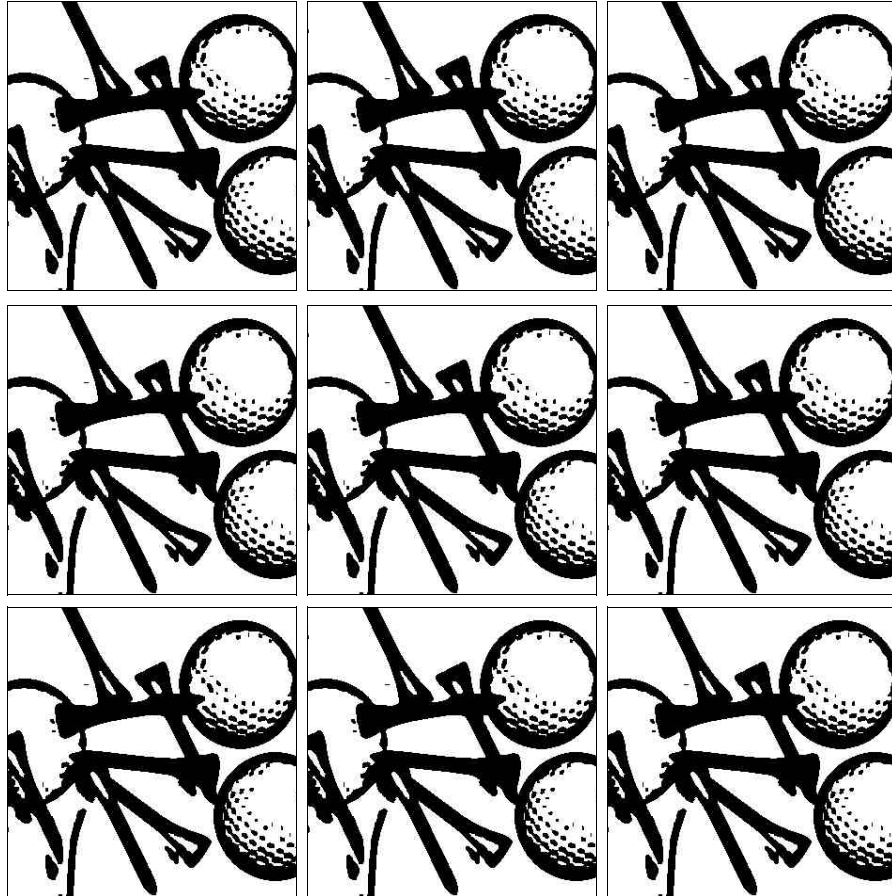


# 2008 District Manual

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## Optimist Junior Golf Program

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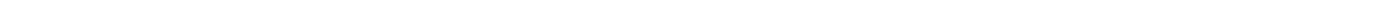
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## **SUMMARY OF 2007-08 CHANGES**

The following is a summary of the changes to the Optimist Junior Golf Program effective October 2007. Please make note of these important changes. The changes are also included in the contents of this manual.

### Pull Carts (page 15)

Beginning in 2008, golfers in the boys and girls 10-11 divisions will only be allowed to use pull carts at the international championships that are provided by Optimist International. A rental fee will apply.

### Qualifying Criteria (page 16-17)

Outlines the new qualifying criteria in detail.

### Age Division Winners (page 16)

Policy revised to clarify that all age division winners are required to shoot the established target score in order to advance to the international championships.

### Ties (page 16)

Outlines the recommended procedure for breaking ties for the last qualifying spot and/or alternates.

### Out-of-District Golfers (page 16)

Policy revised to allow a maximum of one (1) out-of-District golfer per age division to advance to the international championships.

### Districts with Multiple Qualifiers (page 17)

Indicates that it is the District Chair's responsibility to determine the allocation of qualifying spots if a District offers two qualifying tournaments.

### Districts with No History or Holding a Qualifier or Age Division(s) (page 17)

Indicates that if a District has never held a qualifier or has never offered an age division, the District will be permitted to organize a qualifier but will be limited to one qualifying spot per age division offered.

### Qualifying Spots for Future Years (page 17)

Outlines the method for determining qualifying spots for future years.

### At Large Application (page 18)

Eliminated the US/Canada At Large application process for the Boys & Girls 14-15 and 16-18 divisions.

### Exemptions (page 18)

Eliminated the exemption for the winners of a previous year's USGA state championship tournament. Eliminated the exemption for the runner-up of several national junior golf tournaments.

### Player Registration Fees (page 21)

Changed the player fees to: \$660US per player with a \$50 discount given to all District winners.

### District Chaperone Fees (page 21)

Changed the fees for District chaperones and to: \$89US per night (hotel room); \$179US per night (cottage); \$16US per breakfast; \$29US per dinner; \$200US per meal package (includes 5 breakfasts and 5 dinners).

### Code of Conduct (page 39)

Added the following statement: "Appropriate resort attire is required at all times while off the golf course but still at the host site."



**THE OPTIMIST  
JUNIOR GOLF  
PROGRAM**





## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Optimist Junior Golf Program is an exciting way for volunteers to promote the sport of golf to the young people of their communities. Each year, more than 5,000 boys and girls compete in Optimist Qualifying Tournaments. The best of these golfers advance to the annual Optimist International Junior Golf Championships which offers a week of golf, the opportunity to meet new friends, competition and a great deal of fun.

PGA National Resort & Spa, located in Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach County, Florida, is the home of the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships. Combined with a dedication to junior golf that few golf destinations can match, PGA National is the perfect location for the event. Besides being the International headquarters of the PGA of America, the resort's championship golf courses have hosted the PGA Championships, the PGA Seniors' Championships, the Ryder Cup, the Grand Slam of Golf, the World Big Tour Match, the PGA Club Professional Championship and the PGA Jr. Championship. And, PGA National is the current host of the PGA Tour's Honda Classic. In addition, Palm Beach County is rated as having more golf courses than any county in the United States.

### Mission Statement

The Optimist Junior Golf Program's mission is to build positive values in young people through participation in Optimist District and international junior golf events.

### Vision Statement

Optimist Junior Golf will be recognized as one of the largest and most prestigious junior golf programs in the world.

### Objectives

- To promote the sport of golf among young people.
- To provide an opportunity for junior golfers to participate in Optimist Club, District and International Tournaments.
- To share the philosophies of Optimism with the junior golf community.

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

### District Qualifying Tournament

Tournament from which junior golfers advance to Optimist International Junior Golf Championships.

### Pre-Qualifying Tournament

Any club, zone or regional tournament below the District level.

### District Winners

First place boy and girl in each age category in a District qualifying tournament.

### District Qualifiers

Participants in a District qualifying tournament who have met the established criteria and are eligible to advance to the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships.



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## OPTIMIST JUNIOR GOLF DEPARTMENT

The Junior Golf Department at Optimist International provides promotional materials such as logo sheets, press releases, fact sheets, and qualifying tournament posters. We also maintain direct contact with all Districts and are responsible for the general promotion of the Optimist Junior Golf Program. The Optimist International Junior Golf Championships is publicized in many junior golf newsletters and national publications. Since golfers often call the International office in search of qualifying tournament information, it is imperative that we have up-to-date information about your District's upcoming tournament.

The Junior Golf Department is also responsible for coordination of the at-large field, made up of golfers in any District who do not have a qualifying tournament in which to play as well as international participants. These at-large golfers must go through an official application process, and should be directed to contact the Junior Golf Department for more information.

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## **THE OPTIMIST JUNIOR GOLF DISTRICT CHAIR**

Optimist Junior Golf District Chairpersons are the central points of contact, information, and coordination for all of the Optimist-sponsored junior golf events that take place in their District. District Chairs coordinate the promotion of Club, Zone, and District events and generate interest in the Optimist Junior Golf Program. They should attend quarterly District board meetings to report and solicit support for upcoming events.

It is essential that Optimist Junior Golf District Chairs keep in close contact with the Optimist Junior Golf Department. Junior golfers frequently contact the International office seeking information on how to qualify for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships at PGA National Resort & Spa. It is critical that Districts supply the Junior Golf Department with the most current information about their qualifying tournaments. Please return all forms by stated deadlines and notify the office of any changes in your tournament structure or location as soon as possible.

Districts should tailor their golf program to suit the specific needs of their localities. Some Districts hold a series of Club or Pre-Qualifying (Zone or regional) tournaments as “feeders” for the District tournament when there is an expansive geographical area or a large number of participants. Other Districts hold one qualifying tournament by accepting direct applications from players. Districts may also combine efforts with other junior tournaments instead of organizing their own events.

Optimist Junior Golf District Chairpersons should encourage all Clubs in their District to participate in the program by either conducting pre-qualifying tournaments or by sponsoring local golfers in District tournaments. Clubs should also be encouraged to conduct junior golf fundraisers and provide volunteers on the days of District tournaments.



## IMPORTANT 2008 DATES

- January 25** Deadline for District Chairs to submit qualifying tournament logistics to Optimist International.
- February 8** Optimist International begins to accept at-large and international applications
- April 20** At large and international application deadline
- May 1** Registration opens for 2008 Optimist International Junior Golf Championships
- June 30** Deadline for submission of all District report forms; player and volunteer registration deadline for Optimist International Junior Golf Championships

## OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- July 24** Arrivals and check-in for 10-15 age divisions
- July 25** Practice Rounds; Volunteer Orientation; District Chair Meeting; Opening Ceremony & Player Orientation
- July 26** Tournament Round 1
- July 27** Tournament Round 2
- July 28** Tournament Round 3
- July 29** Departure for 10-15 age divisions; Arrivals and check-in for 16-18 divisions
- July 30** Practice Rounds; Volunteer Orientation; District Chair Meeting; Opening Ceremony & Player Orientation
- July 31** Tournament Round 1
- Aug 1** Tournament Round 2
- Aug 2** Tournament Round 3
- Aug 3** Final Tournament Round (top 50 boys and top 35 girls advance); Consolation Tournament; Departure for 16-18 age divisions

# OFFICIAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES





## OFFICIAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### District Qualifying Tournaments

Participants in the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships are determined through Optimist District qualifying tournaments. When eligible junior golfers contact Optimist International, they are referred directly to the Optimist Junior Golf District Chairperson in their area.

It is the official policy of the Optimist Junior Golf Program that players are allowed to qualify for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships only through Optimist District qualifying tournaments unless they are eligible for an exemption or live in a District that does not offer their age division or does not offer a qualifying tournament. If a junior golfer is unable to play in his/her District qualifying tournament due to a conflict of schedule, that golfer may play in any other District qualifying tournament.

Effective October 2002, Districts may hold up to two District qualifying tournaments. This could allow some Districts to have events in the Fall and Spring seasons.

Only when Districts do not sponsor qualifying tournaments are participants allowed to submit at-large applications. See also page 18.

### Age Divisions

The age divisions for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships age are as follows:

#### 10-11 Age Division

Any golfer who is between the ages of 10 and 11 and will not celebrate his/her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before July 28, 2008.

#### 12-13 Age Division

Any golfer who is between the ages of 12 and 13 and will not celebrate his/her 14<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before July 28, 2008.

#### 14-15 Age Division

Any golfer who is between the ages of 14 and

15 and will not celebrate his/her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before July 28, 2008.

#### 16-18 Age Division

Any golfer who is between the ages of 16 and 18 and will not celebrate their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before August 3, 2008. Eighteen-year-old golfers may only participate in both the District qualifying tournament and the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships if they are currently in high school or are a 2008 high school graduate.

#### **Playing Up**

Golfers will be permitted to “play up” into the next oldest age division, but they must qualify in the higher age division. Requests to play up two or three age divisions will require a special request to Optimist International. A golfer who intends to “play up” at the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships must “play up” at all levels of qualifying.

#### **Caddies, Carts and Pull Carts**

Caddies and electric carts are not allowed in the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships. Pull carts are permissible for golfers in the 10-11 age division only.

**NEW** — Beginning in 2008, golfers in the 10-11 divisions who choose to use a pull cart at the international championships must use a pull cart that will be provided by Optimist International. A rental fee will apply. Details will be published in the player registration packet and online. Players in the 10-11 divisions will not be permitted to use their own pull carts.

#### **Age Verification/Birth Certificates**

District Chairpersons will be responsible for verifying the ages of the players participating in Club, Zone and District events. Participants should be required to provide their birth certificate as proof of age.

All participants of the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships will be required to submit a copy of their birth certificate, baptismal record or passport to Optimist International prior to the international championships.



## QUALIFYING CRITERIA

### Scoring Requirement

In order to qualify for the international championships, all golfers must shoot at or below an established target score in the District qualifier. The target scores by age division are listed below. All scores are in relation to par and are for 18-hole tournaments. For multiple-round tournaments, increase the amount over par accordingly. Refer to the table below to determine the exact scoring criteria based on the golf course's established par.

	Boys 10-11	Boys 12-13	Boys 14-15	Boys 16-18
	24-over-par	18-over-par	11-over-par	6-over-par
Par 68	92	86	79	74
Par 69	93	87	80	75
Par 70	94	88	81	76
Par 71	95	89	82	77
Par 72	96	90	83	78
Par 73	97	91	84	79
Par 74	98	92	85	80

	Girls 10-11	Girls 12-13	Girls 14-15	Girls 16-18
	24-over-par	23-over-par	18-over-par	13-over-par
Par 68	92	91	86	81
Par 69	93	92	87	82
Par 70	94	93	88	83
Par 71	95	94	89	84
Par 72	96	95	90	85
Par 73	97	96	91	86
Par 74	98	97	92	87

### District Qualifying Spots

**NEW**— Effective October 2007, each District will be granted a set number of qualifying spots in each age division. The number of qualifying spots granted a District are based on the number of junior golfers who participated in that District's qualifier during the year prior. The outline below will explain how the new qualifying method works:

- (1) "Target numbers" for each division were established that will maximize participation levels at the OIJGC but allow the championships to be completed using only a morning wave of tee times.
- (2) The total number of golfers participating in 2007 qualifiers throughout all Optimist Districts was logged. This exercise was completed in all age divisions.
- (3) A District's percentage of overall 2007 participation was calculated. Again, this was completed in all age divisions.
- (4) The number of spots granted in 2008 (in each age division) will be calculated using the percent participation figure in Step 3 above.

Please refer to the **2008 DISTRICT QUALIFYING COVER SHEET** that accompanies this booklet for details on the exact number of qualifying spots (by age division) for your District.

### Age Division Winners

**NEW**— All age division winners are required to shoot at or below the established target score (see information to left) in order to attend the international championships.

### Ties

**NEW**— A tiebreaker should be used to determine the District winners, ties for the last qualifying spot, and ties for alternate spots. District Chairs are encouraged to use the USGA-recommended procedure for breaking ties. A hole-by-hole playoff is the preferred method, but District Chairs may also implement the method of matching scores over the last nine, last six, last three or last hole. The District Chair should announce the tiebreaking method to be used before the competition starts. Please consult the pro at your host course for assistance.

### Out-of-District Golfers

If golfers from other Districts participate in your qualifying tournament, their participation will not eliminate any District residents from qualifying.

**NEW**— For all District qualifiers, a maximum of

one (1) out-of-District golfer will be permitted to qualify in any one division. If an out-of-District golfer qualifies for one of your spots, he/she is eligible to attend the international championships in addition to the next-highest golfer who lives within the District boundaries.

**Alternates**

Alternates will be admitted to the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships if a golfer who qualifies for one of a District’s designated spots decides not to attend. District Chairs should determine alternates based on the tournament results and by using a tiebreaker if necessary (see information on breaking ties above). District Chairs should keep in close contact with their qualified players in order to offer alternates a spot if necessary. Alternates will only be accepted into the international championships if they meet the established registration deadline of June 30.

**Official District Tournament**

A District qualifier will not be considered official unless all golfers in an age division complete a minimum of nine holes, in which case the tournament would revert back to the last hole completed by the entire age division. In the case of a District qualifier that is cancelled with no make-up date, golfers in said District will be eligible to submit an “at large” application directly to Optimist International. In this situation, the number of accepted “at large” applicants in each division will be equal to the number of qualifying spots granted for the District.

**Districts with Multiple Qualifiers**

Optimist Districts may hold a maximum of two qualifying tournaments per age division to determine the golfers who will advance to the international championships. **NEW**— If a District decides to offer two qualifiers, it is the District Chair’s responsibility to allocate the designated number of qualifying spots to each of the qualifiers.

**Districts with No History of Holding a Qualifier or Age Division(s)**

**NEW**— Optimist Districts that have never held a qualifying tournament or have not offered certain

age divisions in years past will be permitted to hold a qualifier. Districts in this situation will be limited to one qualifying spot per age division offered during their first year and will be included in the percentage allocation in future years.

**Qualifying Spots for Future Years**

**NEW**— The Junior Golf Committee will review the number of qualifying spots granted to Districts annually. The number of spots designated for future years will be directly tied to a District’s participation percentage in relation to the overall number of golfers from the year prior.

**Course Yardages**

The following are the approximate course yardages that will be used at the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships. It is recommended that similar yardages be used for your qualifying tournaments. Please consult the pro at the course you are using for further recommendation.

**Boys Age Divisions**

10-11	5,645 yards
12-13	6,000 yards
14-15	6,500 yards
16-18	6,800 yards

**Girls Age Divisions**

10-11	4,975 yards
12-13	5,100 yards
14-15	5,500 yards
16-18	6,000 yards



## THE AT-LARGE FIELD

Optimist Junior Golf accepts direct applications from junior golfers who live in a District that does not sponsor a qualifying tournament or that does not offer the appropriate age division.

**NEW** —Beginning in 2008, the US/Canada at large application process has been eliminated for the boys & girls 14-15 and 16-18 divisions.

Optimist Junior Golf also accepts direct applications from international golfers who reside and attend school in a country other than the United States or Canada and who do not live a country that offers an official qualifying tournament. Golfers in this at-large field must undergo an official application process and should be instructed to visit [www.optimist.org/golf](http://www.optimist.org/golf) or contact the Junior Golf Department.

If a player has a conflict with his/her own District qualifying tournament, he/she must choose another District qualifying tournament in which to participate and will not be permitted to apply as an at-large participant.

Similarly, if a junior golfer who lives in a District that does not sponsor a qualifying tournament chooses to travel to another District, but does not qualify, he/she is still eligible to apply through the at-large application process.

The at large application deadline is April 20, 2008. A limited number of golfers in each age division will be accepted through the at large method. Accepted at large applicants will be notified in early May and will be required to register for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships by May 31, 2008.

## EXEMPTIONS

Each year the Optimist Junior Golf Committee offers special exemptions into the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships. Exempt golfers are not required to qualify at the District level. These golfers are notified and sent registration materials directly. They may elect to participate

in a District qualifying tournament as well; it is at their own discretion. Here is a list of exemptions:

- (1) The top 10 finishers in each age division from the 2007 Optimist International Junior Golf Championships. **\*\*Beginning in 2009, this exemption category will change to: Boys & Girls 10-11 (top 4); Boys & Girls 12-13 (top 6); Boys & Girls 14-15 (top 8); Boys & Girls 16-18 (top 10).**
- (2) The top finishers from the 2007 Optimist International Tournament of Champions, specifically: top 10 (B16-18) and top 5 (B14-15 & G14-18).
- (3) Any previous age division champion of the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships.
- (4) Any junior golfer who is ranked in the top 100 overall rankings of the *Golfweek* Performance Index rankings as of February 1, 2008.
- (5) Any junior golfer who is ranked in the top 100 overall rankings of the *Junior Golf Scoreboard* rankings as of February 1, 2008.
- (6) Any age division winner of the following junior golf events (most recent tournament happening prior to June 30, 2008):
  - AJGA Rolex Tournament of Champions
  - Bubba Conlee National Junior
  - Donald Ross Junior Championship
  - Doral Publix Junior Classic
  - Junior Orange Bowl International
  - Mizuno CJGA National Championship
  - North and South Junior Championship
  - Press Thornton Future Masters
  - Trusted Choice Big "I" Junior Classic
  - US Girls' Junior
  - US Junior Amateur
  - US Kids Golf World Championship
  - Western Junior Championship
  - Women's Western Junior Championship
  - Westfield Junior PGA Championship
  - FCWT National Championship
  - IJGT Tour Championship
  - Pepsi Little People's Championship
  - Scott Robertson Memorial
  - Texas-Oklahoma Junior
- (7) GIRLS ONLY—the overall winners (oldest age division only) of all *Golfweek* ranked tournaments taking place between June 1, 2007 and May 31, 2008.
- (8) Golfers selected to the 2008 Optimist International All-Scholastic team.

## FINANCES





## FINANCING YOUR DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

(See also the Sample Budget on the next page)

### Pre-Qualifier / Qualifier Fees

Districts are responsible for paying \$7.50 per participant for all golfers in a District's junior golf program. The number of golfers who qualify for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships will be determined by the number of participants that are indicated on the District Qualifying Report Form and for whom the qualifier fee is paid. This fee helps defray some of the costs that Optimist International incurs in running such a prestigious championships. District Chairs should submit the District Fee Report Form along with the \$7.50 per participant fee. District support is essential for the success of the Optimist Junior Golf Program.

### District Winner Costs

While the Optimist Junior Golf Program will bring excitement to your District, it also brings expense. When planning your tournament, prepare to generate revenue to meet your expenses. Districts are responsible for the following concerning the first place boy and girl winners in 16-18 age category and other divisions, if funds allow:

- Payment of registration fees.
- Payment of transportation to and from Palm Beach Gardens, Florida (including ground transportation from Palm Beach International airport).

If a junior golfer from outside your District plays in your tournament and happens to win the event, your District is not responsible for paying the registration costs of this youth. You may choose to do so, but if your District feels strongly about only supporting junior golfers from within your own District, you should pay the registration costs for the highest finisher that resides within your District.

(The qualifying procedures publicized for players will read as follows: "If a junior golfer chooses to qualify outside of their District, Optimist International cannot guarantee that their registration fees will be paid should they win that event.")

The registration fee is **\$640 US** per golfer. This fee includes five nights lodging (minimum double-occupancy), one practice round and all tournament rounds, recreational activities and a meal badge (valid for five breakfasts & **four** dinners). Special packages are available for players who wish to stay at the resort with their families.

A discount of \$50 will apply only to the first-place winner in each District-sponsored age division. The registration fees for District winners will then total **\$590 US**; the District, not the player, must pay these fees. *Any registration payments that are being paid for by the District MUST accompany each player's registration form.* This applies to full sponsorships and any partial sponsorship from the District. You should have checks or money orders from your District funds prepared and on hand at your District qualifying tournament. This way the participant will be able to send the registration form and payment together.

If you are holding a District qualifying tournament for more than one age division, the Optimist Junior Golf policy requires that you pay for the first place boy and girl winners' fees in the 16-18 age group and additional monies can pay for other divisions, if funds are available.

### District Chaperones

Districts should budget to send a minimum of one chaperone to the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships—this individual may be the District Chair, another District representative or a parent who is willing to assume chaperone duties. The costs for District chaperones are:

- Hotel Room (one king or two double beds) at PGA National: **\$89 US** per night.
- Cottage (2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen and laundry facilities): **\$179 US** per night.
- Individual Meal Tickets: **\$16 US** breakfast buffet; **\$29 US** buffet dinner.
- Meal Package (includes 5 breakfast and 5 dinner tickets): **\$200 US**.



## FINANCING YOUR DISTRICT TOURNAMENT (cont'd)

### District Tournament Registration Fees

Your tournament registration fees greatly affect the success of your District qualifying tournament. It is recommended that your calculations be based on the turnout of the previous year's event. Communications within your District should start as early as possible with details of your tournament plans, financial requirements, and volunteer needs.

Your tournament registration fees must cover greens fees and should also offset the District's costs in sending the first place winners of each age group to PGA National Resort & Spa and paying the \$7.50 pre-qualifier and qualifier fees. Your entry fee should be comparable to similar junior tournaments in your area.

Do not be apprehensive about charging the appropriate registration fees to cover your costs. Please contact the Junior Golf Department for consultation.

## SAMPLE BUDGET

### INCOME

Entries	_____ x \$_____ =	\$ _____
Corporate/Club Sponsorships		\$ _____
Donations		\$ _____
Miscellaneous Income		\$ _____
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b> .....		<b>\$ _____</b>

### EXPENSES

#### District Qualifying Tournament

Advertising/Promotion		\$ _____
Beverages		\$ _____
Food		\$ _____
Greens Fees		\$ _____
Printing		\$ _____
Postage		\$ _____
Telephone		\$ _____
Trophies/Awards		\$ _____
Prizes (Bag tags, caps, etc.)		\$ _____

#### District Qualifier Fees, Payable to O.I.

# of pre-qualifying participants		\$ _____
# of District participants		\$ _____

#### Air Travel

District Winners		\$ _____
Sponsored qualifiers (optional)		\$ _____
District chaperone		\$ _____

#### Participant Registration

District Winners	_____ x \$590US =	\$ _____
Sponsored qualifiers	_____ x \$640US =	\$ _____

#### District Chaperone Fees

Hotel Room	\$89US x _____ days =	\$ _____
Cottage	\$179US x _____ days =	\$ _____
Meals	\$45US per day x _____ days =	\$ _____

#### Optional Incidentals

Participant lunch/additional meal money		\$ _____
Spending money		\$ _____
Miscellaneous		\$ _____

**TOTAL EXPENSES** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### INCOME LESS EXPENSES

(should not be less than zero).....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

# **RUNNING YOUR DISTRICT TOURNAMENT**





## RUNNING YOUR DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

*The following information is intended to assist Optimist Junior Golf District Chairs in running qualifying events. Please contact the Junior Golf Department or one of the members of the Optimist Junior Golf Committee if you have any questions about this information.*

### Mark a Tournament Date

Your tournament date and location should be set by the end of January at the latest. As soon as your location and date have been established, please use the District Tournament Logistics form in the appendix to report this information to the Junior Golf Department. ***If your information is not reported by January 25, 2008, the District will have an at-large status.*** This means that any tournament established or reported after January 25, 2008, will NOT be a valid qualifying tournament; instead all interested junior golfers in the District must go through the at-large application process or travel to another District to advance to the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships.

If your District sponsors pre-qualifying tournaments, careful coordination and planning of these tournament dates is a must. It is also advisable to arrange an alternate date in case of postponement due to weather or unforeseeable conditions. The following factors should also be considered:

- Competing junior golf events.
- Religious or national holidays.
- School events, such as prom or graduation.
- High school golf schedules.

### Choosing a Tournament Site

Since most junior tournaments schedule their course arrangements many months in advance, the question of where to hold your tournament must be answered as early as possible. Most participants will be serious in their desire to perform well and they should be provided the best course available. As a rule, the more prestigious

the golf course that is secured for the District tournament, the more golfers the event will attract. Holding the District qualifying tournament in the middle of your area's heaviest populated areas is also very important.

### The Registration Process

One of the most time-consuming parts of running any golf tournament is the collection of registrations. When designing your entry form, make sure to include a place for all the information that you will need to run your event. Refer to the appendix for a sample entry form.

In today's high-tech society, online registration is becoming the norm. There are many companies that have websites that will host online registration for you for a nominal fee. If you are interested in providing online registration for your participants, contact the Junior Golf Department for details.

### Promoting Your Event

#### Optimist Junior Golf Videos

Two promotional videos are available to District Chairs. The first can be used to better inform the members in your District of the Optimist Junior Golf Program, specifically, what they can do to get involved. The second can be used as a sponsorship solicitation tool in your community. These videos are free of charge to District Chairs and are available by contacting the Junior Golf Department.

#### Qualifying Tournament Posters

The first places to start publicizing your tournaments are high schools, country clubs, pro shops, public courses and golf shops. Place District qualifying tournament posters at these locations early in the year to get the word out about Optimist involvement in the local junior golf scene. Districts will be sent 8 ½" x 11" color posters from the International office at no charge. They are conveniently designed to be fed into a copy machine or laser computer printer.

#### Local Golf Publications

It is strongly recommended that you include information on the Optimist Junior Golf Program in



publications prior to your district event. You should advertise how many junior golfers your District will sponsor to the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships at PGA National, registration costs (and what is included with the registration package) and the benefits of being a participant. If players have access to this information early, they will be able to plan and budget accordingly for the event.

#### Websites

Each District has a page on the Optimist International website to use in promoting their event. These pages are maintained by Optimist International. Each page will contain tournament details (age divisions, date, golf course, location, etc.) and contact information for the District Chair. New this year, each page will also have a link to a customizable District tournament entry form. This will allow participants and parents to download a tournament entry form for all District events. Please contact the Junior Golf Department for more information.

#### Golfer Inquiries

Once they see an Optimist Junior Golf listing in a newsletter, magazine, or on the Internet, interested golfers contact the Junior Golf Department at the International office for qualifying tournament information. It is essential that the Junior Golf Department receive timely and accurate information about your event, including the date, location and age divisions offered. Golfers are then given the name and contact information of the District Chairperson in their immediate area.

Remember that for many young people and parents, their experience with Optimism starts with you! It is very important that these phone calls and emails are received and returned in a prompt, courteous manner. An answering machine is necessary for the tournament organizer. Simple, professional answering machine messages are preferred.

#### Direct Mail Campaign

District Chairs are encouraged to make use of

the Optimist Junior Golf and Optimist International Junior Golf Championships logos in general tournament advertising and related materials. When putting together a direct mail campaign, include your tournament application. Also, write a personal letter of invitation to players that provides a description of the event and Optimist Junior Golf qualifying process.

#### Press Releases

To be successful, the public must know about your event. At least two weeks prior to your entry deadline, send a pre-event news release to the media announcing your tournament. Include the following information: location, date, contact person, entry fee and deadline for entry. Upon completion of your tournament, send a news release to include complete results and photographs. Submit news releases to local newspapers, high schools, church bulletins and other publications. Be sure to always follow up with a phone call. Refer to the sample press releases in the appendix.

#### TV/Radio

From your local TV and radio stations, request information on community awareness programs in which you can promote both Optimist International and your tournament. Also, most local and cable TV stations have a community bulletin on which you can advertise your event. For more information on publicity, download the Public Relations Training guide from the marketing section of the Optimist International Website at [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org). In addition, you can download an Optimist Junior Golf Public Service Announcement from the Optimist International Web site, [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org).

#### **Suggestions for Your Tournament Format**

*(These guidelines are subject to modification depending on your course, age divisions or other circumstances. Please consult with your golf club's professional before beginning).*

#### Volunteers

Running your own junior golf tournament requires a great deal of planning and preparation, as well as volunteer help. As the Tournament Director,

you must secure a commitment of assistance from a number of dedicated individuals and golf-enthusiasts. In most cases, your volunteer base will come from golfers, although non-golfing Optimist members can also be of a great service to your tournament. At the very minimum, your District Qualifying Tournament will require volunteers in the following roles:

1. Tournament Director
2. Starter and Rules Interpreter\*
3. Marshals
4. Score Board Coordinator

*\*If you do not have a person to act as a rules official, ask an assistant pro at the golf course to help out in this capacity.*

Volunteers can be recruited at Optimist meetings or by phoning potential helpers. The golf staff at your chosen tournament site may also be able to provide you with the names of possible volunteers. It is important to remember that as a tournament organizer, you cannot do all of the work yourself. However, it is suggested that only one person handle all of the paperwork, including letter writing, entrant inquiries, receipt of entry fees, etc.

### Stroke Play

District qualifying tournaments must be conducted using stroke play. "Stroke" play simply means negotiating the entire course using the fewest strokes.

Tournaments can consist of 18, 36, or 54 holes depending on the amount of course time you secure. In most cases, 18 holes will suffice. Golfers in the 10-11 divisions will play 18 holes per day at the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships and should therefore have the same golfing experience at your District qualifying tournament.

### Scoring

Each participant should keep score for another player in the group. After each hole, golfers should verify their scores. At the end of the round, each player should verify the total score

and sign his/her scorecard. Any protests must be registered immediately.

Walking scorers are advisable for the two youngest age divisions. While scoring is not a monumental task, it can be difficult at times. Avoid mistakes that could cause an embarrassing and painful situation by properly training your scorers. Most golf professionals can assist you in this area.

### Groupings

Contestants should be grouped in foursomes. Normally, you should allow approximately 8 minutes per foursome. If you have a large number of participants, front and back tee-offs are advisable. When using this format, a spacing of a minimum of 16 minutes should be planned after the first two hours. An official starter should begin each group from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees.

### Rules and Etiquette

The rules of golf, published by the United States Golf Association (USGA) and subject to local modification, should govern play. All golf courses have their local rules printed on scorecards or posted at the starting tee. Your players should know these local rules before play begins.

Emphasize proper golf etiquette throughout the duration of your tournament. Encourage your contestants to dress appropriately and neatly, and to conduct themselves in proper fashion throughout the competition. Golfers should be diligent in their care of the course. This includes smoothing holes and footprints in bunkers, replacing divots, and repairing ball-marks and damage by spikes. Also, golfers should be sure not to damage the putting green when setting down bags or the flagstick.

Caddies and electric carts are not allowed in the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships. Pull carts are permissible for golfers in the 10-11 age division only.

### Code of Conduct

Depending on your course location and level of participation, a tournament code of conduct may



need to be established. This code of conduct could cover subjects such as:

- Registration and starting procedure
- Practice times
- Golf rules, including late starting penalties and scoring policy
- Disqualification process

Junior golfers participating in the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships at PGA National are expected to abide by an official code of conduct. You may wish to consult this document as a model for your own code of conduct.

#### Awards Ceremony

No tournament is complete without an awards ceremony! Your ceremony should be fun, exciting and worthy of the event. Remember that you want junior golfers, parents, sponsors, coaches and Optimists to leave with the feeling that they were part of a first-class event. A successful awards ceremony will also build support for future tournaments.

While your awards ceremony does not need to be elaborate or expensive, it does require careful planning and thoughtful implementation. During the ceremony, be sure to tell the audience about your local Optimist organization, its purpose and the other types of projects conducted throughout the year. Explain the history of Optimist International and the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships.

It would also be appropriate to present a plaque to the golf club that hosted your District qualifying tournament. This is a great way to honor the golf club as well as promoting your event throughout the year while it is displayed.

Awards and other promotional materials can be purchased through Shumsky Enterprises ([www.optimiststuff.com](http://www.optimiststuff.com)) or contact the Junior Golf Department for more information.

#### OIJGC Presentation

The awards ceremony at your District qualifying

tournament is the perfect place to announce your top finishers and make a brief presentation about the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships at PGA National Resort and Spa. During the ceremony, announce the names of your boy and girl winners in each age category and provide details about their sponsored trip to the Florida championships. Also, announce the names of the other golfers who met your District qualifying criteria and are eligible to advance to the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships.

Prepare Optimist International Junior Golf Championships registration packets in advance for distribution to your winners and qualifiers at the Awards Ceremony. The Junior Golf Department will mail official Optimist International Junior Golf Championships registration forms to you. You may also include a personal letter that provides contact information and any special directions for your District team. This letter should cover the following topics:

- Name and phone number of the OIJGC District Chairperson
- Name and phone number of your District's designated chaperone at the OIJGC, if different from the OIJGC District Chairperson.
- Tournament and accommodation costs for each qualifier (if self funded/not paid by the District)
- Golf-related incidental expenses such as additional rounds of golf, extra driving range balls, etc.
- Travel-related incidental expenses including ground transportation, lunch, golf shop merchandise, etc.
- Costs for parent/family accommodations and meals
- Group flight details, if arranged by the District

Having these materials ready before your tournament is essential and will speed up the process of registration for your District winners and qualifiers. The sooner that golfer registration forms and payments are received, the sooner confirmation will be sent to Optimist International Junior Golf Championships participants. Only the first place District winners in each District-sponsored competing age cate-

gory will be registered at the discounted \$590 cost. *Remember, any registration payments that are being paid for by the District, MUST accompany each player's registration form.* This applies to full sponsorships and any partial sponsorship from the District. You should have your checks or money orders from your District funds prepared and on-hand at your District qualifying tournament. This way the participant will be able to send the registration form and District payment together. Please be sure to return all registration materials well ahead of the June 30 deadline if possible.

District Chairs should be the points of contact for information about the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships, transportation to and from Palm Beach Gardens, accompanying parents' fees, etc. District Chairs are responsible for the coordination of District winner and qualifying registrations in the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships. The Junior Golf Department will assist you with the registration process.

#### Post-Tournament Responsibilities

After your tournament, remember to leave a "paper trail" of thank-you and recognition letters to the following individuals who helped you organize and run your event:

- Volunteers
- Golf course management and staff
- Sponsors

Release local follow-up publicity that will help to generate interest and support for your tournament in future years. This publicity could include posting flyers with the results of your tournament, or placing articles in Optimist publications (including Club and District newsletters) or in local newspapers and journals.

#### Member Recruitment

After your district event, send a complete registration list to both your District Governor and your District Membership Chairperson. This list should include the names of all players, along with their complete addresses, phone numbers

and parents' names. This list will prove to be an invaluable tool in recruiting new Optimist members. District Governors are requested to make sure that their lists of junior golf family information are broken down by Zones or Clubs and distributed to those respective Zones or Clubs.

Club Presidents may choose to invite parents to attend a future Optimist meeting in their hometown. Most parents are very grateful to the Optimists across the world for sponsoring the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships, the greatest of all junior golf tournaments!

Districts will have this great member recruitment opportunity one time each year and time is of the essence in attracting junior golf parents who have recently had experience with your Optimist District tournament. New member recruitment will only strengthen and expand the Optimist Golf Program.

#### Combining Efforts with Other Junior Tournaments

The objective of every District Junior Golf Program is to encourage junior golf participation across the entire District. Certainly, it is best for Districts to run their own golf events. However, Districts with little junior golf history may want to contact other junior golf officials to inquire about the possibility of combining efforts with one of their tournaments. If you choose to combine efforts with another junior tournament for your qualifying tournament, here are some tips.

You should first introduce yourself to the person in charge of the other junior tournament and give a short history on the Optimists' involvement in junior golf. If the other program allows you to combine your efforts, provide this organization with a score sheet listing the names of all Optimist entries. At the close of the tournament, pass out information packets that contain details about either your District Qualifying Tournament or the OIJGC at PGA National Resort & Spa, depending on the next qualifying level.

Although you might be combining your efforts with another event, you are still responsible for paying the qualifying fees for each participant.



# APPENDIX







## DISTRICT TOURNAMENT LOGISTICS FORM

*In order for a qualifying tournament to be considered official, this form must be submitted by **January 25, 2008**. You may also send this information by e-mail to [golf@optimist.org](mailto:golf@optimist.org).*

District Name \_\_\_\_\_

District Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Information (phone, e-mail, Internet address that may be listed on [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org) and provided to interested junior golfers and parents):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of District Qualifying Tournament: \_\_\_\_\_

Golf Course: \_\_\_\_\_

City and State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Details (i.e. "Make check payable to \_\_\_\_\_". Do not send cash.)

\_\_\_\_\_

Registration Deadline: \_\_\_\_\_

Age Divisions Offered (circle all that apply):

Boys:	10-11	12-13	14-15	16-18
Girls:	10-11	12-13	14-15	16-18

Please list any pre-qualifying tournaments and their dates & locations:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for completing the information above and returning this form by **January 25, 2008** to:*

E-mail: [golf@optimist.org](mailto:golf@optimist.org)  
FAX: (314) 371-6006

MAIL: Optimist Junior Golf  
4494 Lindell Blvd  
St. Louis, MO 63108  
USA





## SAMPLE ENTRY FORM



## Official District Qualifying Tournament for the 2008 Optimist International Junior Golf Championships ENTRY FORM

### TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

District: ABC DISTRICT  
 Date: JUNE 1, 2008  
 Location: MAINSTREET GOLF COURSE (ANYTOWN, USA)  
 Divisions Offered: Boys 16-18 Girls 16-18 Boys 14-15 Girls 14-15 Boys 12-13 Girls 12-13 Boys 10-11 Girls 10-11  
 Number of Golfers to Advance to Optimist International Junior Golf Championships:

BOYS 10-11	GIRLS 10-11	BOYS 12-13	GIRLS 12-13	BOYS 14-15	GIRLS 14-15	BOYS 16-18	GIRLS 16-18
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Entry Fee: \$50.00 (Make check payable to "ABC Optimist District." Do not send cash)  
 Registration Deadline: 05/30/08  
 Contact Person: John Doe -- 555-555-1234 -- abcoptimist@sample.com  
 Pre-qualifying requirements: None  
 Notes: <Custom notes can be included here>

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION (PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY)

Golfer's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (cannot turn 19 on or before 7/29/07): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent Work/Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Division Applying For—*determined by the golfer's age on July 23 (for 10-11, 12-13 and 14-15 divisions) and July 29 (for 16-18 divisions)*  
 Circle one: Boys 16-18 Girls 16-18 Boys 14-15 Girls 14-15 Boys 12-13 Girls 12-13 Boys 10-11 Girls 10-11  
 <Custom field 1: \_\_\_\_\_ > <Custom field 2: \_\_\_\_\_ > <Custom field 3: \_\_\_\_\_ >

### WAIVER STATEMENTS

*I certify that I am an amateur player according to the rules of the USGA and that all of the information furnished is true to the best of my knowledge.*

Golfer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*In consideration of my child's participation in the Optimist Junior Golf qualifying tournament, I hereby release the sponsor from any and all liability resulting from any accidents that might occur while he/she is participating.*

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### RETURN INFORMATION

Registration deadline is 05/30/08. Please complete this form in its entirety, enclose a check for \$50.00 (Make check payable to "ABC Optimist District." Do not send cash) and return to:

John Doe, ABC District Jr. Golf  
1234 Main Street  
Anytown, USA 12345



## **PRE-EVENT RELEASE**

*Pre-event releases should be typed on District letterhead and mailed two weeks prior to the tournament.*

### **For Immediate Release**

(Date)

**For More Information:** (Contact name and number)

### **LOCAL OPTIMISTS TO HOLD JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The (name of district) of Optimist International will host a junior golf tournament on (date) at (location). Boys and girls ages (age range) will play (number of holes). The top boy and girl finishers will advance to the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships, where they will compete against other top junior golfers from around the world at the famous PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Entry forms are available at (locations). They may also be obtained by calling (name of contact person) at (phone number). An entry fee of (amount) and entry form must be submitted to (name and address of chairperson) by (entry deadline).

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## **POST-EVENT RELEASE**

*Post-event releases should be typed on District letterhead and mailed immediately after the tournament with photographs and a complete list of results.*

### **For Immediate Release**

(Date)

**For More Information:** (Contact name and number)

### **LOCAL YOUTHS WIN OPTIMIST JUNIOR GOLF TOURNAMENT**

(Name of boy winner), a resident of (city), and (name of girl winner), a resident of (city) took the title in the (name of District) Qualifying Tournament of the Optimist International Junior Golf Program. Both winners have qualified to compete against top junior golfers from around the world in the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships to be held at PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida July 24-August 3, 2008.

The tournament was played at (name of course) on (date). (Name of boy) shot a (score) to win the boys' division. He is a (year in school) at (name of school). (Name of girl) shot a (score) to win the girls' division. She is a (year in school) at (name of school).

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## CODE OF CONDUCT

*The following code of conduct will be included in the registration materials for all golfers who qualify for the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships. All participants in the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships are required to adhere to this code of conduct for the duration of the championships.*

Optimist International takes great pride in the quality of its players, host facility and volunteer involvement. In order to continue making Optimist Junior Golf events enjoyable for everyone, the Junior Golf Committee requires all players to adhere to a set of guidelines known as the Code of Conduct. Its purpose is to help participants grow and mature by understanding and accepting the consequences of their actions. The Code of Conduct is to be followed throughout the player's stay at the tournament. Tournament play will be conducted in accordance with USGA rules, the following Code of Conduct and local course rules. Participants are expected to conduct themselves in proper fashion both on and off the course for the duration of the event.

### Violations of the Code of Conduct on the Course

- Unsportsmanlike conduct, including abusive language, club throwing, disrespect to volunteers, officials or fellow competitors, or abuse of golf course property.
- Use of drugs or alcohol, smoking or chewing tobacco products—a zero tolerance policy is in effect.
- Not adhering to the dress code during practice round or tournament play.

### Violations of the Code of Conduct off the Course

- Any use or association with drugs or alcohol, smoking or chewing tobacco products—a

zero tolerance policy is in effect.

- Vandalism at the hotel or its surrounding properties, abusive behavior to any volunteer or tournament official.
- Damages in any rooms will be the financial responsibility of the players occupying the room. Please report and accidental damage to your chaperone or at the tournament office.
- All players must comply with the tournament curfew of 11 p.m. local time. You must be in your room by the curfew and remain in your room for the remainder of the night unless accompanied by an adult chaperone, parent, or legal guardian. Nightly random room checks will be made.
- Leaving the resort property is not permitted unless accompanied by an adult chaperone, parent, or guardian.
- Gambling is not permitted. Any games involving the exchange of money are strictly prohibited.
- Male and female participants may not occupy the same room at any time. Roommate changes are not permitted. Once you are assigned to a room you may not change rooms. No exceptions.
- Attendance at the player orientation is mandatory. Any player failing to attend the player orientation may be subject to disqualification.
- Use of cell phones or headsets is strictly prohibited and may result in disqualification.

### Dress Code

- Proper golf attire is required at all times during the practice round and tournament play. Questionable attire will be reviewed by the tournament director. Players in violation of the dress code will not be permitted to tee off and may be assessed stroke penalties.
- Hats/visors must be worn with brim forward.
- Collared shirts must be worn and tucked in at all times with the following exceptions: women's shirts without a collar must have sleeves. Men's

shirts without a collar must have a tight neck fit. T-shirts are prohibited.

- No tank tops, short-shorts, denim shorts, cut-off shorts, gym shorts, t-shirts or jeans.
- **NEW** — Appropriate resort attire is required at all times while off the golf course but still at the host site.

### **Code of Conduct Violation Penalties**

- One stroke penalty for each act of unsportsmanlike behavior on the golf course.
- A serious act of unsportsmanlike behavior on the course may result in the player being immediately disqualified from the tournament, subject to review of the Rules Committee. Any Code of Conduct violation off the course may also result in the player being disqualified from the tournament and immediately sent home subject to review of the Junior Golf Committee.

### **Optimist Junior Golf Withdrawal Policy**

This policy will allow for withdrawals for medical reasons or for emergencies. The medical reason must be verified and approved by the onsite paramedics. If a player cannot continue play within 15 minutes of the arrival of a paramedic, they will be considered withdrawn from the tournament with the approval of a paramedic. If the paramedic deems the player is healthy enough to continue and the player refuses, the player will be disqualified. The entire group involved will be held at the point of stoppage and other groups will play through. A rules official will restart the group. All play must comply with all current tournament rules and policies. The player must notify and receive approval of a rules official prior to leaving the course. The decision of the Rules Committee is final. If a family emergency, on or off site occurs, the Rules Committee may allow a player to withdraw. The reason or reasons must be verified by the Rules Committee. All printed and published results at the end of the tourna-

ment will reflect a withdrew status.

### **Optimist Junior Golf Disqualification Policy**

Disqualification will occur if during a competitive round of the tournament a player refuses to continue play after a paramedic releases the player to continue play. Failure to report for your tee time, leaving the course without the notification and approval of a Rules Official, or any other already published reason will also be automatic disqualification. All printed and published results at the end of the tournament will reflect a disqualified status.

### **Spectator Code of Conduct**

Spectators of Optimist Junior Golf tournaments are welcome and are free of charge. Spectator rules will be in effect for all non-participants. Carts are not available to spectators for all practice & tournament rounds (no exceptions). The Optimist Junior Golf Committee requires all spectators to adhere to a set of guidelines known as the Spectator Code of Conduct. Its purpose is to allow Optimist Junior Golf players to compete on a level playing field with other competitors. It will also promote the game of golf and help our players grow and mature by understanding and accepting the consequences of their actions. The Spectator Code of Conduct will be in effect during all tournament rounds.

- Remain a minimum of 50 feet from all participants while following play.
- No advice is to be given to any player. A violation of this rule may result in stroke penalties or disqualification of the player.
- Do not walk in the fairways.
- Help spot golf balls.
- Allow rules officials to administer rulings. You will be brought into a situation only when a rules official asks.
- When on the course, turn off cell phones or turn ringers to the silent or vibrate mode.



## OPTIMIST JUNIOR GOLF LOGOS

Optimist Golf Program logo



Optimist International Junior Golf Championships logo



Optimist International Tournament of Champions logo



