete the form in advance. This will speed up their registration process.

**Q: Can I compete in any section?**

A: No. Juniors are required to compete in the section they reside?

**Q: How do I know what time to arrive the morning of the event?**

A: Juniors can click on their section name and view the complete schedule and registration times for their age division.

**Q: If I have a birthday in the summer, will I have to change age divisions?**

A: No. The age division juniors will compete is determined by their age as of the first Junior Sectional event of the summer. The junior's age as of that date will be the division they will play the entire summer.

**Q: Once I have registered the morning of the event, how long will I have before my starting time?**

A: Each section will be a little different, but typically you will have 30 minutes to 60 minutes (from your registration time listed) before your starting time.

**Q: What scores can I expect in my age division? What scores will I need to earn enough points to qualify for the Sectional Challenge Match?**

A: The juniors in each age division will range from advanced to beginner level. There is a place for everyone in the sectional program. To see the scores that were posted in last years Challenge Match, scroll down on the sectional page to the archives section.

Also, during the one day events juniors are allowed to use the double par rule. Once the player has reached a score double the par for that hole they can pick up and write that score down for the hole. The double par rule is not played at the Junior Sectional Challenge Match.

**Q. What yardage will I play from at the events?**

A. The yardage will vary from golf course to golf course. The Boys and Girls 11 & Under and Girls 12-13 typically play the forward tees. The remaining divisions are determined on-site by the Junior Sectional Chairman.

**Q. How do I get directions to the club for each of the events?**

A. If you go to [www.gsga.org](http://www.gsga.org) and select Membership on the home page. You will be able to view the Member Club Directory. This will provide you with directions and contact information for each club.

**Q. Do you accept credit cards, cash and checks to pay for the registration fee the day of the event?**

A. Junior may pay the \$15.00 registration fee with cash or check on the day of the event? No credit cards are accepted at any time.

**Q. What are the age divisions?**

A. Boys 16-17, Boys 14-15, Boys 12-13, Boys 11 & Under, Girls 14-17 and Girls 12-13 and 11 & Under. All divisions play 18 holes, except the Boys 11 & Under, Girls 11 & Under and Girls 12-13, they play 9 holes.

**Q. What age divisions are permitted to have a caddie?**

A. All age divisions that play 9 holes are permitted to have a caddie. Those divisions are Boys and Girls 11 & Under and Girls 12-13.

**Q. Are there any restrictions on who is allowed to caddie for the player?**

A. No. The players may have anyone they wish to caddie during the event. It can be a parent, friend, brother/sister, etc.

**Q. Can the caddie rent a golf cart to transport the clubs?**

A. Yes or they may walk with the player and carry the bag. The caddies are being allowed to help our youngest players learn course management, etiquette and the rules of the game.

**Q. Are there awards given to top finishers in each age division?**

A. The top 5 finishers in each boys division will receive medals and the top 3 girls in both age divisions will receive medals.

**Q. How many players qualify for the Challenge Match?**

A. The top four players from each of the boys divisions will be invited and the top two from the girls 11 & under and 12-13, with three girls receiving invitations from the girls 14-17.

**Q. Are spectator carts allowed at the one day events and the Junior Sectional Challenge Match?**

A. New in 2010, spectator carts will be allowed at both the one day events and the Challenge Match. The spectator must check in at the golf shop and pay a cart rental fee. Spectator guidelines are available to review on the website.

**Q. Are distance measuring devices allowed at the Junior Sectional events.**

A. Yes (Distance only, no other function even if turned off)