

## ASSOCIATION RULES

**CADDIES AND CARTS:** Caddies and motorized carts are prohibited. Players may use pull carts, unless prohibited by the course they are scheduled to play.

**CELL PHONES AND PAGERS:** All cell phones and pagers must be turned off during play. Players will be given a verbal warning on the first offense. The second warning will result in a two stroke penalty. A third warning will result in disqualification.

**CODE OF CONDUCT:** Players are expected to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen by a show of sportsmanship, fair competition, and an attitude of courtesy and respect for fellow players. Abusive language, club throwing, disrespect towards volunteers and supervisors, smoking, chewing tobacco, drugs, alcohol, vandalism or any other conduct unbecoming a SJGA member will not be tolerated. Damaging the golf course, failure to replace divots, repair ball marks and rake bunkers, and littering will be considered inappropriate behavior and will not be tolerated as well. **Violations to the Code of Conduct are subject to the following:** A two shot penalty, disqualification, or suspension for a period of time deemed by the tournament committee (SJGA Executive Director and Division Supervisors). All violations will be reviewed by the tournament committee.

**COMPETITION:** All play will be governed by the 2011 USGA rules of golf and its decisions, and where applicable, by local rules, conditions and definitions, subject to changes or amendments by the SJGA tournament committee.

**DRESS CODE:** Proper attire is required at all SJGA events. The dress code prohibits short shorts, tank tops, t-shirts, denim shorts and jeans, cut-offs and gym shorts. All shirts must be tucked and collared shirts must be worn with the exception of non-collared shirts specifically designed for golf. **Non-metal spikes are mandatory at all SJGA events.** If a player is not properly dressed, he/she will not be allowed on the golf course.

**DRIVING RANGE:** Some of the Golf Courses are closed on our play days, so a driving range may not be available.

**EQUIPMENT:** Equipment is not provided by the SJGA, each junior is responsible for their own clubs and bag.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** The SJGA plays rain or shine unless otherwise notified by the host golf club. We will not know if we have to cancel an event until we arrive at the course and talk with the host golf professional. During an event, if you see lightning or an air horn sounds, leave the golf course at once and head for shelter. **Rain outs will not be rescheduled!**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Any junior meeting the age and ability requirements for the specified division.

**PACE OF PLAY:** Slow play is the most abused and least tolerated rules infraction. Slow play has and will continue to be penalized. Move quickly between shots and be ready to play when it is your turn. The first group is allowed 14 minutes to play each hole and is out of position if in excess of that time. A group that is out of position will be warned and if the delay continues, each player will be timed and given 40 seconds to play a shot. Timing of the player will begin when it is his/her turn to play. If the player exceeds the time limit, he/she will be given a warning. Rule 6-7 will go into effect for a repeated offense.

**PICK-UP TIMES:** Please discuss with your supervisor what time your child should be picked-up from the golf course. Many of the courses are closed on our play days so the supervisor has to wait on parents who are not on time. This puts an unnecessary burden on the supervisor. We understand that emergencies occur occasionally.

**PLAYER REVIEW:** Players performance will be reviewed regularly to make sure they meet the guidelines for the division in which they are playing. **Inability to meet minimum playing guidelines could dictate a change to another level.**

**RANGE FINDERS:** Range Finders are allowed at SJGA events.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Refreshments may not always be available. Players are advised to plan ahead and bring a snack and a water bottle.

**REFUND POLICY:** Prior to June 1, 2011, \$50.00 will be refunded. After that there will be no refunds.

**REGISTRATION:** All players in Girls, Novice and Intermediate Boys divisions must sign-in within 15 minutes of their show-up time. All players in the Tournament Series must be ready to play and on the tee box 10 minutes prior to their designated tee time. (See Starting Times in Additional Rules for the Tournament Series)

**SCORING:** To avoid being disqualified, become familiar with rule 6-6 (a&b) of the 2011 USGA rules of golf.

**SPECTATORS:** Spectators will be allowed at all events. *SEE SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT.*

**TIES:** In any ties for points, positions will be added together and the points will be split evenly. All ties for spots where awards are involved will be broken with Appendix 1 of the 2011 USGA rules of golf.

***ALL PLAYERS WHO COMPLETE THEIR ROUND WILL RECEIVE 25 POINTS.***

### ADDITIONAL RULES FOR THE TOURNAMENT SERIES:

**EXCUSED ABSENCE:** All players who notify SJGA prior to 7:00 A.M. the day of the scheduled event will be excuse and will not incur a penalty. Notifications must be sent by email to [john@savannahjrgolf.org](mailto:john@savannahjrgolf.org)

**NO SHOWS (DNS) AND NO CARDS (NC):** DNS refers to those players who fail to appear for their assigned starting time without notifying the SJGA. NC refers to those players who fail to return their score cards without reasonable cause to the scoring committee. In the event of either offense, 50 points will be deducted from the player's point total and the player will receive a verbal warning. On the second offense, the player will have another 50 points deducted and will have to sit out their next scheduled event. On the third offense, the player will be withdrawn from the program.

**STARTING TIMES:** Rule 6-3a of the 2011 USGA rules of golf states: "The player shall start at the time laid down by the committee." The penalty for breach of this rule is disqualification. However, it is a condition of the competition that, if the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in rule 33-7, the penalty is two strokes on the first hole in stroke play.