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South Central Section

PLAYERS TOUR

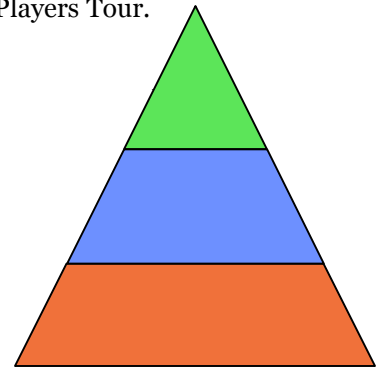
The South Central Section PGA Players Tour will provide youth in Arkansas, Oklahoma & Kansas broad opportunities to experience the game of golf, develop their talent as players and themselves as individuals. The SCSPGA Players Tour will uphold the high degree of professionalism necessary to motivate young men and women to strive for personal integrity, honor and ideals.

The SCSPGA Players Tour is open to junior golfers ages 12-18 as of June 1, 2011 and who have distinguished themselves in local, regional, statewide and national competitions. A player who starts attending college will be ineligible, but a player may take college courses prior to high school graduation and remain eligible Juniors who are 18 are eligible provided they have not attended a regular semester of college and do not reach their 19th birthday prior to September 1, 2011. Players Tour Membership must be renewed on an annual basis in order to remain eligible.

IS THE PLAYERS TOUR RIGHT FOR YOU?

The SCSPGA Players Tour is open to juniors between the ages of 12-18, as of June 1, 2011; and is designed to provide opportunities for junior golfers to expand their golf resume while building character and a strong game to last a lifetime, improving personal stroke averages, becoming "tournament tough", learning sportsmanship and etiquette. The SCSPGA suggests that if you fall into any of the following categories, that you take advantage of the Players Tour.

- You are 12-18 years old.
- You want to play with juniors of equal ability and similar age.
- You want to continue to improve your knowledge of the rules of golf.
- You would like to compete at the collegiate level.
- **You meet all eligibility requirements stated below.**



ELIGIBILITY

The SCSPGA Players Tour is host to the finest players in Arkansas, Kansas, & Oklahoma. The competition level is the highest offered in the section. To ensure the top fields and the highest competition, players are required to maintain specific GHIN handicap requirements before being approved for Players Tour membership.

- Boys - GHIN handicap index of 9.1 or lower
- Girls – GHIN handicap index of 18.1 or lower

Individuals who do not have a GHIN handicap index are required to have the Players Tour Membership Approval Form (link) completed by a PGA professional in good standing. The completed form needs to be faxed to Junior Golf Director, Andrew Zeller, at South Central PGA section office (fax number: (918) 357-3328) before the individual's membership can be approved and processed.

In addition to membership requirements, Players Tour members must continue to prove their ability to compete at such a high level. Players who post consecutive scores over the following requirements will receive a warning from the SCSPGA Players Tour.

- Boys - 90
- Girls - 96

Continued scores above designated scoring targets may lead to suspension of membership from the Players Tour and transfer to SCSPGA Junior Tour until the player can establish their play at the level described above. In the event of transfer from Players Tour to Junior Tour members will not be entitled to a refund for the difference between membership levels.

HOW DO I BECOME A PLAYERS TOUR MEMBER?

- Online registration will begin March 1, 2011 at www.southcentral.pga.com
- Membership registration must be done online.
- Telephone registration will not be accepted.
- Payment of \$125 membership fee may be made with Visa, MasterCard or American Express.
- **All communications will be done via e-mail, so please be sure you register with a valid e-mail address.**
- Juniors will be able to view their tournament schedules, withdrawals and/or add additional tournaments online by accessing their accounts.
- 2010 members can register using their 2010 username and password

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Along with the support of many Tour Sponsors, the SCSPGA Players Tour is pleased to provide great value for the annual membership fee. Here are some of the most popular benefits and specials available to SCSPGA Players Tour members in 2011:

- A schedule of 10 PGA Professional-run two-day events in 2011, played at championship quality golf courses throughout the SCSPGA; and eligibility for all Junior Tour events.
- A \$10 gift certificate to any recognized SCSPGA facility pro shop
- A USGA Rules of Golf Book
- SCSPGA Players Tour Golf Cap, Shirt & Bag Tag
- Junior Golf Scoreboard Rankings of all MULTI-DAY events
- Awards for top 3 finishers within each age division at each event will be presented at Players Tour banquet on the evening of August 9th after the completion of the first round of the Tour Championship at Gaillardia Country Club in Oklahoma City, OK.
- BlueGolf Membership, providing on-line statistical analysis and scoring (*Premium Package additional*)
- The SCSPGA has partnered with Play Collegiate Golf (PCG) to help better equip junior golfers and parents with information about post-secondary educational opportunities and scholarship procurement. In addition to monthly articles, seasonal newsletters and other resource materials, SCSPGA Players Tour members will receive a complimentary 30 minute consultation with Dr. Bruce Fleming, PCG Founder. PCG will provide a \$1000 scholarship in the form of 15 hours of consulting time with Fleming for Players Tour members to apply for annually with one award being presented.
- Frequent Player Bonus of a free DOZEN CALLAWAY GOLF BALLS (\$50 value) for participating in 3 multi-day SCSPGA Players Tour events in 2011 (limit one per member)
- Scholarship awards presented to a boy and girl in 2011 SCSPGA Players Tour
- Select hotel discounts will be posted on tournament registration page
- Ad hoc Specials offered to members as the season progresses -- keep checking the website for the latest updates!

HOW DO I ENTER A PLAYERS TOUR EVENT?

\$125 per two day event. Includes green fees and range balls. Lunch will be provided the first day.

- Tournament Entries are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- Registration for tournaments will open on March 1, 2011, and must be done online at www.southcentral.pga.com.
- Tournament registration is open to all SCSPGA Players Tour members who have passed the mandatory rules quiz.
- All registration will close at 11:59 PM 4 days prior to event
- Payment of \$125 entry fee may be made with Visa, MasterCard or American Express and will be processed on the date of registration excluding the Tour Championship (See Tour Championship)
- Telephone entries will not be accepted.
- Juniors will be able to access their confirmed tournament schedules on-line by accessing their account. Because of this online feature, the SCSPGA will not mail any tournament confirmations. Event field size is limited to the availability and capabilities of the host facility.

WAITING LIST POLICY

If a tournament field is full, additional registrations will be placed on a waiting list. Juniors on the waiting list will gain access into the tournament field in the event of a cancellation. The open spot will be filled according to a first come, first serve basis for those members on the waiting list in the age division where the cancellation occurred.

AGE DIVISIONS

Boys

12-14
15-18

Girls

12-14
15-18

Additionally, points earned in one age division do not transfer to another age division. Players may request to move up one age division; once a player decides to move up an age division they will be required to participate in that age division for the remainder of the season. However, if it becomes obvious the player does not currently possess the skills necessary to compete in an upper age division the SCSPGA staff reserves the right to move the player back down into their proper age division. If a player requests to move up an age division they can only earn Player of the Year points in that age division. Talented young women can compete against the boys, if they so choose. But first they must submit a letter, along with a tournament resume, to the SCSPGA staff requesting permission. If the Players Tour decides a particular player is qualified, then she can compete against the boys, but must play from the same set of tee markers as they do.

COURSE YARDAGE

Tournament yardage will vary based on the following factors: strength of field, overall difficulty of the golf course and daily weather conditions. On average, the following yardages will be used:

1. Boys 12-14 (6,200-6,500)
2. Boys 15-18 (6,700+)
3. Girls 12-14 & 15-18 (5,800-6,000)

*Please check the "Detailed Scorecard" on the Tournament Information page in BlueGolf for the specific yardage.

RULES OF PLAY

USGA Rules of Golf shall govern all play, including local rules on the Notice to Competitors (Local Rules), which is distributed to all players at their starting tee. The following are SCSPGA Players Tour Rules of Play (unless otherwise stated):

- ◆ Play the ball as it lies.
- ◆ Participants must walk and carry their own equipment. Caddies are NOT permitted.
- ◆ The SCSPGA Players Tour permits pull carts, however they will be allowed only at the discretion of the host facility. It is the players' responsibility to obtain course policy.
- ◆ Participants must exchange score cards with other players in the group.
- ◆ Participants must return their score card to the official scoring area **IMMEDIATELY** following the conclusion of play.
- *Penalty for breach of Rule 6-6b: Disqualification.
- ◆ Participants are responsible for the correct hole-by-hole score and two signatures on the score card.
- ◆ Participants are responsible for knowing the Rules of Play listed on the Notice to Competitors.
- ◆ Pace of Play: Participants must keep up with the group in front of them. Any group falling out of position (defined as a hole open) may be warned and timed. Subsequent violations may result in penalties and/or disqualification. (See "Pace of Play Policy" below for full details.)
- ◆ The player must **NOT** use any artificial device or unusual equipment for the purpose of gauging or measuring distance or conditions that might affect his play.
- ◆ Parents and spectators are forbidden to give any player advice (any counsel or suggestion which could influence a player in determining his play, the choice of a club or the method of making a stroke) during play. Any breach of Rule 8-1 (Advice) may result in a penalty and/or disqualification. (See "Spectator Guidelines" below for full details.)
- ◆ Please allow SCSPGA Players Tour staff and officials to administer rulings. Spectators will be brought into a situation **ONLY** if the staff member or official asks for assistance.
- ◆ When on the course, spectators and players must turn off cell phones or turn ringers to the silent or vibrate mode. Please respect the host facility's policy on cell phone usage.

BREAKING TIES

If necessary to determine the winner of each division, a sudden-death playoff will commence immediately following play. The SCSPGA Players Tour policy for breaking ties for 2nd place is the same as defined by the USGA in Appendix I, by matching score cards. The method of matching cards to determine the winner will begin by using the last nine (9) holes. If

the players have the same score for the last nine (9), we will use the last six (6) holes, last three (3) holes and finally the 18th hole. If this method is used in a competition with a multiple tee start, it is recommended that the “last nine holes, last six holes, etc.” is considered to be holes 10–18, 13–18, etc. If after proceeding with this method the winner has yet to be determined, we will continue on by comparing scorecards from the 18th hole and continuing backwards by comparing the 17th hole, 16th hole, etc. until a winner has been determined.

SPECTATOR GUIDELINES

Parents, relatives, friends, and other spectators are welcomed and encouraged to come out to the golf course to watch the exciting competition. The following guidelines have been established to ensure a level playing field for all contestants.

- ◆ Spectator carts may be permitted during tournament rounds. Spectator carts are considered a privilege and may not be offered at certain events. *Please check the Tournament Information page to determine if spectator carts will be available at a specific event. The host club’s rules and regulations regarding spectator carts take precedence over SCSPGA Players Tour policy. Carts must stay on the cart path at all times except in case of weather evacuation.
- ◆ Spectators need to stay clear of the playing areas (tee boxes, fairways, greens) and should walk on the cart paths or in the rough areas.
- ◆ When driving in carts, please be courteous to other players by ceasing to drive while others are preparing to hit.
- ◆ Keep a proper distance from the players – a minimum of 50 yards is recommended. Parents and spectators cannot walk with players during tournament play and are encouraged to remain one shot ahead of the group.
- ◆ Do not give advice to any player. Talking to competitors during tournament rounds is not allowed, as it could be perceived as giving advice resulting in a two-stroke penalty on the player. (Please refer to USGA Rule 8-1 for definition)
- ◆ Spectators are not permitted to give rulings to competitors – only SCSPGA Players Tour Rules officials are authorized to give rulings to competitors.
- ◆ Cellular phones, beepers, and other electronic devices are permitted, but should be set to silent or vibrating mode so as not to disrupt the players.
- ◆ Under no circumstance will pets of any kind be allowed on the course.

SPECTATOR GOLF CARTS

Spectator golf carts will be available at the discretion of the host facility; it is the players’ responsibility to obtain the course policy. If spectator golf carts are permissible:

- ◆ Participants may not ride or have their clubs carried in the cart (exception: when being transported to their starting hole, back to the clubhouse or during a suspension of play).
- ◆ Spectator carts must remain on the cart path at all times.
- ◆ Only two riders are allowed in a golf cart at one time.

ARRANGEMENT OF PAIRINGS/STARTING TIMES

Starting times and pairings for individual stroke play championships will be done on a blind draw basis. Players will be paired with other players in their division. For events with multiple waves, divisions will be alternated from day one to day two. For example, if the Boys 15-18 division tees off in the morning on day one, they will tee off in the afternoon on day two. First round pairings will be posted on the SCSPGA Players Tour website and will be emailed to players and parents no later than 3 days prior to the tournament start date. After the completion of the first round, all competitors will be regrouped (by score and within their division) for the second/final round. Second and/or final round pairings will be available approximately 2-3 hours after the conclusion of the first round of play and can be found on the website, at the scoreboard and/or by calling the pro shop. They will also be emailed to players and parents.

For all events:

- Requests for starting times or specific groupings will not be accommodated.
- Players will not be called to their tees. • Telephone entries will not be accepted.
- Players shall start at the time and the order arranged unless otherwise informed by the Committee.
- Prompt attendance is required of all players at their starting point of each round.
- Time of starting penalties shall be consistent with Rule 6–3 and the Note to Rule 6–3 in the USGA Rules of Golf.
- Each contestant is responsible for obtaining his/her starting time.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The SCSPGA Players Tour takes great pride in the quality of its players, host facilities, and sponsors. The SCSPGA Players Tour requires all members to adhere to a set of guidelines known as the Code of Conduct. The purpose is to help all

Players Tour participants grow and mature by understanding and accepting the consequences of their actions, both on and off the golf course.

Violations of the Code of Conduct

Any of the following actions by a SCSPGA Players Tour member at a SCSPGA Players Tour event, non- SCSPGA Players Tour event or toward another SCSPGA Players Tour member anywhere, constitutes a violation of the SCSPGA Players Tour Code of Conduct:

- ◆ Un-sportsmanlike conduct including abusive language, club throwing, cheating, disrespect of volunteers, officials and host staff, or abuse of the golf course.
- ◆ Use of smoking or chewing tobacco products, drugs or alcohol.
- ◆ Not adhering to the dress code while at the host facility. This includes during a practice round.
- ◆ Leaving the course during a competitive round without permission of a Players Tour official.
- ◆ Conduct deemed unbecoming of a SCSPGA Players Tour member, such as acting in anger or creating other distractions.
- ◆ Physical abuse, threat of physical abuse, verbal abuse, slander or libel towards other players, parents, host golf course staff or members, SCSPGA Players Tour staff or volunteers in any medium.

Required Dress at the Host Facility

- ◆ Hats/visors must be worn with brim forward, males must remove hat/visor while indoors.
- ◆ Collared shirts or mock turtlenecks (host golf course permitting) must be worn and tucked in at all times.
- ◆ Women's fashion shirts without a collar must have sleeves.
- ◆ Women's fashion shirts must not rise above the belt line at anytime during the golf swing.

Prohibited Dress at the Host Facility

- ◆ Tank tops, T-shirts
- ◆ Denim shorts, short-shorts, cut-off shorts, gym shorts, jeans
- ◆ Earrings (males)
- ◆ Body Piercings
- ◆ Tattoos (must be covered)

The SCSPGA Players Tour may assess any or all of the following penalties based on the severity of the Code of Conduct violation:

- a) Issue a verbal or written warning to the player and his/her parent/guardian.
- b) Enforce a two-stroke penalty.
- c) Disqualify the player from the tournament where the violation occurs.
- d) Suspend the player for a portion of the season or the remainder of the year.
- e) Suspend the player's membership indefinitely.

In addition, any player that is disqualified under Rule 33-1 for gross misconduct or un-sportsmanlike behavior is automatically suspended from the next tournament he/she is registered for. In the case where the player in question is not registered for another event, that player is suspended from the next Major championship.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

In the event of a suspension, the player may submit a written account of the Code of Conduct violation to the SCSPGA Players Tour within seven (7) days of the suspension/ disqualification. The Players Tour will review all submitted materials, including a tournament staff account of the violation. The SCSPGA Players Tour and SCSPGA Board of Directors will review grievances; all grievances must go through the appropriate channels to be considered.

PACE OF PLAY POLICY

Out of Position –

A group will be out of position if it **(A)** has taken longer than the allotted time to play **and (B)** reaches a par 3 hole and the preceding group has left the next tee **or** fails to clear the tee of the par 4 hole before the preceding group has left the putting green, **or** arrives at the tee of a par 5 hole when the preceding group is on the putting green. Both **(A)** and **(B)** must occur for a group to be out of position. Groups deemed to be out of position are subject to being timed.

Timing –

When the Rules Committee determines that a group out of position will be timed, all players in the group will be informed they are being timed. Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. Any time spent determining yardages will count as time taken for the next stroke. On the putting green, timing will begin after the player has been allowed reasonable time to mark, lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt, and remove loose impediments on his line of putt. A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke, and an extra 20 seconds (for a total of 60 seconds) will be allowed for:

- a) the first player to play a stroke on a par-3 hole;
- b) the first player to play on the putting green.

Even though a group regains its position and is no longer being timed, "Bad Times" are cumulative and are carried forward to the remainder of the round.

Rulings –

Should a ruling or other legitimate delay cause a group to lose its position, the group is obligated to regain its position within a reasonable time.

Penalties for Exceeding 40 Seconds –

- FIRST OFFENSE – informed of "Bad Time"
- SECOND OFFENSE – One stroke penalty
- THIRD OFFENSE – Two stroke penalty
- FOURTH OFFENSE – Disqualification

PRACTICE ROUNDS

Players will be responsible for calling the host facility to schedule practice rounds. The practice rounds are optional and green fees are not included in the tournament entry fee. Practice rounds are not guaranteed and may not be available at each event.

*For practice round information regarding a specific event, please visit the Tournament Information page in BlueGolf.

TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION POLICY

The SCSPGA Players Tour reserves the right to cancel tournaments in the event of inclement weather or other incidents. The SCSPGA Players Tour recommends checking the status of the tournament by calling the SCSPGA office or host facility the morning of the event. If a tournament is cancelled, members scheduled to participate in the event will be refunded the full entry fee, minus any administrative costs incurred by the SCSPGA Players Tour. If the tournament is cancelled during play, the SCSPGA Players Tour will refund a portion of the entry fee or apply a credit for future events..

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY / RAIN OUT PROCEDURE

The policy for discontinuance of play will be consistent with Rule 6-8 of the *USGA Rules of Golf*. The SCSPGA Players Tour representative in-charge, after consultation with the Committee, has the authority to order a discontinuance of play due to weather conditions. The decision to resume, postpone, or cancel play rests entirely with the official- in-charge. Discontinuance of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged siren or horn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by several short intermittent siren or horn notes.

NOTE: Players should be aware of their right to stop play at any time, even though no signal for discontinuance has been given or heard, if they feel they are in a dangerous situation.

When play has been suspended for a dangerous situation all practice facilities including practice putting greens are deemed closed. The Rules Committee will notify players when these areas are to be re-opened.

The following guidelines are for use by the Committee in case of bad weather:

1. When unplayable conditions occur, play shall be suspended. When conditions thereafter become playable, play will then be resumed, even when that round cannot be completed that day. Play may be resumed the following day to include completion of the next scheduled round. It is the responsibility of each contestant to be prepared to commence play as

soon as the Committee deems the course playable. Contestants are encouraged not to leave the clubhouse facility during a delay of any sort due to the unpredictability of weather conditions.

2. Every effort shall be made to finish each round as scheduled.

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION PGA PLAYERS TOUR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The SCSPGA Players Tour will award performance points to the top finishers in each division at each championship. These performance points will be used to establish invitee lists for limited field events, help earn exemptions into certain tournaments, as well as to determine the SCSPGA Players Tour Players of the Year. The point standings will be continually updated and made available on the SCSPGA website.

In the 2011 season, points will be awarded to 1/3 of the total number of players who tee off in Round 1 (rounded up) in each division in the field.

**For example: an event with 21 players in the Boys 12-14 division; points will be awarded to 1/3 of the field or 7 places.

The Player of the Year will be awarded in each division to the player with the most accumulated points throughout the Players Tour season.

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION PGA PLAYERS TOUR PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS DISTRIBUTION

Open Events		Tour Championship	
<u>Place</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	1000	1	2000
2	800	2	1600
3	700	3	1400
4	600	4	1200
5	500	5	1000
6	450	6	900
7	400	7	800
8	350	8	700
9	300	9	600
10	250	10	500
11	225	11	450
12	200	12	400
13	175	13	350
14	150	14	300
15	125	15	250

PLAYERS TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION POLICY

The 2011 Players Tour Championship will be held on August 9-10 at Gaillardia Country Club in Oklahoma City, OK. Gaillardia Country Club is one of Oklahoma's most prestigious clubs with a championship golf course and first-class facilities. The Tour Championship will include skills challenge(s) administered by South Central Section PGA staff after the completion of the round. The Players Tour Banquet will also take place on the evening of August 9th after the completion of the first round. 2011 Players Tour season event winners will be presented with awards during banquet. Additionally, guest speakers will address those in attendance and door prizes will be given away. Dinner is included in entry fee to all tournament participants. Guests attending the dinner portion of the banquet will be required to pay additional dinner fee. Professional dress is required for all those in attendance (Men: Jacket and Tie).

Registration for the Players Tour Championship will be open from March 1, 2011 until August 3, 2011 to all SCSPGA Players Tour members interested in participation. **Registrants are not guaranteed spots in the tournament.** On August 4th SCSPGA committee will add registrations into the field based on accumulated Player of the Year Points until each age division has filled its available field size. If all registrations with Player of the Year points have been dropped into the field and tournament spots remain open, remaining spots will go to registration on a first come, first serve basis within their specific age division. Specific age division field sizes will be proportional to age division percentages in overall SCSPGA Players Junior Tour membership. **Registrants will not be charged tournament entry fee until they have been added into the Players Tour Championship field.**

NO SHOWS, NO CARDS & DISQUALIFICATIONS

It is the responsibility of the participant to notify the SCSPGA Players Tour when canceling out of a tournament. When canceling on the day of the tournament, members must notify the Players Tour office and the host facility. Any member who does not will be considered a “No Show.” Participants must return their score card to the scoring area **IMMEDIATELY** following the conclusion of their round. Any participant who fails to return their score card will receive a “No Card” for the tournament. Participants withdrawing during play of an event **MUST** return their score card to the scoring area and notify a SCSPGA Players Tour official before leaving the facility; otherwise, you will be considered as a “No Card” participant.

WITHDRAW, REFUND & NO-SHOW POLICY

Prior to the tournament deadline, a player may withdraw from tournaments online by accessing their account. A player can have their full tournament fee transferred to another event that has tournament spots remaining and that has not passed the registration deadline. A player that withdraws after the tournament deadline may receive a refund or transfer minus a \$25 administration fee. A player that is a no-show to an event is not entitled to an entry fee refund.

A player is entitled to a full refund at any time prior to the event if he or she:

1. Qualifies for an AJGA event over the same dates
2. Qualifies for any USGA national championships over the same dates
3. If an injury is sustained leading up to the event. Documentation from a doctor is required.
4. If a player has a death in the family.

During the Tournament

Upon commencement of play, any withdrawals for reasons other than family or medical emergencies will not be considered acceptable. For example, withdrawing because of poor play or “being out of the running” is not acceptable. Players that “No Show” after a round of play will receive a warning from the SCSPGA Players Tour and may be:

1. Be suspended from entering the next event or;
2. Be withdrawn from the next event.

A player that is disqualified during a tournament is not entitled to a refund.

Site Transfer

For typical SCSPGA Players Tour events, a player may transfer his/her registration fee to a different event should they need to withdraw if they meet ALL of the following requirements:

1. The tournament they wish to transfer to is currently open to registration.
2. The registration deadline for the tournament they are withdrawing from has not passed.
3. They meet all eligibility/registration requirements for that event.

MISCELLANEOUS

- ◆ It is the responsibility of the participant to know the host facility rules and regulations. The SCSPGA Players Tour abides by all host facility rules and regulations and requires that all participants and spectators do the same.
- ◆ Many host facilities have a non-metal spike policy. It is the responsibility of the participant to adhere to any facility policy that prohibits the use of metal or ceramic spike(s).

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR JUNIOR GOLFERS WITH DISABILITIES OR CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS

The SCSPGA Players Tour will, at its sole discretion and upon receipt of applicable medical documentation, make reasonable accommodations for junior golfers with disabilities or chronic health conditions. Subject to applicable rules established by the host site, reasonable accommodations may include the use of a pull cart or motorized golf cart for the

transportation of golf clubs and competitors during junior tour events. All related inquiries and communications shall be directed to the Executive Director.

PLAYERS TOUR ON THE WEB

The SCSPGA Players Tour is accessible on the Internet at www.southcentral.pga.com. Use your Member ID and password to log on and find the following:

- ◆ Account information (this can be updated by the member)
- ◆ Tournament schedules
- ◆ Tournament changes, additions, etc.
- ◆ Tournaments in which you are entered
- ◆ Tournament results
- ◆ Complete hole-by-hole statistics

COLLEGE GOLF

The SCSPGA Players Tour is committed to establishing a professional, competitive environment where the country's best junior players can develop and demonstrate their skills. Along with this, we want to provide innovative resources and services to junior golfers in search of college scholarships. Junior golfers should be aware of the NCAA's strict rules, so the following information is intended to help assist players and parents in this process.

For any recruiting questions please call the NCAA directly at (317) 917-6222. You may also request a copy of the NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete free of charge at this number or on the NCAA Web site at ncaa.org.

[Click here](#) for a complete list of colleges in the South Central Section that have golf programs.

I. Rules of Recruiting

The following tips about the Division I recruiting process can be found on the NCAA's Web site, ncaa.org.

When you start ninth-grade classes, you become a "prospective student-athlete."

You become a "recruited prospective student-athlete" at a particular college if any coach or representative of the college's athletics interests (booster or representative) contacts you (or any member of your family) about enrolling and participating in athletics at that college. Activities by coaches or boosters that cause you to become a recruited prospective student-athlete are:

- ◆ Providing you with an official visit;
- ◆ Placing more than one telephone call to you or any other member of your family; or
- ◆ Visiting you or any other member of your family anywhere other than the college campus.

No alumni, boosters or representatives of a college's athletics interests can be involved in your recruiting. You (or your family) may not receive any benefit, inducement or arrangement such as cash, clothing, cars, improper expenses, transportation, gifts or loans to encourage you to sign a National Letter of Intent or attend an NCAA college.

Letters from coaches, faculty members and students are not allowed until September 1 at the beginning of your junior year of high school.

Telephone Calls

Phone calls from faculty members and coaches are not permitted until July 1 after the completion of your junior year. After this, a college coach or faculty member may call you (or your parents/legal guardians) once a week.

You (or your parents) may call a coach at your expense as often as you wish after your junior year. Coaches may also accept collect calls from you and may use a toll-free number to receive telephone calls from you on or after July 1 after completion of your junior year.

Contacts

A college coach may contact you in person off the college campus no more than three times on or after July 1 of your junior year. Any face-to-face meeting between a college coach and you or your parents, during which any of you say more than "hello" is a contact. Also, any face-to-face meeting that is prearranged or that occurs at your high school, competition or practice site is a contact, regardless of the conversation.

Coaches may not contact you off the college campus more than three times. A college coach may visit your high school (with the approval of your high school principal) only once a week during a contact period.

Evaluations

An evaluation is any off-campus activity used to assess your academic qualifications or athletics ability, including a visit to your high school (during which no contact occurs) or watching you practice or compete at any site. Institutions have seven

permissible recruiting opportunities (contacts and evaluations) during the academic year, and not more than three of the seven opportunities may be in-person, off-campus contacts.

Once you sign a National Letter of Intent, you may be evaluated an unlimited number of times by the college with which you have signed.

Official Visits

During your senior year, you can have one expense-paid (official) visit per college. You may receive no more than five such visits. You cannot have an official visit unless you have provided the college your high school academic transcript and a score from a PSAT, an SAT, a PACT or an ACT taken on a national test date under national testing conditions.

NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse

At the beginning of your sophomore year, you should sign up for the NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse, which are minimum requirements to participate in Division I and II athletics. For registration materials, contact your high school guidance counselor or call the NCAA at (319) 337-1492.

For questions or more information on NCAA Rules and Recruiting Information, please call (317) 917-6222.

To receive NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse registration materials from NCAA, please call (319) 337-1492.

NCAA Eligibility Center mailing address:

NCAA Eligibility Center
P.O. Box 7136
Indianapolis, IN 46207

Customer service hours - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern time Monday through Friday.
Toll-free phone number (U.S. callers) - Customer service line - (877) 262-1492

National Letter of Intent

A National Letter of Intent is an agreement signed by the prospective student-athlete, parent or legal guardian and the athletic director. The agreement states that the institution agrees to provide the prospective student-athlete, who is admitted to the institution and is eligible for financial aid under NCAA rules, athletic aid for one academic year in exchange for the prospects agreement to attend the institution for one academic year.

Also, other institutions agree not to recruit a prospective student-athlete once he/she signs a NLI. The prospective student-athlete will no longer receive recruiting calls and is ensured an athletic scholarship for one academic year once the NLI is signed.

II. NCAA Contact Information

For more information on National Letters of Intent, please contact:

National Letter of Intent
P.O. Box 7132
Indianapolis, IN 46207-7132
Phone: (317) 223-0706
Questions@national-letter.org

III. Additional Websites

www.playcollegiategolf.com